Voting limited to districts

Students will be allowed to vote only in their respective districts during the upcoming spring elections, the USC Student Senate decided Wednesday. Originally it was planned that a student could vote at any machine on campus, but problems in machine programming occurred, Sen. Tom Efland said. The firm from which USC will rent voting machines said the machines are capable of holding only the names of the candidates for four major offices and a maximum of three senatorial districts.

Twenty-nine machines are available to the election commission, the Senate. Instead of 17 polling places, there will be 24. "The number of machines naturally had to be increased," Efland said.

The additional machines require an increase in funds and poll watchers. Although Bob Swelgin, the elections commissioner, has enough people to serve as poll watchers, there is some question where the additional funds will come from. According to the elections bill, the total amount funded for elections from the Student Government Association (SGA) account was $1,700. Efland said about $450 more is needed. He explained that SGA President Leigh Leventis has a transfer-of-funds power which allows him to shift up to $500 from one area to another. Leventis said there is no alternative.

Efland added, "We still have the capabilities of combining a limited number of districts," but students will still have to vote in their own districts.

Polling places for the following districts, with the number of machines in parenthesis, are: Maxcy, Thornwell-Maxcy (1), Horseshoe-Horseshoe Lounge (1), Preston, Woodrow, International House-Preston (2), Men's Towers-Men's Towers Lobby (2), McBryde-Russell House (1), Bates, Bates House-Bates House (2), Baker, Burney-Baker (1), Women's Quadrangle-Sims (1), South Building, South Tower-South Building (1), Capstone, Columbia Hall-Capstone (1), Roost (1), Cliff Apartments, University Terrace, Woodland Terrace, Carolina Gardens-Russell House (1) P.E. Center (1), Pharmacology Building (1), Liberal Arts and Cultural Sciences-Humanities classroom building (1), Science and Mathematics-Leventis (2), Social Sciences-Barnwell or Calcott (1), Journalism, General Studies-Coliseum (2), B.A. Building (1), Education-Wardlaw (1), Engineering building (1), Law School (2).

Several bills reported out of senate committees were passed during Wednesday's session.

A resolution was passed for the Faculty Senate to reconsider its decision on the new grading system concerning giving a student a mark to show he dropped a course. A withdrawal prior to the drop date would be W, and after the drop date, WF. Lowman said these marks should be abolished because they might be mistaken as a student's inability to handle a course.

Another bill was a request by the Student Senate for the Faculty Senate to include plus marks in the new grading system. According to Lowman, 60 per cent of 500 students surveyed said they were in favor of this.

The USC Graduate Students Association endorses the following platform, presented by David Rosmer, candidate for Vice-President of the SGA, and endorses those candidates for Student government who have declared their support for the platform.

We, the undersigned candidates for SGA office support a three-fold platform in an effort to restore Student Government to its proper function by concentrating on its essential purposes.


- Governance: Policies designed to ensure Consolidation, Cooperation, and Control. Adoption of University Governance proposal. Establishment of liaison between Student Senate and Council of Presidents and University Union. Closer control of SGA finances and reduction of SGA budget to $27,000. Strengthening of Student Judicial system. Increase number of voting students on Faculty Senate committees and on Board of Trustees.

- Academics: Programs designed for Information and Improvement. Professionalized student advisement in each department. Correction of the existing state of the Libraries through efficient staffing and effective fining. Establishment of student-run Cooperative Book Store. Restrictions upon the frequency of change of textbooks to increase ability of students to resell used texts.

For Vice-President: DAVID L. ROSMER

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