F2019 B1 - Article X, Section 3: Public Information Accessibility

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2, Subsection D of the SGA constitution states that, “The Student Government Association shall establish and provide communication within the Student Body and with administrators, faculty, and student bodies of other institutions.”

WHEREAS, The official “SGA website” is cited on nine (9) different occasions in the SGA By-laws proving a crucial mechanism in the distribution and publication of information.

WHEREAS, The By-Laws and other governing documents do not assign the task of uploading records to the official SGA website and leaves vague or inconclusive determinants on which documents are to be uploaded nor a structure for a timely process.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, The following changes be made to the UNT SGA By-Laws:

Article I, Section 8: Senator Voting Records
A) The voting records accompanied by each pertinent piece of legislation from every student meeting shall be posted on the official SGA website.
B) The records shall be organized by piece of legislation and list every student senator and their vote (or lack thereof), affirmative or negative.
C) Records shall be posted within five (5) business days of voting.
D) The voting records shall remain posted on the SGA website for the duration of at least one (1) semester.
E) Permanent hard copies of the records shall be maintained by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Operating Budget
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E) All financial information of the SGA must be made readily available to all students and must be reported to the Student Senate when requested. The SGA budget must be posted on the SGA website and updated bi-weekly.

Article X, Section 3: Public Information Accessibility
A) The SGA President shall appoint the duties of maintaining the official SGA website and ensuring the accessibility of relevant public information to the
Student Body, administrators, faculty, and student bodies of other institutions to a single designee or commission of designees.

B) The designee(s) shall upload the following documents to the official SGA website in a timely manner as defined:
   a) Legislation from the Student Senate signed by the SGA President within five (5) business days of voting.
   b) Voting records from the Student Senate within five (5) business days of voting.
   c) Meeting minutes from the Student Senate within five (5) business days of approval.
   d) Opinions, rulings, and statements issued from the Supreme Court within five (5) business days.
   e) Opinions, rulings, and statements issued from the Election Board within five (5) business days.
   f) Statements and press releases issued by the Executive Board within five (5) business days.
   g) The Executive Policy Manual within one (1) month of the SGA Executive administration assuming office and five (5) business days upon revision.
   h) The Eagle’s Nest Policy within five (5) business days of revision approval.
   i) The B. Craig Raupe Memorial Travel Grant Policy within five (5) business days of revision approval.
   j) The SGA Budget within two (2) weeks of approval by the Student Senate and updated bi-weekly.

C) All records as stated in Subsection B shall remain on the SGA website for at least one (1) academic year, or two (2) long semesters.
   a) Exceptions shall be made for records that undergo revisions or are binding on a year to year basis such as: the Executive Policy Manual, the Eagle’s Nest Policy, the B. Craig Raupe Memorial Travel Grant Policy, and the SGA Budget

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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.