Spring 2017 SGA Election Code Meeting
The University of North Texas - Student Government Association
Election Commissioner - John Carr

Interpret the Election Code
Fairness, Equitability, and Efficiency

Office Hours
Monday: 9 - 10am
Tuesday: 2 - 3pm
Wednesday: 1 - 2pm
Thursday: 2 - 3pm
Friday: 4 - 5pm

Candidates and Referenda parties may contact me via UNT e-mail for the purpose of consultation pertaining to the election (will respond within one business day)

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2016-17 Election Board

C.J. Schufford, Junior, Resident Assistant
Sofia Echeagaray, Freshman, KRHA President
Andrea Allen, Senior, Director of NTE
David Klein, Senior, Moot Court
Danielle Sullivan, Junior, Moot Court
Jenna Dibble, Senior, ΦΑΔ President

Shall have the power to rule on matters pertaining to Elections, including but not limited to: interpretations and violations of the Election Code, questions of candidate eligibility, candidate and Referendum Party complaints and concerns, questions of referendum eligibility, filing dates and deadlines, and the certification of any election results.
Rules on Candidacy

As per UNT Policy 18.4.2, in order to be eligible to serve, a student must:

- During Fall and Spring semesters, be currently enrolled at UNT and pay student service fees for a minimum of six semester credit hours as an undergraduate student
- Maintain a minimum UNT cumulative GPA of 2.5 during the student’s term in office
- Be in good disciplinary standing, as defined by the Code of Student Conduct

*If a person believes that they have extenuating circumstances that have contributed to ineligibility, they may submit an appeal to Student Activities*
Rules on Candidacy (cont’d)

Any candidate may withdraw from the ballot any time prior to 5 p.m. on the business day before the election (Friday, March 24th) by submitting written notification to the Election Commissioner (John.Carr@unt.edu)
Election Calendar

Important Dates

Fri., March 3rd
  Election Code Meeting #1 @ 5PM (Union 381)
Mon., March 6th
  Referenda submissions due @ 5PM
  Election Code Meeting #2 @ 5PM (Union 381)
Thurs., March 9th
  Candidacy applications due @ 5PM
  Election Code Meeting #3 @ 5PM (Union 385)
Sat., March 11th – Sun., March 19th
  --SPRING BREAK--
Mon., March 20th
  Campaign Week begins @ 8AM
Tues., March 21st
  Town Hall @ 7PM (Union Senate Chambers)
Thurs., March 23rd
  Vice Presidential Debate
  Presidential Debate @ 5PM (BLB 170)
Mon., March 27th
  General Election Voting opens @ 8AM
Thur., March 30th
  General Election Voting closes @ 5PM
Fri., March 31st
  Final (General) Election Report due @ 5PM
Election Calendar (cont’d.)

Important Dates

**Sun., April 2\textsuperscript{nd}**
Run-off campaigning begins @ MIDNIGHT

**Tue., April 4\textsuperscript{th}**
Run-off Voting opens @ 8AM

**Thurs., April 6\textsuperscript{th}**
Run-off Voting closes @ 5PM

**Fri., April 7\textsuperscript{th}**
Final (Run-off) Election Report due @ 5PM
Campaigning
General Election Campaign Rules

Candidates and Referendum Parties are responsible to ensure that every individual campaigning on behalf or volunteering for the candidate/referendum party is aware of campaigning regulations and guidelines.

C/RP may only begin publicizing their campaigns after the Election Code meetings have been held and on the date set forth on the Election Calendar (8AM on Mon., March 20th).

Shall abide by all University policy (policy.unt.edu) (No chalking on sidewalks, no posting on lamp poles, etc.)

Shall not damage any University property
General Election Campaign Rules

Shall not **unduly** disrupt the normal activities on the University

No University, State, or public funds may be used by C/RP. This includes the utilization of employee work time; no C/RP may solicit campaign assistance from an employee during the employee’s work hours.

All signs and posters must be placed in accordance with University policy and may not exceed 18 x 24 inches.
General Election Campaign Rules

No more than 20 ground signs may be placed on campus, but other promotional items are not limited in quantity.

Each C/RP shall be responsible for the removal of their campaign materials from public areas and buildings by Monday following the final election report (April 3rd).

You shall assume responsibility for accuracy and truthfulness of campaign materials.
General Election Campaign Rules

**NO Ticket “block” Option**

Work with knowledge, not numbers

It causes the campaign to become less about the individual and the issues they’re trying to cover and more about their social clout and popularity. Senator positions, specifically, are not a team format and should be judged upon innovative ideas and critical thinking.

Takes away some of the unnecessary tension between candidates before it occurs.

Unfair advantage for returning candidate
Presidential vs Senatorial Campaigns

P/VP candidate teams may spend up to $1000 dollars on their campaign
An additional $300 dollars may be spent in the event of a run-off election
A typed expense report must be filed with the Election Board at the close of polling. These reports include itemized receipts of all purchases made pertaining to the candidate team’s campaign.

Senatorial Candidates may spend up to $300 dollars on their campaign
An additional $100 dollars may be spent in the event of a run-off election
Official Restricted Campaigning Zones

No campaigning within fifty (50) feet of:
ALL campus libraries
ALL computer labs
Union 4th Floor

No campaigning inside of:
SGA Office
Campus Housing

*Campaigning inside of residence halls can only be granted with the expressed written consent by the Director of Housing & Residence Life, Gina Vanacore. (Gina.Vanacore@unt.edu)
Rules on Oversight

Any C/RP in an SGA election wishing for clarification may request a ruling on any part of the Election Code by submitting a request in writing to the Election Commissioner -- (John.Carr@unt.edu)

The EC shall honor all requests within one business day and post rulings on the SGA web page and distribute them to all candidates by e-mail

The EC’s ruling shall be considered binding until overturned by the SGA Supreme Court
Failure to comply with the regulations of the Election Code may result in punitive action being taken by the Election Board. Any alleged Election Code violation is subject to a hearing by the Election Board. Furthermore, if the Election Code violation is also a University policy violation, this may result in disciplinary action taken by the DoS office. All complaints regarding violations of election regulations shall be submitted in writing to the Election Board (John.Carr@unt.edu) within 24 hours of the close of polling (by 5PM Wed., March 29th). Complaints shall include details of the presumed violation, such as date, time, and name(s) of involved individuals.
University Union & Tabling

Tabling rules and Expectations
Organizations desiring to have only a table outside should submit an Application for Solicitation to Event Planning and Scheduling Services (Union 418).