

Resolution # 10

**The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA)
of the 2007-2008 Session**

3/24/2008

*Be it Enacted by the Association, having been considered by the
Assembly on March 24, 2008, a*

RESOLUTION

The UPUA Open Voter Records Act of 2008

(Decided: [Y/N/A])

Nature of the Situation:

The UPUA has the potential to continue setting the precedent for greater transparency and openness among the student population at University Park. The UPUA Elections process currently, while well run, is not as transparent as the elections process for state or federal elections in the United States, in that basic information is kept hidden unnecessarily.

By mandating a higher standard of accountability and third-party information access (as our state requires of the voting process, for instance), this will enhance UPUA's reputation campus-wide and further elevate public confidence in the voting system.

Purpose of Request:

The UPUA Elections Commission should be mandated to make public, in conjunction with those involved in the polling process through SAIT, a complete record of those students who participate in student elections annually.

Through this greater level of transparency, the UPUA elections process will become even more secure in that third parties (ie—The Daily Collegian) can serve to ensure and confirm the announcements of the UPUA Elections Commission, in the event that any voting improprieties may have been alleged (ie—students claiming to have been able to vote twice, or students voting for off-campus representatives even while living on-campus themselves, etc.)

Furthermore, publishing only the names of the voters is consistent with the type of information publicly accessible about individual voters in local and national elections through the United States of America.

Plan for Action:

The UPUA hereby instructs the UPUA Elections Commission and their counterparts in Student Affairs Information Technology (SAIT) to publish a full spreadsheet document publicly by UPUA Elections Commission immediately after voting concludes each election night. This document should be publicly accessible for a minimum of 24 hours.

The spreadsheet will contain only the username of the students who voted for the purpose of ensuring no duplication in individual voting and to accomplish greater transparency for student elections at Penn State University.

The Election website shall contain a statement to inform students of this provision.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph Crivello, College of Engineering Jack Vickrey, College of Agriculture
Annie Bontempo, At-Large Representative

Committee Vote: 3/0/0

Chair Signature: _____

Hillary Lewis

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