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TITLE: Voter Information Act – 700 Code Revisions

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714.31 The Supervisor of Elections shall draft a social media post to inform every elector of their right to request and vote by an absentee ballot and encourage them to exercise this right if voting in person will be inconvenient for them. The Supervisor of Elections shall draft at least two such social media posts, with at least one social media post sent to the Action SG Chairperson for posting between five and six business days before the electronic form submission deadline and at least one social media post sent to the Action SG Chairperson for posting between two and three business days before the deadline. Each such post must be sent to the Action SG Chairperson between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Additionally, the posts shall include the following:

(a) A direct link to the electronic form mandated in 714.2.
(b) The date and time by which the electronic form must be submitted for the request to be processed.

715.4 The Supervisor of Elections shall draft a social media post to inform every elector, including those enrolled at satellite campuses, their right to vote in Student Government elections. The Supervisor of Elections shall draft at least two such posts, with at least one social media post sent to the Action SG Chairperson sent when the dates, times, and polling locations of the upcoming election are finalized and at least one post sent when polls open on the first day of the election. Each such post must be sent to the Action SG Chairperson between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Additionally, the posts shall include the following:
(a) The candidates students may vote for as they appear on the ballot, additionally including any declared write-in candidate(s).
(b) The dates, times, and polling locations of the upcoming election.

715.5 Every official Student Government social media account shall post to its social media platform the content provided by the Supervisor of Elections to the Action SG Chairperson as mandated by 714.31 and 715.4, within one business day. These social media posts may exclude content only to satisfy social media platform limitations.