The Elections Code

Of

The Student Government Association

Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas

Approved and Adopted:

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
ELECTION CODE

Article I: General Provisions

1.1: PURPOSE. This code exists to facilitate a fair and educational experience for student governance positions at Prairie View A&M University. The election of students is designed to expand their knowledge about running for office, navigating the political systems, and building community coalitions for purpose of expressed advocacy.

1.2: ENACTMENT. This code shall become effective and implemented immediately after its passage and approval by the student senate and all participating entities; and shall supersede any and all previous election codes.

1.3: IGNORANCE. Ignorance of this code shall not be an acceptable defense in response to any offenses committed in any election under this code; either by the candidates themselves, their agents or workers, or the elections committee as defined in this code.

Article II: Composition and Duties of Entities Involved

2.1. ELECTION COMMITTEE.
   A. The Election Committee, in consultation with the Judicial Court, shall ensure that the elections process is done according to Student Government Regulations.
   B. The SGA President, at the beginning of every Fall Semester, shall appoint an Elections Commissioner, for a one (1) year term, who shall serve as the Chair of the Election Committee, with the approval of the Student Senate by a simple majority vote.
   C. Members of the Elections Committee shall be made up of student or faculty/staff members appointed by the Elections Commissioner in concordance with the SGA President, and approved by the Student Senate by a simple majority vote. The amount of members appointed shall be no less than six (6) to no more than eight (8) members. The
number shall be determined by the senate. And the members shall be approved by the Senate.

D. No member of the Election Committee can participate in campaigning nor can (s)he file for any office. (S)He has the privilege of giving up his seat on the Election Committee.

E. The Elections Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

1. To enforce these regulations and impose sanctions up to disqualification for any violation.

2. To conduct hearings on any candidate who is accused of violating the Election Code. A candidate may request to appeal the elections Committee’s decision to the Student Court.

3. To inspect and/or audit the expenditures of any candidate.

4. To ensure the efficient administrations and operation of all elections.

5. To supervise and coordinate all activities related to the election.

6. To conduct a Mandatory Candidates Meeting prior to any election for the purpose of explaining the Election Regulations and answering any questions pertaining to the campaigning of candidates.

7. To publish vacant positions in The Panther and publicize a week before the opening of filing.

8. To approve or disapprove of any campaign material to be distributed by the candidate prior to distribution.

9. To patrol campaign areas and enforce all Election Regulations.

10. To provide for the ordering, printing, and certifying of all ballots.

11. To oversee the counting of ballots.

12. To submit to The Panther the names of all legitimate candidates and the names that will appear on the ballot at least one (1) week prior to the election.

13. To submit to the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association the official results within thirty-six (36) hours after the elections, provided that the Judicial Branch certified the election results. The number of ballots cast in each election for each candidate and/or for each proposed constitutional amendment shall be made public.
14. To conduct a recount, upon the proper filing and request of the legitimate candidate within forty-eight (48) hours of the posting of the election results. The recount shall be conducted by the Elections Committee in the presence of no more than two (2) representatives of each candidate of whom the candidate may be one, and such a recount must be conducted within the forty-eight (48) hours.

15. To set office hours and hours of availability for allowing candidates to ask questions.

16. The Elections Officials may be chosen from any person expressing interest in the position.

17. Election Officials and Student Officials shall be present at each polling place throughout the official election time as defined by these regulations.

18. Election Officials shall be selected by the Student Government Association Advisor in conjunction with the Chair of the Election Committee.

19. The Student Government Association Advisor shall come up with the names of Election officials at least two (2) weeks prior to the election date.

20. No Election official shall be a candidate for office, nor shall they campaign for any current candidate.


22. No Student Official shall be a candidate for office nor shall they campaign for any election.

23. Election Officials shall enforce these rules and regulations and the Student Government Association Constitution, The Election Official shall be responsible for operating the polling place and administering the ballots.

24. Should the situation arise in which a polling place would be left without one election official and one student official, the Election Committee Chair is empowered to close that polling place with the approval of the Student Government Advisor.

25. The Election Committee shall provide each candidate a packet containing:
   - Candidate Information Sheet
   - 100 Signature Sheet
   - Organization Chart and Available Positions
• Position Descriptions

26. Any additional information as deemed necessary by the Student Senate and the Election Committee Chair.

2.2. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

A. The Student Engagement Office Officials shall be tasked with:
   a. The collection and safe keeping of the Student Government Applications during the filing process.
   b. The assessment of each candidate to make sure each applicant is in good conduct and academic standing.

2.3. CANDIDATES FILING FOR OFFICE

A. Filing for Office
   1. By filing, the candidate agrees to abide by these Election Regulations.
   2. Candidates for President and Vice-President have the option of running on the same ticket.
   3. All candidates for positions elected under the supervision of the Election Committee shall file their intention to run for office with the Election Committee. Filing shall be done in person by each candidate and in accordance with the guidelines set forth within these regulations. Each candidate is responsible for seeing that his/her filing is carried out completely and correctly.
   4. A candidate must submit the following at the time of filing:
      a. Candidate Information Sheet
      b. 100 Signature Sheet
      c. A signed grade release statement enabling the Department of Student Engagement to check academic, classification, and conduct qualifications of candidates.
      d. A Platform stating their objectives for the year, not to exceed five hundred (500) words. Such information should include the candidate’s major, classification, and/or any organizational affiliation as deemed necessary.
      e. Detailed resume for candidate
5. Candidates for Executive offices shall be required to participate in a Debate scheduled by the Elections Committee.

6. Any candidate who files for election and fails to comply with all filing requirements shall not be qualified for election to any office.

7. Any other reasonable information required by the Elections Committee

8. Candidates may only file and run for one position.

B. Mandatory Candidates Meeting

1. Any candidate who is unable to attend the Mandatory Candidate’s Meeting must contact the Election Commission in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting to report the reason for his/her absence as well as an agent to attend the meeting in the candidate’s place. The agent must show verification from the candidate, identifying the person as an agent.

2. To be excused from attending the Mandatory Candidates’ Meeting, a candidate must submit a University excused absence that would have also prevented them from appointing an agent to attend the meeting in their absence to the Election Committee within twenty-four (24) hours of the meeting. All candidates failing to do so will be disqualified.

3. All candidates are responsible for all information covered at the Mandatory Candidates’ Meeting without exception.

4. The agenda must include the assignment of ballot positions in accordance with this code, and may include explanations for this code, review of elections timetable, rules for campaigning and answering of candidate questions.

5. Attendance at the Candidates’ Meeting is required of each candidate running in a campus-wide elections process.

6. Failure to attend the meeting shall not be an acceptable excuse for violating this code.

2.4. SGA JUDICIAL BRANCH

A. The Judicial Court is the last means of an appeal if the candidate feels the decision of the elections committee is unjust.
B. If prior to the Judicial Court certification, it is discovered that the winning candidate was not qualified because of an error in the certification provided by the Student Government Association Advisor, the Student Body President will declare the post vacant.

C. The jurisdiction of the Elections Committee applies to both on and off the physical boundaries of campus to include but not limited to our main campus, nursing campus, northwest campus, and social media.

**Article III: Elections Process**

**3.1. Spring General Elections:**

A. Filing for office shall begin at 12:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in February.

B. Filing shall close at 12:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in March.

C. Submission of Election packets will occur in the Student Engagement Office.

D. All voting positions appointed by the newly elected President and Vice President in the spring must apply at this time.

E. Within two (2) class days of the close of filing, the Student Government Advisor shall provide the Election Committee with certification of each candidate’s academic eligibility and good standing with the University.

F. All positions not filled must go through the proper procedure as stated in the SGA Constitution, Senate By-Laws, and Executive Code.

**3.2. Fall Class Elections**

A. Filing for office shall begin at 12:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday, following the census in September.

B. Filing shall close no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday, following the census in September.

C. Submission of Election packets will occur in the Student Engagement Office.

D. Within two (2) class days of the close of filing, the Student Government Advisor shall provide the Election Committee with certification for each candidate’s academic eligibility and good standing with the University.
E. All voting positions appointed by specific organizations in the Fall must apply at this time, as stated in the Senate By-Laws.

F. All positions not filled must go through the proper procedure as stated in the SGA Constitution and By-Laws or Codes.

3.3. Mandatory Candidate Meeting

A. The mandatory candidate meeting must be held no later than one week following the close of filing.

B. At the mandatory candidate meeting, the Election Committee Chair will explain the Election Regulations, answer any questions, and announce any interpretations of the Election Regulations that differ from previous elections.

C. The Chair will also announce all dates and times important to the election.

D. Failure to attend this meeting results in the disqualification unless the Election Committee Chair has been notified and been rendered a valid excuse.

3.4. Elections Process

A. Polling Places

The official polling places will be:

1. At the discretion of the Election Committee Chair for the Spring General Elections.

2. At the discretion of the Election Committee Chair for the Fall General Elections.

3. At the discretion of the Election Committee Chair or by instructions from the Student Senate for all other elections.

4. Shall refer to any internet-enabled device available for public use that is being used to vote in campus-wide elections.

5. Polling places shall be declared open at 8:00 AM and closed no earlier than 5:00 PM on Election Day. The Election Official’s watch will be the official timepiece for the opening and closing of each polling place.

B. Voting
1. Election will be conducted by secret electronic ballot. Ballots shall be marked in a manner determined by the Election Committee. Students may vote only once and with their own account.

2. Universal Voting shall apply in all constituency elections; only representatives of a specific college will be allowed to vote for that senator. This also includes the instance of Class Senator Elections, the voter may only vote for the candidates that are listed within their classification. A senators’ constituent may only vote for that specific senator.

C. Voter Qualifications:
   a. A voter must be an enrolled student at Prairie View A&M University.
   b. A voter must have a valid school ID number at the time (s)he votes.

D. Ballots
   1. Ballot positions for the sample ballot will be in alphabetical order by last name. The sample ballot will not be used for any voting. It will only be used for a candidate to verify that their name has been properly recorded for the election process and for other administrative purposes as needed by the Election Committee.
   2. If a candidate withdraws from an election following the Mandatory Candidate Meeting, their name will be withdrawn from all ballots.
   3. No phrases or slogans may be attached to a candidate’s name on the ballot. The name that will appear on the ballot must be the name for which the student is registered under Prairie View A&M University.
   4. The Committee will post the sample ballot for the purpose of correcting five (5) class days prior to the first day of the election. If a candidate does not appeal any error on the sample ballot by 5:00 p.m., two (2) class days prior to the first day of elections, (s)he loses his/her right to appeal on this issue.
   5. The Election Committee will post the final sample ballot for any election at least five (5) class days prior to the election and shall also submit a copy of the final sample ballot to The Panther at the time.
   6. Ballot order in run-off elections shall be determined by the number of votes each candidate received in the general election, with the candidate having the
higher number of votes in the general election receiving the first ballot position. In the event of a tie, ballot order for those tied shall be determined by ballot order in the general election, with the candidate having the higher ballot position according to the final sample ballot receiving the higher ballot position in the run-off.

E. Election Dates

1. General elections shall be held on the first Tuesday of April of each school year. General elections will include all elected positions except those to be held by a freshman. Freshman elected positions will be filled in the fall via an election process.

2. Polling hours for the campus-wide elections shall be from 8:00am CST until 5:00pm CST on the day of elections

3. The Fall Elections shall be set by the Election Committee Chair.

4. Run-off elections shall be conducted on the Tuesday following the initial election.

5. A candidate may not campaign until the time and date specified by the Election Committee, which should be no more than ten (10) class days prior to the election date.

6. The Election Committee Chair has the authority to change the date of an election if unforeseen circumstances arise that would warrant such a change.

F. Election Results

1. Results of all elections must be approved by a majority of the election Committee in order to be valid.

2. Approved results of all elections must be approved by a majority of Judicial Court in order to be valid. If there is no active Judicial Court, the Chair of the Election Committee must certify the results. This certification may occur no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours after the election results are announced.

3. Results of all elections shall be announced and posted within forty-eight (48) hours after the closing of an election.

4. Results are not official until certification by the Judicial Court. Results shall also be submitted to The Panther for publication.
G. Votes Required To Win

1. The counting of votes shall be under the supervision of the Election Committee.

2. The basis for decisions in all elections shall be as follows:
   a. The Executive Board offices shall be elected by a simple majority of votes cast for the office.
   b. The Student Senate and Judicial Court offices shall be elected by a plurality vote. If there is a tie for that position those candidates shall enter into a run-off election.

H. Recounts

1. Should a candidate wish to call for a recount of the ballots, (s) he must file the correct paperwork within twenty-four (24) hours of the posting of the results.

I. Run-Off Elections

1. Run-off elections shall be conducted in the same manner as General Elections.

2. In the event of an exact tie in a run-off election, the vote shall be determined by the current senators of the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association by a simple majority vote after candidates have presented their platforms to the Senate body.

3. Candidates participating in a run-off election shall have a budget that is 50% (fifty percent) of the budget allowed in the General Election.

**Article IV: Appeals**

4.1. Election Appeals

A. A student who wishes to report an alleged violation of the Election Regulations may do so by filing a written account of the alleged violation with the Election Committee Chair within twenty-four (24) hours of the alleged violation. (Action, making reference to removal from office, disqualification, re-counting of votes, etc.)

B. No action shall be taken by any legislative, administrative, judicial body, or student of Prairie View A&M University to disqualify a candidate in any student election for any
reason unless the action is filed in the proper form no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the closing of the election.

C. A candidate may contest an election no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the results are posted by filing an appeal in writing with the Elections Committee Chair stating the basis on which the election is contested.

4.2. Dismissal of Appeals

The Elections Committee may dismiss a complaint if:

A. The complaint was not filed within the time allocated.

B. The complaint fails to state a cause of action for which relief may be granted.

Article V: Administration of Elections

5.1. Campaigning

A. The Election Committee Chair judges what constitutes campaigning.

B. No candidate shall state any qualifications to which the candidate is not entitled.

C. No candidate or his/her supporters may remove, deface, destroy, or obscure any campaign material of any candidate.

D. Signs shall be allowed inside and outside of buildings with permission of authorized personnel.

E. In the event that signs or flyers are posted in places that have not been designated to post flyer or signs, this violation should be reported. The Election Committee members are the only officials designated to remove flyers or posters.

F. There shall be no painting, stenciling or whitewashing on buildings, sidewalks, or any physical property, including trees of Prairie View A&M University.

G. There also shall be no posting, nailing, or taping of any campaign materials on the trees of Prairie View A&M University.

H. On the day of election, no campaigning or campaign materials will be allowed within the building of the designated election polls. Candidates are subject to disciplinary action if this occurs. This includes t-shirt, buttons, stickers, etc.

I. Each candidate shall be responsible for the removal and disposal of all displayed campaign materials within forty-eight (48) hours of the announcement of election results,
with the exception that candidates proceeding to run-off elections have twenty-four (24) hours following the announcement of run-off election results. Penalty shall be $5.00 per violation per day.

J. All candidates shall conduct themselves according to the Rules and Regulations of Prairie View A&M University. Any candidate or member of a candidate’s staff who violates the rules shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Election Committee.

5.2. Campaigning Staff

A. A candidate may form a campaign staff prior to the campaign period in order to help the candidate prepare for the campaigning period.

B. The candidate will be held responsible for the actions taken by his/her supporters.

C. Contacting The Election Committee Chair:
   a. The Election Committee Chair shall set hours in which a candidate may contact him/her.
   b. If there is any doubt about the integrity of campaign materials, a candidate should contact the Elections Committee Chair.

5.3. Ruling of the Elections Committee

A. Candidates must adhere immediately to all rulings and directives issued by the Election Committee Chair. Failure to do so will place the candidate subject to disciplinary action by the Election Committee.

5.4. Payment of Fines

A. Any elect candidate who fails to pay his/her fines within ten (10) class days of the time (s)he is elected will be removed from office. Any candidate who fails to pay his/her fine prior to the next election will be considered ineligible until his/her outstanding fines have been paid.

5.5. Campaign Finances
A. Each candidate for any office or position in an election governed by this code must compile and maintain a complete and accurate list of all expenditures directly or indirectly used for the purpose of advancing his or her candidacy.

B. The term “expenditure” is defined as the fair market value or actual cost, depending on the appropriate circumstances, of all campaign materials used or obtained by any candidate in his/her campaign.

C. Such lists must be delivered to the Elections Committee within forty-eight (48) hours after requested.

D. Any materials produced by an organization for the purpose of soliciting votes outside that organization will be considered campaign materials and must be included on that candidate’s expenditure list. It will be the candidate’s responsibility to maintain the integrity of contributions.

E. The Election Committee has the power and reserves the right to audit any candidate’s expenditures at any time during or after the elections. A candidate not complying with the expenditure rules can and will be declared ineligible for office.

5.6. Expenditure Limits by Office:

A. All expenditures directly or indirectly associated with a campaign in any election governed by this code is limited to the guidelines in this code:

1. Each candidate for any Executive Board positions may expend a maximum of five hundred dollars ($500.00).

2. Each candidate for any Student Senate positions may expend a maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00).

3. Each candidate for the office of Class President may expend a maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00).

4. Each candidate for the office of Class Justice may expend a maximum of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00).

5. Each candidate for the position of senior, junior, sophomore, or freshman class king or queen may expend a maximum of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00).

Article VI: Qualifications of Candidates
6.1. General Qualifications

A. All candidates must meet the qualifications for their respective offices as set forth in the Prairie View A&M University Rules and Regulations and the Constitution of the Student Government Association.

B. Undergraduate Students may be classified as freshman, sophomores, juniors, or seniors according to their credit hours and not the start date of their undergraduate career.

C. The Election Committee has the power and reserves the right to disqualify a candidate if (s)he does not meet the qualifications and requirements for office.

D. Graduate Students are exempt from having sixty (60) semester hours, however a Graduate Candidate must have attended Prairie View A&M University two (2) semesters prior to assuming office and must have a minimum of one fiscal year of active experience in Student Government Association the year prior to assuming office.

6.2. Position Specific Requirements:

A. A candidate filing for Student Government Association President or Executive Vice-President must be a student of Prairie View A&M University and have completed sixty (60) semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University and a minimum of one year active experience in Student Government Association the year prior to assuming office. Candidates for President and Executive Vice-President must be full-time students, have at least minimum 2.70 cumulative grade-point averages. While holding office the President and Executive Vice-President must maintain at least a 2.70 cumulative grade point average, a 2.70 semester grade point average, must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation, and must be in good standing (academic, fiscal and moral conduct) with the University.

6.3. Executive Branch

A. The Executive Branch voting members must be a student of Prairie View A&M University and have completed at least thirty (30) semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University prior to assuming office. Members of the Executive Branch must be full-time students, have at least a 2.50 grade point average from the
previous semester prior to assuming office and must have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average. While holding office, Executive Branch voting members must maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, a 2.50 semester grade point average, must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation, and must be in good standing (academic, fiscal and moral conduct) with the University.

6.4. Legislative Branch

A. The Legislative Branch member must be a student of Prairie View A&M University and have completed at least thirty (30) semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University prior to assuming office with the exception of the Freshman Class President. Legislative Branch members must be a full-time student, have at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average prior to assuming office. While holding office they must maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation, and must be in good standing (academically, financially, and morally) with the University.

6.5. Judicial Branch

A. The Judicial Branch members must be a student of Prairie View A&M University and have completed at least thirty (30) semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University prior to assuming office with the exception of the incoming Freshman Class Justice. Members of the Judicial Branch must be full-time students, have at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average from the previous semester prior to assuming office. While holding office, Judicial Branch members must maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, a 2.50 semester grade point average, must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation, and must be in good standing (academically, financially, and morally) with the University.

6.6. Class Royals

A. Class Royals must be a student of Prairie View A&M University and have completed the appropriate number of semester hours in residence at Prairie View A&M University to run for the class representative, prior to assuming office, with the exception of the Freshman Class King and Queen.
1. Senior Class King and Queen – 90 credit hours completed.
2. Junior Class King and Queen – 60 credit hours completed.
3. Sophomore Class King and Queen – 30 credit hours completed.

B. Class Royals must be full-time students, have at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average from the previous semester prior to assuming office. While holding office, Class Royals must maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, a 2.50 semester grade point average, must not be on disciplinary or scholastic probation, and must be in good standing (academically, financially, and morally) with the University.

Article VII: Student Government Association Positions

7.1. General Information

1. Positions are outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution of Prairie View A&M University.

7.2. Executive Offices (Elected in Spring)

1. Student Government President
2. Student Government Vice President
3. Comptroller
4. Chief Justice (Appointed by SGA President)

7.3. Executive Board Members (Appointed by SGA President)

1. Voting E-Board Members
2. Chief of Staff
3. Vice President—Auxiliary Services
4. Vice President—Academic Affairs
5. Vice President—Business Affairs
6. Vice President—Research and Development
7. Vice President-Student Affairs and Institutional Relations
8. Vice President-Governmental Relations
9. Vice President-Special Events
7.4. Senate Members (Elected in Spring)

1. College of Business I—Marketing
2. College of Business II—Business
3. College of Arts & Sciences I—Sciences
4. College of Arts & Sciences II—Military Science and ROTC
5. College of Arts & Sciences III—Music and Drama
6. College of Arts & Sciences IV—Social and Behavioral Science
7. College of Arts & Sciences V—Communication and Languages
8. College of Education I—Human Performance
9. College of Education II—Education
10. College of Engineering I—Engineering
11. College of Engineering II—Engineering Technology
12. College of Engineering III—Computer Science
13. College of Nursing I—Houston
14. College of Nursing II—Prairie View
15. College of Juvenile Justice I—Psychology
16. College of Juvenile Justice II—Criminal and Juvenile Justice
17. College of Agriculture and Human Sciences I—Agriculture
18. College of Agriculture and Human Sciences II—Human Sciences
19. School of Architecture
20. Graduate School
21. Housing I—University College
22. Housing II—University Village
23. Housing III—University Village North
24. Housing IV—University View
25. Senior Class President
26. Junior Class President
27. Sophomore Class President

7.5. Senate Members (Appointed by SGA Executive Vice President in Spring)
28. External Affairs
29. Athletics
30. Health Services
31. Safety
32. International Students
33. Parking
34. Auxiliary Services
35. Career Service & Cluster
36. Alumni Affairs
37. Information Technology
38. Community Development
39. Memorial Student Center
40. Intramural Sports
41. Scholarships and Financial Aid
42. Professional and Departmental Organizations
43. Parks and Recreation
44. Human Resources & Student Employment
45. Ministries
46. Dining Services

7.6. Senate Members (Elected in Fall)
   1. Freshman Class President

7.7. Senate Members (Appointed in Fall)
   1. PALS
   2. Campus Activities Board
   3. Council of Student Organizations
   4. Pan-Hellenic Council
   5. Band

7.8. Non-Voting Senate Members (Appointed by Executive Vice President in Spring)
1. Parliamentarian  
2. Sergeant-at-Arms  
3. Chaplain  
4. Corresponding Secretary  
5. Recording Secretary  
6. Historian Photographer  
7. Public Relations

7.9. Judicial Members (Elected in Spring)  
1. Senior Class Justice  
2. Junior Class Justice  
3. Sophomore Class Justice

7.10. Judicial Membership (Appointed by Chief Justice)  
1. Associate Justice  
2. Court Clerk  
3. Court Marshall  
4. Judicial General Advocate  
5. Archivist/Librarian  
6. Secretary

7.11. Judicial Members (Elected in Fall)  
1. Freshman Class Justice

7.12. Class Royals (Elected in the Spring)  
1. Senior Class King  
2. Senior Class Queen  
3. Junior Class King  
4. Junior Class Queen  
5. Sophomore Class King  
6. Sophomore Class Queen
7.13. Class Royals (Elected in the Fall)
   1. Freshman Class King
   2. Freshman Class Queen

Article VIII: Election Code Authorization

8.1. Amending the Election Code
   A. Any changes to the code must be approved by a simple majority of the Student Senate and signed by the Student Government association President or if vetoes by the Student Government President, the Student Senate has the power to override the veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Student Senate present and voting at an announced meeting.
   B. Any changes in the Election Code must be promulgated by the Student Senate prior to the first day of filing of any election, but before the regulations changed are to take effect, they must first be presented to the Elections Committee in writing and approved by the Chair of the Rules and Administration Committee.

8.2. Enactment of the Election Code
   A. The various sections, stipulations, and requirements of the Election Code, with the exception of those stipulations outlining the dates for the elections, shall be in effect upon the approval of a simple majority of the Student Senate.
   B. The stipulations for the Election Code outlining the dates for elections shall be in effect upon its full approval by the Student Government Association.

8.3. Certification
This Student Government Association Election Code has been enacted with 26 members of the Student Senate voting for the enactment of the Code and 0 members of the Student Senate voting against the enactment of the Election Code.
This Student Government Association Election Code stands approved on:

[Wednesday, February 17, 2016]

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February 23, 2016
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