



## 41 U.A.S. 1.3

# Election Transparency Act

Whereas the full and public release of detailed results and vote tallies is a crucial component of free, transparent and accountable elections, helping to prevent election fraud; and

Whereas the legitimacy of the Undergraduate Association depends on reliable and transparent elections each year in the selection of the President, Vice President, Class Council officers and representatives to the Senate; and

Whereas in a democratic system of government, the constituency has a fundamental right to know how they voted as a collective body; and

Whereas the release of the election votes is not explicitly stated in the Election Code, leaving the decision to the discretion of the Election Commissioner; and

Whereas Article V, Section 1, Subsection 2d of the UA Constitution establishes the ability of Senate to overturn a policy of the Election Commission; and

Whereas Article V, Section 1, Subsection 3 of the UA Constitution, establishes the ability of Senate to make amendments to the UA Election Code;

**Be it enacted, by the Undergraduate Association assembled in Senate:**

That the UA Election Code be amended as follows:

- Article V, Section 6, Subsection B shall read: “The Commission shall be responsible for counting the votes cast and shall ~~announce the winners of all races in a timely manner~~ **publicly disclose the results of the election, including the winners and complete vote tallies, by 10pm on the day following the end of the election.**”
- A new Subsection I shall be appended to Article II, Section 2: “**The Commission shall be responsible for counting the votes cast and shall publicly disclose the results of the election, including the winners and complete vote tallies, in a timely manner.**”

That the Election Commissioner update the Election Code accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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