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BACKGROUND
The Office of External Affairs has a committee called the Highlander Vote Coalition, led by a Vote Director, that works with other organizations to register students to vote. The bylaws task this committee with voter education as well, which is an incredibly important job. However, due to the strong focus on voter registration in the coalition, the education aspect and even GOTV aspects are often left out. How can we register students to vote without trying to cultivate their political efficacy? And what's a Vote Director suppose to do in a non election year? The bylaw changes seek to address these two issues. By changing this committee to a Civic Engagement Committee, led by a Civic Engagement Director, we can really educate students and increase their political efficacy, which will make them lifelong informed voters. This committee will have a bigger focus on voter registration in election years, and in non election years, they will promote other forms of political participation and continue informing students on what's going on in the world and why they should care. These changes will also increase the overall efficiency of the External Office, by having more students who know and care about politics.

THE ASUCR SENATE HEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER XII OF THE ASUCR BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS,

1. **Chapter XII, Section 12.**
   A. The **Highlander Vote Coalition** shall act as the body of ASUCR responsible for increasing students’ political efficacy and participation through non-partisan voter education, registration, and education as well as Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts.
   a. This shall be achieved by working with the Office of External Affairs and various organizations on campus, and distribute information and publicize and facilitate ways for students to practice political participation.
   B. The **Highlander Vote Coalition** shall be at the directive of the VPEA, but shall be directly supervised and coordinated by the **Vote Director**.
a. The Vote Director Civic Engagement Director, in conjunction with the Coalitions Officer, Volunteer Officer, and Marketing Officer, shall act as the executive board of the Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee.

C. The Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee should seek to actively cooperate and coordinate with other departments and organizations on campus including, but not limited to, Residence Life, the Graduate Student Association, the Ethnic and Gender Programs offices, the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Student Special Services, CALPIRG, etc.

D. The Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee shall meet, at minimum, once a month beginning after the first Senate meeting of every quarter and weekly during an election year.

E. The Highlander Vote Coalition shall meet at least bi-weekly and weekly during a presidential election year.

2. Chapter XII, Section 13.

A. The VPEA shall appoint one Vote Director Civic Engagement Director.
   a. The Vote Director Civic Engagement Director shall oversee all voter registration, voter education and GOTV efforts by ASUCR and its vote coalition partners.
   b. The Vote Director Civic Engagement Director shall act as Chair of the Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee and, in turn, be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee.
   c. The Vote Director Civic Engagement Director shall, off seasons when voter registration and GOTV are not ongoing, be responsible for working with the other members of the Highlander Vote Coalition to solidify and institutionalize better arrangements for the next elections promoting other forms of political participation.
   d. The Vote Director Civic Engagement Director shall make sure all voter registration volunteers are properly trained before registering students.
   e. The Vote Director Civic Engagement Director must turn in completed voter registration forms no later than 2 weeks 5 days after they were completed.

B. The Civic Engagement Director, in consultation with the VPEA shall appoint a Coalitions Officer, Volunteer Officer, and Marketing Officer.
   a. The Coalition's Officer shall:
      i. Act as Vice-Chair of the Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee and assume the role of Chair in the Vote Director Civic Engagement Director’s absence.
      ii. Actively seek to ensure new institutionalized coalition partners, such as UCR Residential Life, through Memoranda of Understanding.
      iii. Perform all other duties as prescribed by the VPEA or Civic Engagement Director.
   b. The Volunteer Officer shall:
i. Be responsible for the active recruitment of new volunteers.

ii. Maintain an updated schedule of participation of all volunteers as well as track all hours volunteered for verification purposes.

iii. Perform all other duties as prescribed by the VPEA or Civic Engagement Director.

    iv. Assist Civic Engagement Director with training members and volunteers to ensure they are properly trained before registering students.

c. The Marketing Officer shall:

i. Be a liaison from the Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee and the Office of the Vice President of External Affairs to the ASUCR Marketing and Promotions Director.

ii. Maintain communication with the voter registration and GOTV components/bodies of other UC Associated Students.

iii. Perform all other duties as prescribed by the VPEA or Civic Engagement Director.

C. Any undergraduate student, student organization, and campus department may join the Highlander Vote Coalition at the discretion of the Vote Director.

D. Every volunteer of the Highlander Vote Coalition Civic Engagement Committee shall be responsible for two hours of voter registration, voter education, or GOTV per week.

E. Participating individuals and affiliates cannot make any statements in support of, or in opposition to any particular political party, candidate, or ballot initiative while engaging in voter registration. This includes but is not limited to: clothing or displaying buttons, stickers, flyers, posters, bumper stickers, or any other partisan literature or political propaganda displaying names of candidates, political parties, ballot initiatives or propositions.

Please attach the overall bylaw(s) that is/are currently being amended to the bill.

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