

2014 Election Supervisory Board

Advisory Opinion 4

Subject: Candidate Withdrawals

Whereas Section 3.18 of the Student Government Election Code reads:

SEC. 3.18 WITHDRAWAL. Any candidate wishing to withdraw from an election may do so by turning in a written request no later than four (4) class days before the voting period.

And whereas the circumstances surrounding Section 3.18 of the Student Government Election Code have changed the necessity of Section 3.18 of the Student Government Election Code:

Therefore the 2014 Election Supervisory Board has allowed candidates to withdraw from an election without following the procedure set forth by Section 3.18 of the Student Government Election Code for the following reasons:

1. To protect the quality of elections by ensuring that all votes cast will be counted.
2. Improvement of technology has enabled the removal of candidates from the ballot with notice of only one (1) class day before the voting period.
3. To avoid unnecessary hearings regarding the disqualification of a candidate who wishes to withdraw from an election but has not given notice of at least four (4) class days

Any candidate wishing to withdraw from an election does not need to abide by Section 3.18 of the Student Government Election Code provided that the candidate turns in a written request no later than one (1) class day before the voting period.

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