



Mandatory Candidates Meeting

Election Commission 2019

Welcome!

This meeting is required for President, Vice-President, Student Services Director, Independent Candidates, and Executive Committee Members.

Senators running with a Party are not required, but encouraged to attend.

Purpose of this Meeting

Review the rules and requirements.

Provide an opportunity for candidates to ask questions.

Exchange information and meet other candidates.

Presentation Outline

1. Candidate Requirements
2. Party Requirements
3. Referenda Requirements
4. Signatures Collection
5. Speaking Engagements
6. Appendices Submission
7. Negative Campaigning
8. Judicial Procedures
9. Submit Names and Contact Information

Candidate Requirements

P, VP, SSD

250 signatures - enroll for 2 consecutive semesters - must submit Appendices A, B, D, E, F, and L.

Senate

50 or 25 signatures - and must submit Appendices A, B or C, D, E, and F.

D. Student Academic Senators (32 seats)

Academic Constituency	Number of Senators Elected
Architecture & Design	1
Arts & Sciences	10
Communication & Information	2
Education, Health & Human Sciences	3
Haslam College of Business	7
Herbert College of Agriculture	2
Nursing	1
Social Work	1
Tickle College of Engineering	5
Total	32

E. Student Residential Senators (20 seats)

Residential Constituency	Number of Senators Elected
West Area	2
Central Area	2
East Area	2
Off-Campus	12
Fraternity Park	1
Sorority Village	1
Total	20

Party Requirements

Any group of at least ten (10) students with at least two (2) executive candidates and one (1) full-time faculty or staff member.

All Parties must have a student sponsor, typically President or Campaign Manager, as well as a Treasurer.

Referenda Requirements

Any student or registered student organization may petition that a referendum is placed on the ballot.

250 signatures - sponsors must schedule a meeting with the DOS and the Election Commissioner - must receive a majority of the votes cast.

Successful referendum is the responsibility of next admin.

Signature Collection

Candidates must **only** collect signatures for themselves.

Highly advised to collect **more** signatures than needed.

Passing the form around during class or student organization/chapter meetings is **prohibited**.

Speaking Engagements

Speaking Engagements may begin after submitting your Qualifying statements.

Signatures may not be collected during Speaking Engagements.

Appendices Submission

You may submit your Appendices through the following:

1. Student Union 174, SGA Office
2. Online: VoteSGA@utk.edu

Negative Campaigning

Including, but not limited to the following:

- Impersonation
- Harassment
- Removal of campaign materials
- Verbal or physical abuse
- Spamming

Judicial Procedures

- 1. Plaintiffs should hear back ASAP**
 - a. Most likely from Chief Justice, Erica Davis, spz839@vols.utk.edu
 - b. Usually within 24 hours
- 2. Hearings will be scheduled within 48 hours**
 - a. Expect email communication prior to the hearing
 - b. If the Court feels that a violation has occurred and that the case is warranted a hearing is pretty much guaranteed to happen
 - c. Minimum 12 hours notice
- 3. Complaints may be dismissed**
 - a. Failure to provide adequate evidence, or the Court finds that the complaint itself is unwarranted or unreasonable

Information for SGA Website

Parties and Independent candidates may submit a **campaign mission statement and a list of members** to votesga@utk.edu

The information will be posted on the Student Government Association website.

A campaign mission statement and list of members are not mandatory, but encouraged for voter education.

Next Steps

ASAP - Start collecting signatures and filling out Appendices, holding Speaking Engagements

March 6th - Deadline for Signatures and some other Appendices

March 25th - Campaign media goes live

March 28th - Candidate Debate in Howard Baker Center Toyota Auditorium

April 12th-15th - Election Week! “Vols Vote! Your Voice. Your Choice.”

THANK YOU!

Before you leave...

Please send a list of names, phone numbers, email addresses, and positions of your Executive Committee Members to

Votesga@utk.edu