General Interest Meeting

Election Commission 2019
Welcome!

Election Commission
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Send feedback and questions to VoteSGA@utk.edu!
Outline

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What are SGA Elections?

Process to elect the Student Body President, Vice-President, Student Services Director, and the Student Senate.

Opportunity to participate in direct-democracy through referendum.

Forum for the discussion of student issues and facilitation of the expression of student opinion.
Election Timeline and Website

The Timeline as well as other information is posted to SGA Website.

https://sga.utk.edu/elections/
General Rules (not comprehensive)

- No trademarked or copyrighted design or logo.
- Campaign materials may not be placed in classrooms.
- No usage of listservs or group messages.
- SGA Neutral Space
- No door-to-door solicitation or campaigning.
- No donations from businesses or outside organizations.
- Speaking engagements may not be held during class meetings.
- Residence Hall areas are available for events at the discretion of the Hall Director.
- No campaigning is permitted in any computer lab.
- No negative campaigning.
Election Procedures

Referenda - 250 Signatures, Meet with Dean of Students and Commission.

Violation Reporting - Judicial Hearing Request Form.

Voting - Electronic voting will be used, access through SGA Website.

Results and Certification of the Election - Certification in DOS office at 5pm, April 17th. One (1) representative from each campaign may be present for tabulation.

Election Runoffs - In the event of a tie for any position, a runoff will be held on Thursday, April 18th.

Special Elections - In the event of an election discrepancy, a Special Election for affected candidates shall be held by Friday, April 26th, 2019.
Candidates, Parties, and Appendices

**Party** - at least ten (10) students with at least two (2) executive candidates and one (1) faculty advisor. Spending limit = $3,000.

**Executive Committee** - member of a Party with control, in part or in full, over the financial and ideological directions and decisions.

**Independent Candidate** - A single person (1) seeking to run without affiliation to a Party. Spending limit = $1,000 (Exec.), $100 (Senate).

**General Campaign Member** - a member of a campaign who is affiliated with and has an influence of the campaign direction.

**Appendix Submission** - Appendices may be submitted online through votesga@utk.edu or dropped off in the SGA Suite in SU 174.
Appendices

A. President, Vice President, Student Services Director, and Student Senate Qualifying Statement
B. Executive Committee Members Qualifying Statement
C. General Campaign Member Qualifying Statement
D. President, Vice President, Student Services Director, and Student Senate Petition
E. Election Petition Form
F. Statement of Financial Agreement
G. Statement of Transactions
H. Statement of Deposits
I. Statement of Non-Monetary Donations
J. Non-Monetary Donation Form
K. Referendum Proposal and Petition
L. Clean-Up Bond Agreement
M. Candidate Withdrawal Form
Violations and Sanctions

The Judicial Branch will hear the case and rule by majority. If a violation has occurred, sanctions may be issued by the Judicial Branch which may include, but is not limited to:

1. Restricting when, where, and how campaigning can occur
2. Proportional Vote Deductions
3. Disqualification
First-Year Council Meet and Greet

Join us for a Meet and Greet with First-Year Council Feb 14th, 6pm, SU 169.

One (1) representative from each Party and any independent candidates are welcome to speak.

Please send one (1) slide with names and contact information for follow-ups outside of FYC.
First-Year Council Meet and Greet Format

Each candidate will have time to introduce themselves and respond to questions asked by the moderator.

1. Ground Rules (5 minutes)
2. Personal Introduction (2-3 minutes/each)
3. Moderator Questions (30 minutes)
4. FYC Questions (5-10 minutes)
Good Luck!