

SGA Election Rules

1. Candidates' Meeting

The official candidates' meeting for Executive Officers will be TBA, during dead hour in the SGA office. The official candidates' meeting for Senators will be TBA, during dead hour in the SGA office. Candidates must be present or have a representative present during the candidates' meeting.

2. Active Campaigning

- A. Active campaigning shall begin after the official meeting of candidates with the Elections commission.
- B. Active campaigning includes the distribution of campaigning material (handouts, posters, letters, cards, etc.), posting of campaign material on campus, advertisement in campus news and/or radio, and scheduled public speeches and appearances.
- C. A candidate may post campaign material in the University Center only on the ground floor and in other campus buildings provided University policies are followed.
- D. All campaign material is to be removed within 24 hours of completion of the election.
- E. Masking tape shall NOT be used to adhere any material to ANY surface on Campus.
- F. Campaign material shall be at least 25 feet from the polls; this includes the SGA office and all campus computer labs, as online voting will be taking place.
- G. Online campaigning via Facebook, Myspace, etc. is considered active Campaigning and is strictly prohibited before campaigning officially begins.

3. Approval of Campaign Material

- A. All material must be approved by the department head(s) of the particular building in which the candidate wishes to place any campaign material.
- B. Materials used in the University Center must be approved by the Information Desk on the 1st floor of the University Center.
 1. Banners may be 2 feet tall by 5 feet wide and must contain all pertinent information. (LIMIT 1)
 2. Only one (1) 8 1/2" X 11" flyer is allowed per bulletin board on the ground floor of the University Center.
- C. Sidewalk art must be approved by the University Center Information Desk before it is done.
 1. Sidewalk art is only permitted on campus between the University Center and Derryberry Hall.
 2. It can be of any size as long as it is one the horizontal concrete of the ground.
- D. NO signs, posters, or any other materials may be place on ANY painted surface, wall, door, or window.

4. Residence Halls

- A. All information to be posted in the residential halls must be approved by the office of Residential Life. No posting may be greater than 8 1/2" X

- 11” with only one (1) per bulletin board.
- B. ONLY candidates running for executive office are allowed one mass door-to-door campaign in the Residential Halls
 - 1. The candidates must notify the Residential Life Office 48 hours prior to entering the residence halls for the purpose of distributing literature. Candidates will indicate which residence halls will be entered and what time period will be involved.
 - 2. The door-to-door distribution may not take place during Residence Hall quiet hours.
 - C. Men campaigning in the women Residence Halls and women campaigning in the men Residence Halls may only participate in the lobby when Residence Hall Visitation is in progress. The candidates must register in the lobby at the Residence Hall Visitation Desk and be escorted by a member of the opposite sex.
 - D. Signs posted in Resident Halls must be removed by the candidates within 24 hours of the election

5. Miscellaneous

- A. No flyers may be put on cars
- B. Mass mailings of any kind are not allowed.
- C. Mailbox decorations will be permitted only by the permission of the box holder.
- D. No table tents advertising for a candidate will be allowed in the cafeteria or grill.
- E. Candidates MUST have at least a 2.5 GPA to run for any office in SGA.
- F. On Election Day, candidates may be on the ground floor of the University Center, or outside the North or South entrances to the University Center. The candidate is ONLY allowed on the 1st floor for the few moments you need to vote. There will be no campaigning outside of Dixie Avenue entrance to the University Center.
- G. The candidate may be present or have one (1) representative present during the counting of the votes on Election Day. Polls will close at 5:00 p.m. and counting will begin immediately following. The Student Government Association will post all election results outside the SGA Office as soon as results are calculated, and also will be advertised in the Oracle and any other source deemed necessary.
- H. Elections will be held online, voters may vote from any computer by going to the voting website. Computers will be set up in the SGA office for easier access for voting.
- I. The Disciplinary Actions of the Elections Commission for any violations of the election rules will be as follows:

6. Campaign Violations

- A. First Violation – oral and written warning.
- B. Second Violation – all banners and posted signs for the candidate will be removed from every building on campus.
- C. Third Violation – disqualification and/or University Disciplinary Action.
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