



Election Policies

For SGA President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Relations Officer
SGA Policy # 9

Campaign Guidelines

Flyers cannot be placed on or under doors of residence halls, classrooms, and offices unless placed by resident of that room.

Flyers are not allowed on window or entrance doors. Bulletin boards are the appropriate places for flyers.

Flyers can be handed out from person to person.

There is a maximum of 200 copies of flyers and 3 large posters that can be made for bulletin boards made with the physical equipment of the Student Life Center not including personnel.

Candidates must submit the original flyer to the office secretary for photocopying.

Student Government Association encourages the candidates to run a positive campaign.

On Election Day, no flyers or verbal campaigning can be within 100 feet of polling station.

Flyers should have the date of the Election Day on them as a reminder to vote.

No global e-mails can be made!

No posters relating to elections are allowed in display cases.

You may not campaign through Angel.

Flyers need to be taken down the day after Election Day!

Candidate Requirements

Candidates must have a 2.25 GPA.

Candidates must be a full-time student with one completed semester by the time they would hold office.

A candidate must be a member of SGA before they can serve as an officer.

Each candidate must submit a letter of intent by 5 p.m. two weeks before Election Day to the secretary of the Student Life Center and the presiding Elections Chair.



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Meet the Candidate Special Meeting

A special meeting may be called by the existing Elections Chair prior to Election Day at which time each candidate will give a qualification speech to the student body. Students can ask the candidates questions at this time.

The special meeting will be called at least seven days before Election Day and be easily accessible to the entire student body.

Election Day Procedures

Candidates cannot staff the voting tables.

The new officers will be announced the night of elections when the outcome is finalized.

The polling station will be open 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. in Bouck Hall.

A candidate may appoint a representative to be present during the counting of the ballots. This person is allowed to observe only and may not interact with those SGA members and advisors who are counting.

The Elections Chair, at least 2 appointees and an advisor(s) shall count the ballots. Ballots should be counted at least twice.

“Write-in” candidates names must be spelled correctly and have both the first and last name written in. The members at the polling station are not allowed to tell a voter if there are any write-in candidates, even if they are asked. The members must refer the voter to the board with the candidates listed.

The names on the ballot will be organized in alphabetical order within each office.

In the event that a candidate is determined ineligible by Student Government or withdraws his or her name as a candidate after the Elections and before the candidate takes office, the candidate with the next highest amount of votes will be declared the winner.

If the Student Government votes that a candidate has not followed these policies, the candidate will be ineligible to hold office.

If a candidate challenges any aspect of the election process, the final decision regarding the election and the election process rests with SGA. Any decisions relating to a contested election should be made as soon as possible after the election.

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