

**TITLE 10  
ELECTIONS**

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**SECTION I. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1** Election Commission (EC): A board strictly directed by the bylaws to organize and certify elections (See Title X Section 2.).
- 1.2** Presidential Intent to Run Filing: Filing declaring the intent to obtain the necessary quantity of signatures required to appear on the ballot as a presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair (See Title X Section 3.3.).
- 1.3** Senatorial Intent to Run Filing: Filing declaring the intent to appear on the ballot for election as a senatorial candidate.
- 1.4** Signature Gathering Form: Form or series of forms containing the specified quantity of valid signatures required to appear on the ballot as a presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair.
- 1.5** Candidate: An individual running for a senate seat or part of a presidential/vice presidential candidate pair, who has also properly filed.
- 1.6** Candidate Pair: Two (2) candidates running together as a ticket for the offices of President and Vice President who have properly filed.
- 1.7** Campaign Budget: An itemized budget including all campaign expenses and receipts, as well as funding source, for submission and public record.
- 1.8** Technological Difficulty: Any problem tangentially or directly relating to the malfunction of technology that inhibited voters from casting votes, duplicated votes, or otherwise interfered with the accuracy of vote acquisition and/or recording.
- 1.9** Fraudulent Action: Any direct or intentional action from an individual that inhibited voters from casting votes, duplicated votes, or otherwise interfered with the accuracy of vote acquisition and/or recording.
- 1.10** Meaningful Impact: Anything that causes or could cause election results to appear though a candidate/candidate pair won an election in which the candidate/candidate pair did not actually win.
- 1.11** Election: A vote in which the entire student body of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater may participate.
- 1.12** Academic Units: The Ferguson College of Agriculture, The College of Engineering Architecture and Technology, The College of Arts and Sciences, The College of Education and Human Sciences, The Spears School of Business, and The University College.
- 1.13** Living Groups: Greek Life affiliation, Off-Campus housing, and Residential Life.
- 1.14** Polling Station: Official SGA election-operated table in which voting can take place on a designated election day.
- 1.15** Endorsements: Any direct and intentional act pledging or declaring support towards a candidate/candidate pair.
- 1.16** Advertisement Materials: Any entity of minimal monetary value given by a candidate/candidate pair, or member of a campaign staff for the sole purpose of informing voters of candidate/candidate pair's names, logos, and/or positions for which they are seeking election. Examples include but are not limited to, buttons, stickers, and t-shirts.

- 1.17** SGA Officer: Any member of SGA elected or appointed to their position.
- 1.18** Core SGA Office: Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, the Attorney General, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, AFAP Director, and Assistant AFAP Director, any position on the SGA Senate Steering Committee including the SGA Senate Speaker and Vice Speaker, and any SGA judicial branch officer.
- 1.19** Active Campaigning: An act or series of acts which engages potential voters by advocating for, references materials which advocate for, displaying in motion materials which advocate for, or creating/distributing materials which advocate for a candidate/candidate pair. This shall also include communicating to any individual with direction to commit an act defined in this section excluding the recruiting of candidates as running mates or as potential campaign staff members.
- 1.20** Inactive Campaigning: An act or series of acts limited solely to the display of advertisement materials.
- 1.21** Campaign Staff: Any individual actively campaigning at the direction of a candidate/candidate pair or other member of a campaign staff.

**SECTION 2. ELECTION COMMISSION** - Election Commission (EC) shall implement the provisions set forth in Title X of the Student Government Association bylaws and those set forth in the Student Government Association Constitution.

- 2.1** COMPOSITION – The EC shall be comprised of the Coordinator of SGA programs, and six (6) members of the student body.
  - 2.1.1.** These members shall not be: Current members of a campaign staff, members of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (OIL), members of the First-Year Representative Council (FRC). OR Former or current candidates, members of the SGA Cabinet, SGA Supreme Court, or SGA Senate.
  - 2.1.2.** The students serving on the EC shall be nominated by the Student Body President, SGA Senate Speaker, and SGA Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Two (2) students shall be nominated to the EC by the Student Body President, two (2) by the SGA Senate Speaker, and two (2) by the SGA Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and then approved by the Coordinator of SGA Programs.
    - 2.1.2.1.** To be nominated for the EC, students should apply to a blind application.
      - 2.1.2.1.1.** After receiving the applications, the Student Body President, SGA Student Senate Speaker, and the SGA Chief Justice shall pick two (2) student applicants to serve on the EC.
        - 2.1.2.1.1.1.** If there are no applications to the EC, the Student Body President, SGA Student Senate Speaker, and the SGA Chief Justice shall each nominate two (2) students to serve on the EC.
  - 2.1.3.** Initial selections for the EC shall be made before filing closes.
  - 2.1.4.** All EC members are to remain anonymous.
    - 2.1.4.1.** If the anonymity of a member of the EC is compromised, they shall be removed and replaced immediately.
    - 2.1.4.2.** The identity of all individuals associated with the EC shall be made public no more than two (2) business days after the election results are published.
  - 2.1.5.** If a vacancy is to exist on the EC for any reason, a replacement nominated in the same manner as the vacancy they are replacing should be found immediately.
  - 2.1.6.** No member of the EC shall endorse, actively campaign, or otherwise assist a candidate/candidate pair in any manner not permitted by Title X Section 2.
    - 2.1.6.1** If a member of the EC is found to have violated 2.1.6, they shall be removed and replaced immediately.
  - 2.1.7.** The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall serve as the Executive Director and Chairperson of the EC.
    - 2.1.7.1.** The Executive Director shall only break tie votes on reports to be submitted to

- the SGA Attorney General.
- 2.1.8.** The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall facilitate the training of new members of the EC.
- 2.1.8.1.** Training shall consist of a thorough education of the bylaws pertaining to the election, and how to conduct their duties as members of the EC
- 2.2** IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION – The EC shall follow all rules outlined in Title X Section 5.4.
- 2.3** RESPONSIBILITIES – Responsibilities of the EC shall include:
- 2.3.1.** ACCEPT INTENT TO RUN FILINGS - The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall accept intent to run filings from any student of Oklahoma State University for all SGA positions requiring election.
- 2.3.2.** VALIDATE INTENT TO RUN FILINGS – The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall validate every potential candidate/candidate pairs intent to run filing to ensure the candidate/candidate pairs meet the minimum requirements outlines in Title X of the Student Government Association bylaws and those outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution for all SGA positions requiring election.
- 2.3.3.** NOTIFY CURRENT CORE SGA OFFICERS OF INELIGIBILTY – The EC shall notify any presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pairs of their ineligibility if they file to run and currently hold a core SGA office.
- 2.3.4.** CREATION OF BALLOT – The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall create a ballot composed of the candidate/candidate pairs whose intent to run filings and subsequent documents were validated in accordance with Title X, the ballot should also include any constitutional amendments that have been approved for consideration by the student body. Upon the ballots creation the members of the EC shall be notified.
- 2.3.5.** HEAR REPORTS OF CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS – The EC shall hear reports of campaign violations and misconduct.
- 2.3.5.1.** Upon receiving a potential campaign violation, the Coordinator of SGA Programs shall deliver the violation claim to the rest of the EC within 24 hours.
- 2.3.5.2.** Upon receiving a potential campaign violation from the Coordinator of SGA Programs, the remaining members of the EC shall decide on the validity of the accusation and create a recommendation on action to be sent to the SGA Attorney General within 24 hours.
- 2.3.5.2.1.** The EC may decide internally the manner in which they come to a collective decision regarding recommendation on action for potential campaign violations.
- 2.3.5.2.2.** If the EC cannot come to a collective agreement within 24 hours, the Coordinator of SGA Programs shall have the authority to make a recommendation on action to the SGA Attorney General directly.
- 2.3.5.3.** All reports submitted to the SGA Attorney General shall include any evidence and testimony submitted to the EC related to the given complaint.
- 2.3.5.4.** The Coordinator of SGA Programs may redact any personal information deemed appropriate from reports prior to submission to the EC for the sake of personal privacy or the anonymity of candidate/candidate pairs.
- 2.3.6.** ACCEPT CAMPAIGN BUDGET(S) – The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall accept campaign budgets from every presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair and may request budgets from any senatorial candidate.
- 2.3.6.1.** The EC shall validate each candidate/candidate pair’s campaign budget they have received by 11:59 PM CST on the final Election Day.
- 2.3.6.1.1.** In the event the EC has doubt of the accuracy or legitimacy of a campaign budget, they shall have the authority to withhold election results until the budget in question is deemed valid.

**2.3.6.2.** The EC shall ensure that each candidate/candidate pair's campaign expenditures are less than or equal to the maximum campaign expenditure outlined in Title X Section 4.2. of the Student Government Association bylaws.

**2.3.6.2.1.** IF a candidate/candidate pair is found by the EC to have exceeded the allowed campaign expenditure outlined in Title X Section 4.2. of the Student Government Association bylaws, OR a presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair is found by the EC to have not submitted a valid campaign budget by the deadline outlines in Title X Section 4.2. of the Student Government Association bylaws, THEN that candidate/candidate pair shall be automatically disqualified.

**2.3.6.2.2.** If a presidential/vice presidential candidate pair submits a budget past the deadline provided, the severity of the late submission shall be determined by the EC.

**2.3.6.2.2.1** A Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 infraction will be recommended by the EC based on the severity of the late submission.

**2.3.7. VALIDATE ELECTION RESULTS** – The EC shall validate the election results by determining that no technical issue or fraudulent action affected the election results.

**2.3.7.1.** The EC shall investigate any reports of technological difficulties or fraudulent actions to determine if the technological difficulty or fraudulent action had a meaningful impact on the election results.

**2.3.7.2.** IF the EC finds that a technological difficulty or fraudulent action did meaningfully impact the election results, THEN the EC shall use its discretion to remedy the issue.

**2.3.8. DECLARE ELECTION WINNER(S)** – The student members of the EC will be provided the election results by the Coordinator of SGA Programs and shall review the validated election results, the validated campaign budget(s), and any subsequent required and relevant documentation outlined in Title X to declare an election winner.

**2.3.8.1.** The Student Government Association of Oklahoma State University shall utilize a ranked-choice voting system in a manner that removes the necessity or any run-off elections. This system will only go into place should there be three (3) or more candidates/ candidate pairs on the ballot. Students will have the right to not rank beyond their first choice and still be able to submit a valid ballot.

**2.3.8.2. DECLARATION OF PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WINNERS** – The Presidential/Vice Presidential candidate pair must receive a majority to be declared the winner.

**2.3.8.2.1.** IF a candidate pair has received greater than 50% of the first-choice vote as reported in the validated election results and is not otherwise disqualified, THEN that candidate pair shall be declared the election winner.

**2.3.8.2.2.** IF no candidate pair has received greater than 50% of the first-choice vote as reported in the validated election results, THEN the candidate pair receiving the least number of first-choice votes is to be removed from consideration.

**2.3.8.2.3.** IF a candidate pair receiving the least number of first-choice votes is to be removed from consideration, THEN the second-choice votes of those who voted for the removed candidate pair are to be counted towards the second-choice candidate pair in a recount.

**2.3.8.2.4.** This process is to be repeated until a candidate pair has received greater than 50% of the vote as reported in the validated election results.

**2.3.8.2.5.** The process outlined in Title X Section 2.3.7.2. shall be utilized with the goal of selecting the most popular candidate pair without the use of a run-off

election and shall not be construed in any manner obstructing the selection of the most popular candidate pair.

**2.3.8.3. DECLARATION OF SENATE ELECTION WINNERS** – Senators shall be elected on a plurality basis.

**2.3.8.3.1.** If the number of validated senate candidates from any constituency are less than or equal to the total number of available seats, THEN all candidates shall be declared winners.

**2.3.8.3.2.** If the number of validated senate candidates from any constituency is greater than the number of available seats, THEN the available seats shall be filled with the candidates who have the largest percentage of the popular vote, and those candidates shall be declared winners.

**2.3.8.4. ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** – Constitutional amendments shall be adopted if the proposed amendment receives the majority.

**2.3.9. NOTIFY MEDIA OF ELECTION WINNER(S)** – Upon declaring presidential/vice presidential election winners the SGA Communications staff shall notify the O’Colly and the Stillwater News Press.

**2.4. CONDUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS** – The EC shall conduct official business as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in Title X Section 2.3 of the Student Government Association Bylaws.

**2.4.1.** Official business may be conducted in any means deemed appropriate by the Coordinator of SGA Programs.

**2.4.2.** Any official business conducted must be done by simple majority unless otherwise specified in Title X.

**2.4.3.** The Coordinator of SGA Programs must be notified of any and all official business conducted by the EC.

**2.4.4.** The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all official business conducted by the EC is conducted in compliance with any State or Federal laws that are applicable.

### **SECTION 3. CANDIDACY AND FILINGS:**

**3.1. CANDIDACY** - Any student of Oklahoma State University may run for the offices of President, Vice President, or Senator provided the student meets the minimum requirements outlined in Title X Section 3.2 of the Student Government Association bylaws and the Student Government Association Constitution.

**3.1.1.** The President and Vice President shall be elected together as one (1) ticket.

**3.2. QUALIFICATIONS:**

**3.2.1. SENATOR QUALIFICATIONS** – Any student filing for a senate seat must:

**3.2.1.1.** Be a graduate or full-time undergraduate student of Oklahoma State University.

**3.2.1.2.** Not be on academic probation.

**3.2.1.3.** Have intent to enroll in at least two (2) subsequent semesters unless the student is graduating the following semester.

**3.2.1.4.** Have completed at least one (1) semester as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater by the time of their position beginning.

**3.2.1.5.** Be in good standing with the University and Student Conduct.

**3.2.1.6.** Be a member of the constituency for which the senate seat is sought.

**3.2.2. PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT QUALIFICATIONS** – Any student filing for President or Vice President must:

**3.2.2.1.** Be a graduate or full-time undergraduate student of Oklahoma State University.

**3.2.2.2.** Not be on academic probation.

- 3.2.2.3. Have intent to enroll in at least two (2) subsequent semesters following the semester of filing.
  - 3.2.2.4. Have completed at least one (1) semester as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.
  - 3.2.2.5. Be in good standing with the University and Student Conduct.
  - 3.2.2.6. Not currently hold a core SGA office.
  - 3.2.2.7. Not have held the office of Student Body President previously.
- 3.3. FILING – Any student who files for a Student Government Association office must:
  - 3.3.1. File no later than 11:59 PM CST on the first business day two (2) weeks after the first day of the spring semester for the spring Presidential election and 11:59 PM CST the first business day of March for the spring senatorial election and 11:59 PM CST on the first business day of November for the fall senatorial election.
  - 3.3.2. When filing for a Student Government Association office the submission must contain:
    - 3.3.2.1. Candidate/Candidate pair’s full preferred name(s)
    - 3.3.2.2. Candidate/Candidate pair’s Campus Wide ID number(s)
    - 3.3.2.3. Candidate/Candidate pair’s address(s)
    - 3.3.2.4. Candidate/Candidate pair’s phone number(s)
    - 3.3.2.5. Candidate/Candidate pair’s email(s)
  - 3.3.3. All requirements of Title X Section 3.3.2. must be completed by submitting digital versions of all required documents to the SGA website by the filing deadline.
  - 3.3.4. The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall provide physical copies of all documents relating to filing to the EC in a timely manner if requested.
- 3.4. SIGNATURE GATHERING FORM:
  - 3.4.1. After a presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair files their intent to run, they shall obtain the verifiable signature of five hundred (500) members of the student body to earn placement on the ballot.
  - 3.4.2. The EC shall have the authority to verify any and all signatures submitted to ensure legitimacy.
  - 3.4.3. If a presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair fails to obtain and submit the necessary signatures prior to Ballot Announcement Day, they shall not be placed on the ballot and will be disqualified.
- 3.5. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE/CANDIDATE PAIR INFORMATION SESSION:
  - 3.5.1. No more than one (1) week after the filing deadline the Coordinator of SGA Programs, with advice and consent of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Internal Affairs and the SGA Attorney General, shall host a mandatory informational meeting to present Title X in its entirety with all presidential and vice-presidential candidate/candidate pairs.
  - 3.5.2. The Presidential Candidate/Candidate Pair Information Session and its contents are to be informative in nature and is not to be construed as an opportunity for official or binding bylaw interpretation.

**SECTION 4. CAMPAIGNING:**

- 4.1. VIOLATIONS:
  - 4.1.1. Alleged violations of Title X may be reported by any student of Oklahoma State University to the Elections Commission.
  - 4.1.2. Alleged violations shall be reported through the means of email from an official okstate.edu email address or written documentation delivered to the Coordinator of SGA Programs.
  - 4.1.3. Alleged violations not reported through the means of email from an official okstate.edu email address or written documentation delivered to the Coordinator of SGA Programs shall not be considered valid or actionable.
  - 4.1.4. Alleged violations shall be reported no more than four (4) business days after the alleged violation took place.

- 4.1.5.** Alleged violations reported more than four (4) business days after the alleged violation took place shall not be considered valid or actionable.
- 4.1.5.1.** The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall have the authority to allow alleged violations to be heard past the allotted four (4) business day period at their discretion in particularly egregious or impactful cases.
- 4.1.6.** Upon submission of an alleged violation the EC shall follow the process outlined in Title X Section 2.3.5.
- 4.1.7.** If the SGA Attorney General is to deem an alleged violation as valid and of merit after receiving a recommendation from the EC, the SGA Attorney General shall then inform the accused candidate/candidate pair to cease and desist the activity in violation and provide notice of impending trial.
- 4.1.8.** The SGA Supreme Court shall hear a case if deemed necessary by the SGA Attorney General.
- 4.1.9.** If a case is to be heard, the SGA Supreme Court may implement one of the following penalties as they deem appropriate.
- 4.1.9.1.** Level One (1) – written warning; may be issued in response to the first or minor violations of Title X.
- 4.1.9.2.** Level Two (2) – suspension of further active campaigning and/or distribution of campaign materials; may issue in response to violations of Title X.
- 4.1.9.3.** Level Three (3) – Disqualification; awarded when required by Title X or in response to serious repeated violations of Title X.
- 4.2.** CAMPAIGN BUDGET – Candidates shall set their campaign budget as they deem fit and report the budget and fundraising to the EC.
- 4.2.1.** Each Senate Candidate’s campaign budget shall not exceed \$250.00.
- 4.2.2.** Each presidential/vice presidential campaign budget shall not exceed \$750.00.
- 4.2.3.** A campaign budget shall include an itemized list of all expenditures and funding sources.
- 4.2.4.** A campaign budget shall include any external donations made to the campaign.
- 4.2.5.** All presidential and vice-presidential candidate/candidate pair’s campaign budgets shall be submitted to the EC no later than 11:59 PM CST on the final Election Day.
- 4.2.6.** Senatorial candidates campaign budgets shall be submitted to the EC upon request following 5:30 PM CST on the final Election Day.
- 4.2.7.** All received campaign budgets shall be publicly posted virtually by the Coordinator of SGA Programs immediately following approval and remain publicly accessible for no less than five (5) years.
- 4.3.** CAMPAIGNING RESTRICTIONS:
- 4.3.1.** No candidate/candidate pair or campaign staff member may campaign in open meetings of the Student Government Association, Senate, Core Branch, or Programming Branch, after they have officially filed intent-to-run.
- 4.3.2.** No candidate/candidate pair or campaign staff member may use any Student Government Association resources for campaigning.
- 4.3.3.** No presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair or campaign staff member may actively or inactively campaign before Announcement Day.
- 4.3.4.** No presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair or campaign staff member may seek the endorsement of any individual paid in any manner by the university who is also not enrolled in any classes.
- 4.3.4.1.** Presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pairs or campaign staff members shall not be held liable for endorsements that were not actively sought after by themselves or any member of their campaign staff.
- 4.3.5.** No presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pair shall hold a core SGA office while campaigning for future office of Student Body President or Student Body Vice President.
- 4.4.** CAMPAIGN STAFF:

- 4.4.1. All presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pairs must submit a detailed list of all individuals associated with their campaign including but not limited to all campaign staff.
  - 4.4.2. The list of campaign staff must include the full name, phone number, and Oklahoma State University email address of every individual.
  - 4.4.3. The list of campaign staff shall be submitted to the EC by 5:00 PM CST on the Monday prior to elections or must be submitted twenty-four (24) hours, should they receive a request from the EC.
  - 4.4.4. No member of a campaign staff shall hold a core SGA office, nor be a member of the FRC.
    - 4.4.4.1. Title X Section 4.4.4. shall not be construed to prevent individuals holding a core SGA office from endorsing another candidate/candidate pair.
  - 4.4.5. Failure to comply with any part of Title X Section 4.4. may result in disqualification.
- 4.5. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TIMELINE – Presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pairs shall be held to the campaign timeline outlined in this section.
  - 4.5.1. Presidential intent to run filing shall be closed two (2) weeks after the first day of school in the spring academic semester.
  - 4.5.2. The Presidential Candidate/Candidate Pair Information Session shall take place no later than one (1) week after presidential intent to run filing closes.
  - 4.5.3. Announcement Day shall take place exactly four (4) weeks prior to the moment voting opens.
    - 4.5.3.1. 8:00 AM CST on Announcement Day shall be the first time presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pairs are able to actively and inactively campaign.
  - 4.5.4. Ballot Announcement shall take place exactly two (2) weeks after Announcement Day and exactly two (2) weeks prior to Election Day.
    - 4.5.4.1. At Ballot Announcement the Coordinator of SGA Programs shall publicly announce the candidate/candidate pairs that obtained the necessary signatures and will subsequently be placed on the ballot.
  - 4.5.5. The Presidential Debate shall take place after Ballot Announcement and before Election Day.
    - 4.5.5.1. The Presidential Debate shall only include presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pairs that have obtained the necessary signatures and will subsequently be placed on the ballot.
  - 4.5.6. Any Title X violation allegation submitted more than two (2) days after voting closes shall be considered invalid and not actionable.

## **SECTION 5. ELECTIONS:**

- 5.1. VOTER ELIGIBILITY – Every enrolled OSU Stillwater student is registered under the provisions of this act as an elector of the living group and college in which s/he is entitled to vote, and their O-KEY credentials will be the certification of registration.
  - 5.1.1. Students directly associated with the Greek system who live out of house, including new members, shall ensure that their names be on the rolls of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, or National Pan-Hellenic Council for the purposes of apportionment and intent to vote as a member of the Greek community.
- 5.2. FALL ELECTION – The fall election shall be held on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of November.
  - 5.2.1. Senator representing academics units shall be elected during the fall election.
- 5.3. SPRING ELECTION – The spring election shall be held on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of March.
  - 5.3.1. If the second Tuesday and Wednesday of the month of March fall during spring break, the election will be held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the month.
  - 5.3.2. Senators representing living groups shall be elected during the spring election.
  - 5.3.3. The President and Vice President shall be elected during the spring election.



- 5.4.** SPECIAL ELECTIONS – A special election may be held at any time if deemed necessary by the Student Government Association President with the approval of the SGA Senate.
- 5.5.** ELECTION WEBSITE – All Student Government elections shall be administered via website provided by the Department of Leadership and Campus Life.
- 5.5.1.** Presidential/vice presidential candidate/candidate pairs may submit to the EC prior to election day a digital image and a narrative not to exceed 200 words that will be placed on the election website for public access.
- 5.5.1.1.** Digital images and narratives shall be approved by the Coordinator of SGA Programs prior to publication.
- 5.5.2.** The election shall be opened by a Student Government Association employee or Department of Leadership and Campus Life employee at 8:00 AM CST on the first day of voting.
- 5.5.3.** The election shall be closed by a Student Government Association employee or Department of Leadership and Campus Life employee at 5:00 PM CST on the final day of voting.
- 5.5.4.** The Coordinator of SGA Programs shall ensure the ranked-choice voting system being utilized for the presidential/vice presidential election is accurately and thoroughly outlined to the public on the election website.
- 5.6.** ELECTION RESULTS – The results of any given election to the elected positions within SGA, shall be posted on the official social media accounts and presented, in the form of a press release, on the official SGA website.
- 5.6.1.** Election results, as put forth in Title X Section 5.6. shall be described as numerical representation of the amount of votes cast in favor of any given candidate/candidate pair, given in percentage of total votes cast and gross number of votes given to each candidate/candidate pair.
- 5.6.2.** All SGA election results shall remain publicly accessible for no less than five (5) years following publication.
- 5.6.3.** Any election administrator, including but not limited to the EC, shall not disclose election results or data to anyone not associated with the EC prior to the election results' validation.

**SECTION 6. POLLING STATIONS:**

- 6.1.** ESTABLISHING POLLING STATIONS- The Student Government Association may have designated tables on campus for students to vote in SGA elections.
- 6.1.1.** The SGA Senate University Chair, or in their absence, the University Committee Vice Chair, or the senior most member of the University Committee will be responsible for set up and maintenance of all SGA polling stations.
- 6.1.2.** The University Committee Chair, University Committee Vice Chair, and/or senior most member of the committee shall be responsible for designating SGA officers to designated polling stations for their designated shifts if deemed necessary.
- 6.1.3.** No language in the above sections shall be construed to limit or deny any student the ability to vote in an election through the SGA sponsored online voting platform.
- 6.2.** POLLING STATION ADMINISTRATORS – Student Government Association Officers shall be responsible for managing polling stations during designated polling times.
- 6.2.1.** The following shall be prohibited from working at any designated SGA polling stations: SGA Judicial officers & interns, candidates and their campaign staff.
- 6.2.2.** The SGA University Committee Chair in Conjunction with the SGA Senate Speaker and Vice Speaker may set attendance requirements for all executive officers managing said polling stations.
- 6.2.3.** The Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, and SGA Senate Speaker may set attendance requirements for all executive officers managing said polling stations.
- 6.3.** POLLING STATION TABLE REQUIREMENTS AND SET UP:
- 6.3.1.** There shall be no less than two (2) SGA officers working any given polling station at any given time.

**6.3.2.** SGA shall be encouraged to provide a minimum of one (1) portable electronic device including but not limited to laptops and tablets set to the SGA sponsored online voting platform for the purposes of voting at any given polling station at any given time.

**6.3.3.** SGA shall also provide Quick Response (QR) Codes to access the election on personal mobile devices at any given polling station at any given time.