



**2021 Elections Cycle  
Constitutionally Mandated for Campus Wide Elections**

Red text reflects Student Senate constitutional suspensions and corresponding impositions to the election code as a response to the delayed start to the 2021 Spring Semester due to the global pandemic.

- (a) The exact date of the elections for Student Body President, Vice-President, and Class Officers shall be announced before January 30th each year.
- (b) There shall be an informational meeting for all candidates. All rules and regulations will be explained and discussed. **It is the responsibility of all candidates to be fully aware of the official election rules as outlined in this Constitution, Election Bylaw, and relevant University regulations.**
- (c) Campaigning may begin as soon as a candidate/ticket has turned in a fully signed petition **and it is verified and approved by the Election Committee.**
- (d) No petition shall be accepted after the deadline without prior written approval of the Election Committee. A new member on a ticket without approval by the Election Committee must get new signatures. Only official petitions as distributed by the Election Committee may be used. An official list of candidates shall be posted outside the Student Government Office.
- (e) Copies of all physical campaign materials, including but not limited to posters, flyers, and table tents, must be submitted to the Election Committee and stamped for approval by a member of the Election Committee, excluding the Parliamentarian, before posting.
  - (1) Posters to be placed on bulletin boards may not exceed eleven inches by seventeen inches. Posters may be placed inside residence halls and within public buildings. No posters may be placed within the classrooms themselves.
- (f) Write-in candidates are those candidates who missed the deadline or switched tickets after the deadline. Write-in candidates may be voted for, but will not appear on the ballot. Write-in candidates shall be approved under the following conditions before the date of the election:



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- (1) Candidates must furnish independent proof of good academic standing from the First Year of Studies or the Office of the Registrar and proof of good disciplinary standing from the Office of Community Standards.
  - (2) The Election Committee shall not undertake the responsibility of informing the student body of write-ins' placement on the ballot.
  - (3) Candidates must submit a petition with 100 unique signatures in addition to the required number of signatures for the position.
  - (4) All materials for write-in candidacies must be submitted for approval by the Judicial Council no later than four (4) calendar days before the election.
- (g) Student Body President and Vice-President Election.
- (1) Candidates for Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President must run on the same ticket. Students may not split tickets when voting.
  - (2) The primary election for Student Body President and Vice-President shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of the second semester. The run-off election will be held on the Monday following the primary.<sup>1</sup>
  - (3) Petitions for the office of Student Body President and Vice-President shall require 700 signatures for the placement on the ballot. Petitions will be made available at noon on the first Tuesday of classes of the second semester (**the first day of classes of the Spring Semester**). The deadline for the filing of all petitions is noon of the Friday of the following week.
  - (4) The Judicial Council shall facilitate campus debates for the candidates running for Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President.
- (h) First Year Class Council.
- (1) First Year Class Council Representatives shall be elected by a majority vote of the first years in each residence hall by the fourth Friday of the academic year.
  - (2) A first year shall submit to the Election Committee a petition of no less than 10% of his or her residence hall's first year residents to be considered an eligible candidate.

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<sup>1</sup> The 2021 Student Body Presidential Primary will be on Wednesday, Feb. 24th and its corresponding Run-off, if necessary, will be held on Monday, March 1st



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(i) Class Officer Election.

- (1) The Class Officers Elections shall be held before March 3rd (March 25th) each year.
- (2) Candidates for Class Officers must run on one ticket that designates the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Students may not split tickets when voting.
- (3) Petitions for class officer shall require 200 signatures for the placement on the ballot.