



# **Southeastern Oklahoma State University Student Government Association Rules**

## **Article I NOMINATIONS FOR STUDENT SENATE**

### **SECTION 1-1**

Persons wishing to run for Student Senate or SGA Executive positions must register with the SGA Elections Chair. The Elections chair shall provide a registration form containing election rules, information, and candidate information. This form shall be made available in the Office for Student Life, the Office for Student Affairs, the Student Senate Office, the SGA Webpage, or by SGA Email.

### **SECTION 1-2**

The registration packet must be submitted to any of these locations prior to the Candidates' Meeting. Upon approval from the Office for Student Affairs regarding Articles II and IV of the SGA Constitution, the person's name shall be placed on the ballot.

### **SECTION 1-3**

It is also the responsibility of the candidate to report any change of enrollment after filing for candidacy. Failure to do so will result in the candidate's disqualification.

## **ARTICLE II ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION 2-1**

There shall be three regularly scheduled elections. Elections for SGA Executive positions and Student Senators will be held during April of the spring semester, four (4) weeks prior to finals week. The election held for the remaining open Student Senate seats will be held during the fourth (4) academic week of the fall and spring semesters. Student Senate will pass an act providing for such an election no later than the second (2) academic week of both the fall and spring semesters. Student Senate will also allow one week between the time in which election packets are turned in and the elections for the Elections Chair to post the elections in a timely manner.

### **SECTION 2-2**

There shall be 25 Student Senators, in addition to the three elected SGA Executive positions.

### **SECTION 2-3**

No campaigning for SGA positions, such as hanging posters or distributing other campaign materials will be permitted until one week prior to the election, and following the scheduled candidates meeting.

### **SECTION 2-4**

Any candidate who displays poor campaign practice by destroying an opponent's material, in any way intentionally interferes with an opponent's campaign, or participates in any campaigning practices that violate the rules and regulations specified by the elections chair for that election will be disqualified from the election. Poor campaign practices include:

1. The tearing down, defacing, or any other destruction of an opponent's posters, leaflets, stickers, banners, etc.
2. The printing of false and abased literature aimed at degrading his or her opponent.
3. The slandering or libel of an opponent.
4. Charges of poor campaign conduct, whether specified in the By-laws or not, will be brought before the Supreme Court.

### **SECTION 2-5**

If the Supreme Court, by a majority vote, finds the candidate guilty of any of the above or similar offenses, the candidate will be disqualified from the election in question and subsequent elections for one year following the offense and judgment.

### **SECTION 2-6**

In all elections a spending cap shall be enforced in the amount of \$140. The value of non-monetary donations shall be determined by the SGA advisor(s) and be considered "election spending." The Elections Chair shall request receipts of campaign related purchases upon any allegation of over expenditure.

**SECTION 2-7**

All election spending shall be tallied separately by candidate with each item, event, or cost of support being tallied separately. Nothing in these rules shall be construed as to allow the collapsing or combining of individual candidate budgets, materials, or events.

## **ARTICLE III HOUSE RULES**

### **SECTION 3-1**

The Student Senate in the course of business, duties, responsibilities, and procedures shall abide by the House Rules.

### **SECTION 3-2**

The Secretary of the Senate or another individual identified for this task by the chair shall read the title and content of all legislation.

### **SECTION 3-3**

The minutes are to be taken at meetings of the Senate and distributed within one (1) week. The minutes of the Senate meeting shall contain:

1. Attendance List
2. Committee Reports
3. Summary of Business and Informal Discussions
4. Copies of all Legislation
5. Announcements

### **SECTION 3-4**

The minutes shall be distributed to all Student Senators and to all others deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Student Senate.

### **SECTION 3-5**

In order to assure attendance when Quorum is not present the members in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting may issue a "Call of the Senate" by a simple majority vote of the members present, this motion will take precedent before any motion except that of adjournment. After a "Call of the Senate" has been ordered, no motion is in order, even by unanimous consent unless directly related to the call. In the event that a "Call of the Senate" is made, the Chair will recess for the amount of time needed to attempt to make contact with any members not present. If the absent membership fails to appear, in order to fill quorum before the body is forced to adjourn, the penalty for absence from a regular meeting will count as double.

### **SECTION 3-6**

Questions of procedure shall be addressed in the following order:

1. Constitution
2. By-laws
3. House Rules
4. Robert's Rules of Order