

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nominees for Student Government Association and Senior Class Committee Positions
FROM: Elections Committee, Student Government Association
SUBJECT: **ELECTION GUIDELINES**

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Requirements:

1. **Senators**: Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater and be enrolled in at least nine (9) credits for the duration of their term.
2. **Executive Board**: Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or greater and be enrolled in at least nine (9) credits for the duration of their term;
3. **Treasurer & Secretary**: Must have served in SGA for at least one (1) full semester.
4. **Chief Officer of Budget & Management**: Must have served at least two (2) full semesters on the Budget & Management Committee.
5. **President & Vice-President**: Must have served in SGA for at least two (2) full semesters.
6. **Senior Class Committee**: Executive Board members must be seniors the following semester; Members at large may be juniors or seniors the following semester.

Campaign Conduct:

1. All candidates must follow the guidelines the Student Government Association as well as the Eastern Connecticut State University Student Code of Conduct.
2. All campaigning must take place between the allotted dates.
3. You may only use up to \$50 dollars for your campaigning budget. You must keep the receipts for all items purchased so they can be rendered if requested. You will not be reimbursed.
4. All posters and promotional material must only be posted on authorized bulleting boards around campus with appropriate authorization (i.e. student center stamp).
5. All campaign literature must be in good taste and may not be derogatory towards any other candidate.
6. Candidates may not remove or deface another's promotional material/information.
7. Candidates may use social media but are warned to use these mediums wisely while following all guidelines.
8. No campaigning is allowed at SGA meetings or functions.
9. Candidates cannot use easels.
10. Chalking is not permitted anywhere on campus.
11. Campaigning is not permitted in the presence of drugs or alcohol.
12. All campaign materials must be removed within 24 hours after the ballot closes.
13. Candidates must adhere to the COVID guidelines when campaigning on ground. (i.e. Wearing mask, six foot social distancing).

14. All campaign materials, including those used on social media, must be approved by SGA advisors (deangelisc@easternct.edu and sumrellj@easternct.edu)
15. Candidates should only use personal social media accounts to campaign. Candidates are prohibited from using club, team, or organization social media accounts for endorsements of any kind including, but not limited to reposts on stories, post about candidate on club/org/team feed.

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Winner:

1. The winner for each position will be determined by majority vote.
2. In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be held within 14 days of the announcement of a tie. The election will be held in a public place (TBD by the Elections Committee).
3. If, after seventy-two (72) hours of the winners being determined and notified, if no irregularities have been reported to the Elections Committee, the election is valid.

Violations:

1. Any violation reports will be investigated by a member of the SGA Election Committee and/or ECSU.
2. Any complaints of violations must be submitted within seventy-two (72) hours of the announcement of results.
3. The following actions may be imposed for violations:
 - a. Disqualification;
 - b. Official Reprimand;
 - c. Dismissal of Complaint;

Recommendation for University Disciplinary action .

