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Amends the UCSU Election Code

BE IT ENACTED by the Executive Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

SECTION 1:

A. Section 15.3 of the UCSU Election Code shall be amended to read:
"15.3 Each polling station shall have at least one voting machine or ballot box capable of being securely locked and tamperproof. Only the Appellate Court Justice(s) or bonded security agent(s) may possess keys to these locks."

B. Section 15.4 of the UCSU Election Code shall be amended to read:
"15.4 A validating stamp unique to each election shall be used on all ballots and all polling stations. Pollsitters shall stamp each ballot as it is turned in by the voter. At the close of each polling station, each day, the unique validation stamp shall be surrendered to the Appellate Court Justice(s) closing that polling station. A ballot found to have a validation stamp other than that unique one that has been registered for the election shall be invalidated."

C. Section 15.6 of the UCSU Election Code shall be amended to read:
"15.6 Each polling station shall be opened and closed each day by either the Election Commissioner or his/her authorized assistant Election Commissioner. Additionally, two (2) Appellate Court Justices shall be present at each opening and closing of each polling station, to insure proper election security. Bonded security agent(s) may also be present, as required for security reasons. The Election Commissioner, or his/her authorized assistant Election Commissioner is responsible for sealing the ballot boxes at the opening of each polling station each day, securing unused ballots, unsealing unused ballot boxes each day and returning secured ballot boxes at the end of each voting day for secure storage."

D. Section 15.7 of the UCSU Election Code shall be amended to read:
"15.7 Ballot boxes shall never be opened during the days of

voting, after once having been sealed in the presence
of the Election Commissioner or authorized assistant
Election Commissioner, each in the presence of at
least two (2) Appellate Court Justices, for any reason.
Ballot boxes shall remain under lock and shall have a
metal seal applied in addition to the lock at the
opening of each polling station each day. This seal
shall be of the unbreakable variety and shall have to
be cut to open the ballot box(es). (The seal shall be
strong enough to keep the ballot box(es) locked and
secure without a lock). The metal seal shall be of a
unique variety unobtainable by the general public and
shall be placed on the ballot box(es) by the Appellate
Court Justice(s) at the opening of each polling station.
The Appellate Court Justice(s) shall retain custody of
any unused seals in a secure place.

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paranthetical material after my last sentence. The
next sentence should read: "The seals used shall not
be readily . . ."))

E.   Section 15.8 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
     amended to read:
     "15.8 At least one member of the Election Commission
     shall be present at all times from opening to closing at
     each polling station each day to ensure security and
     fairness of the voting procedures. In addition the
     Election Commissioner or authorized assistant
     Election Commissioner, either one accompanied by at
     least two (2) Appellate Court Justices, must be
     present at the opening and closing of each polling
     station each day."

F.   Section 16.8 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
     amended to read:
     "16.8 All printed ballots shall be kept under lock and
     key by bonded security agent(s) until the days of the
     election. Only the Election Commissioner,
     accompanied by two (2) Justices of the Appellate
     Court, may have access to these ballots prior to the
     election; to wit, three (3) signatures shall be required
     to release the ballots to the Election Commissioner.
     At the end of each polling day, all cast, uncast,
     multilated, or otherwise defaced, unreadable, or
     disqualified ballots shall be turned over to a bonded
     security firm for storage until the opening of the next
     day of voting, or in the case of the second day, until
     the ballots are counted."

G.   Section 16.10 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
     amended to read:
     "16.10 Each polling station shall have an enlarged
     version of a ballot posted conspicuously, so that all

voters can see it plainly, at the polling station. No
actual candidate names. . ."

H. Section 17.4 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
amended to read:
"17.4 One ballot shall then be validated with the unique
validation stamp of that particular election and then
the pollsitter shall obscure the names of candidates
that were disqualified or voluntarily withdrew after
the printing of the ballots. These things having been
done, the pollsitter then hands the ballot, together
with all printed instructions, to the voter. The
member of the Election Commission present shall
ensure that only those candidates who have been
disqualified or voluntarily withdrew are obscured from
the ballots."

I. Section 17.6 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
amended to read:
"17.6 A voter may request a new ballot for any reason,
upon returning the first one for exchange. The first
ballot shall then immediately be invalidated by
marking a large "X" on the ballot with an indelible
marker. The invalidated ballot shall not be destroyed
or disgarded, but stored to ensure a proper count at
the close of the polling station."

J. Section 17.7 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
amended to read:
"17.7 If the voter abandons the ballot, it shall be
collected by a commission member or pollsitter and
invalidated and secured in a manner such as described
in Section 17.6."

K. Section 17.10 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
amended to read:
"17.10 Disqualified or voluntarily withdrawn candidates
may not appear on the ballot. in the case of
disqualification or withdrawal after the ballots have
been printed, those candidates names shall be obscured
as per Section 17.4."

L. Section 18.2 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
amended to read:
"18.2 If ballots are hand-tabulated, tabulation shall be
performed in Election Committee and Appellate Court
view even if tabulation has been contracted to a
bonded security firm."

M. Section 18.5 of the UCSU Election Code shall be
amended to read:
"18.5 Ballot validity shall be determined only by the

Election Commissioner."

N. Section 18.6 of the UCSU Election Code shall be amended to read:
"18.6 A ballot shall be invalidated for the following reasons, but not limited to these reasons:
a) lack of a unique, registered ballot validation stamp or the presence of a validation stamp other than the official, registered stamp of the election.
b) illegibility
c) physically incapable of being tabulated."

SECTION 2: The Executive Council and UCSU shall contact and obtain the services of the Election Commission of Boulder County to administer the Fall 1983 and Spring 1984 UCSU elections. The Boulder County Election Commission shall have full purvue over the election and the new election commissioner of UCSU shall work with the Boulder County Election Commission before, during, and after the Fall 1983 and Spring 1984 Elections.

SECTION 3: The next Election Commissioner shall be appointed for a period of one year, to insure continuity of the elections in the Fall of 1983 and Spring of 1984. The duties of the Election Commissioner shall include, but not be limited to, working with the Boulder County Election Commission before, during and after the Fall 1983 and Spring 1984 UCSU Elections and preparing an Election Commissioner's Handbook detailing all the various steps of the election. In addition, the next Election Commissioner must have had UCSU Election Commission experience either as an Election Commissioner or Assistant Election Commissioner.

SECTION 4: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by Executive Council.

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