Resolution: G.B. 18 (F) 1 – Resolution for Adoption of Changes Proposed by the Election Common Code Reform Committee

WHEREAS (1): The Campus Wide Election Code determines the election procedure for elected officers in Student Government, Graduate Student Assembly, University Unions, Texas Student Media, and the University Co-op; and,

WHEREAS (2): Title II, Chapter 1, Sec. 1.1 of the Campus Wide Election Code states the provisions of TITLE II apply to all entities participating in campus-wide elections;¹ and,

WHEREAS (3): Title I, Chapter 1, Sec. 1.2 of the Campus Wide Election Codes states that the code shall become effective and be implemented immediately after its passage by all entities participating in campus-wide elections and approval by the necessary and proper channels, and shall supersede any and all previous election codes; and,

WHEREAS (4): Title II, Chapter 1, Sec 1.2 states all entities participating in campus-wide elections agree to adopt the Campus-Wide Code and have their candidates and races adhere to the Code; and,

WHEREAS (5): Title II, Chapter 1, Sec 1.3 states entity-specific situations not specified in this Code should be addressed by each entity’s respective election code; and,

WHEREAS (6): Each entity participating in the campus-wide elections puts forth one representative to participate in the election code reform process; and,

WHEREAS (7): The representatives meet to agree upon and draft proposed changes to the campus wide election code; and,

WHEREAS (8): The physical presence of four of the five entities is required to achieve quorum and must unanimously approve proposed changes; and,

WHEREAS (9): The representatives will present the proposed changes to their governing bodies for review and approval in accordance with their respective constitution and by-laws; and,

WHEREAS (10): The Campus Wide Election Code is considered to be a governing document and is subjected to Regents Rules 50203 which states an amendment to the constitution or bylaws of a students' association may be adopted by an association, in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, but the change shall not become effective until transmitted to and approved by the chief student affairs officer and the president; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT (1): The Graduate Student Assembly supports the proposed changes to the Campus Wide Election Code and shall charge its representative, Sarah Carlson, to vote approve the changes to the Campus Wide Election Code; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (2): A finalized copy of approved changes shall be transmitted to representatives of the election code reform committee and their respective entities for finalization; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (3): A finalized copy of the updated Campus-Wide Common Election Code with proposed changes noted, a copy of the current Campus-Wide; and Common Election Code, notes from committees involved, and minutes from meeting in which the vote for approval was taken will be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students, Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President per Regents Rule 50203.

PASSED by the Graduate Student Assembly, November 28, 2018.

Signature of the GSA President: 

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