

SGA ELECTION GUIDELINES

Important Dates

1. Monday, March 15th at 3 p.m. in the Student Center 115, there will be an informational meeting for all those who wish to run for any position. The meeting is not mandatory but all interested candidates are encouraged to attend.
2. April 2, 2010- the electronic application is due to the sgaelection@stu.easternct.edu email account. It must be sent in a word attachment by 5:00 p.m.
3. April 5, 2010- nominations will take place at the SGA meeting at 3:00 p.m. in Student Center 107.
4. April 5- April 14- Campaigning will take place. (Only those nominated may begin to campaign.)
5. April 11- April 14- Online elections will take place. The Polls will open at 12:00 p.m. on April 11 and will close at 12:00 p.m. on April 14.
6. Winners will be announced in the Campus Lantern on April 15. The results of the election will be emailed to the candidates at 12 p.m. on April 15th.
7. The new e-board and senate will take the Oath of Office on April 30th at the SGA End of the Year Banquet.

Guidelines for Application

- 1) Application can be found on the Student Government Association webpage and Student Activities Blog.
- 2) Application must be filled completely out including a tasteful picture (ie. No offensive gestures and no alcoholic beverages).
- 3) It must be submitted electronically to the sgaelection@stu.easternct.edu account by April 2 no later than 5:00 p.m.

Requirements:

1. Senators: Must have a GPA of 2.0 or greater and complete the application submitted by the due date.
2. Executive Board (E-Board) with the exception of President: Must complete the application submitted by the due date and meet one of two requirements: 1) served in SGA for one full semester and have left in good standing, (meaning that you have not gotten impeached) or 2) Served one full semester as President or Vice President of an on campus student organization that has been around for at least 2 years, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and have 60 completed credits by the time of elections.
3. In order to run for President, you must have been a senator for 1 full semester and have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
4. Board of Trustee: Must be a full time student who has completed at least one semester in residence at a Connecticut State University Institution and have at least 45 credits towards a bachelor's degree. Must be in good standing, either as full time, undergraduate, or full time or

part time graduate student for the full two year terms, and you also must have a GPA of 2.67 or better at the time of election.

5. Senior Class Committee: President, VP, Secretary, Treasure, Senior-at- Large (2 positions) – anyone interesting in running must be a Senior in Fall 2010, a full time student and have a cumulative GPA of no less than 2.0 There are also 3 Junior-at-Large positions. Students interested in running must be a Junior in Fall 2010, a full time student and have a cumulative GPA of no less than 2.0

Campaign Conduct:

1. 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.
2. All candidates must follow the guidelines of Eastern Connecticut State University and SGA.
3. All campaigning must take place between the allotted dates.
4. All posters and promotional material must only be posted on authorized bulletin boards around campus.
5. All campaign materials must be removed within 24 hours of the close of elections.
6. Campaigning is not permitted in the presence of drugs or alcohol.
7. All campaign literature must be in good taste and may not be derogatory towards any other candidate.
8. No campaigning is allowed in a SGA meeting or at an SGA function.

Winner

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

Violations:

1. Any violation reports will be investigated by the SGA Election Committee, and/or Eastern Connecticut State University.
2. Any complaints of violations must be submitted within 72 hours of the election.
3. The following actions may be imposed for violations:
 - Disqualification
 - Official Reprimand
 - Dismissal of complaint
 - Recommendation for University disciplinary action