

CHAPTER 300 - ELECTION BOARD

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This Election Code is hereby enacted pursuant to Article III(10)(e),(g) of the Student Government Constitution.
- §2 **ENFORCEMENT.** The Election board shall be responsible for enforcing all provisions of Title III, Election Code.
- §3 **ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS.** The Election Board shall be responsible for the administration of campus-wide elections.
- §4 **JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.** The jurisdiction of the Election Board applies both on-campus and off-campus.
- §5 **JURISDICTION.** The Election Board shall have jurisdiction over Student Government elections, special or general, and shall enforce and interpret the Election Code. The Board shall enforce all provision of the Constitution, the S.G.C., University policy and procedures, and other relevant regulations on candidates in the context of their campaign. The Board shall have the power to enforce the listed regulations before filing begins, during the election process, and until the completion of all election related activity.
- (a) The Election Board shall be given broad powers to interpret, enforce, and resolve any issues not otherwise dictated within this Election Code.
 - (b) All polling locations and stations must abide by the Election Code.
- §6 **ENFORCEMENT.** The Election board shall be responsible for enforcing all provisions of Title III, Election Code.
- §7 **ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS.** The Election Board shall be responsible for the administration of campus-wide elections.
- §8 **JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.** The jurisdiction of the Election Board applies both on-campus and off-campus.
- §9 **ELECTION BOARD SELECTION PROCESS.** The Election Board shall be assembled through an application and interview process, to be completed by the first Monday in October. The most qualified candidates are to be nominated by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Senate.

- (a) Members of this Election Board are not allowed to serve Student Government in any other capacity, elected or appointed.
- (b) The application for the Election Board will be made available through the Dean of Students Office, Student Government website, sent to the pre-law program, and anywhere else it may be viewed by a large qualified applicant pool.

ARTICLE II. THE ELECTION BOARD

§1 **ELECTION BOARD QUALIFICATIONS.** A total of seven (7) members will be selected to comprise the Election Board from the applications submitted. Each shall possess the following qualifications:

- (a) Shall not hold an elected position, endeavor to run, or be engaged in actively campaigning for an elected position; and,
- (b) Must either be a graduate student, or an undergraduate student who has completed one semester as a student; and,
- (c) Must not be on academic or disciplinary probation.
- (d) If the applicant pool does not yield at least seven (7) qualified members the Dean of Students may nominate candidates that meet the qualifications as outlined in this section.

§2 **ELECTION BOARD CHAIR SELECTION.** Interested applicants for Chair of the Election Board shall identify as such in the initial application and selection process.

- (a) To qualify to serve as the Election Board Chair the applicant must have served a full semester term as a member of any of the following: The Student Justice Board, the Supreme Court, the Election Board, the Organization Conduct Review Board or Student Organizations Council.
- (b) The Chair may not be a Supreme Court Justice or be in any other way currently affiliated with the Supreme Court.
- (c) If the applicant pool does not yield qualified members the Dean of Students may make nominations to the Student Body President who meet similar standards.

§3 **ELECTION BOARD MEMBER REMOVAL.** Any member of the Election Board may be removed for just cause by a unanimous vote of the Election Board or impeachment by the Senate. Should a member of the Election Board be removed, the President shall select a

replacement by majority vote out of candidates who have previously applied, with confirmation by the Senate.

ARTICLE III. BOARD OFFICERS AND GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

§1 **ELECTION BOARD CHAIR.** The Chair shall be the chief executor of the Election Code, and be vested with specific powers that when executed may be overridden by a majority vote of the Board. These powers include:

- (a) Issuing temporary injunctions,
- (b) Issuing verbal orders to candidates,
- (c) Barring disruptive members of the public from hearings,
- (d) Assigning candidates to Election Board members.

§2 **SECRETARY.** The Election Board shall or Chair appoint one of the members as the Secretary or can appoint a non-member volunteer; who shall be responsible for recording the minutes of Election Board meetings and hearings, and keeping records of all opinions, rulings, and filings required of candidates under this code.

- (a) The Secretary shall provide a written copy of all decisions concerning individual candidates to the candidates involved.
- (b) Failure to do so may result in revocation of secretarial duties by the Election Board Chair.
- (c) If no secretary is appointed these responsibilities fall to the Election Board Chair.

§3 **ASSIGNMENT OF CANDIDATES.** Members of the Election Board shall be assigned an equal group of candidates for whose questions, complaints, and financial statements they are responsible.

§4 **TERMS OF OFFICE.** The Election Board shall serve from the time appointed each year until the conclusion of all election related business in that same year.

§5 **CONFIDENTIALITY.** The Election Board members will sign a contract which will outline job responsibilities as established by the Election Board Chair in cooperation with the Dean of Students. This will include a confidentiality agreement and failure to adhere to this provision is just cause for removal and referral to Student Justice.

§6 **PUBLISHING POLLING STATIONS.** The locations of designated polling stations must be published online and publicized at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the voting period.

§7 **CALLING MEETINGS.** The Chair of the Election Board shall facilitate and organize the necessary meetings and hearings in order to accomplish tasks set forth by this Election Code.