

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION  
CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY  
NORMAN ADRIAN WIGGINS SCHOOL OF LAW  
ELECTION BYLAWS**

Amended: November 8, 2020

Effective: February 13, 2012

Preamble

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, of the SBA Constitution, the Council hereby approves the following Election Bylaws.

Article I. Election Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Election Committee to oversee all elections. The Election Committee shall consist of no more than six (6) members and no less than four members.

Article II. Duties

Section 1. The Election Committee shall:

- A. Operate the polls on election day;
- B. Publish and post proposed ballots with a list of all nominated candidates at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to an election;
- C. Set up the polling place for election day;
- D. Count the ballots on election day;
- E. Publish and post-election results pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(C) of the SBA Constitution; and
- F. Appoint members of the SBA to assist in operating the polls, as necessary.

Article III. Nominations

Section 1. Elected positions: During each spring semester there shall be two (2) elections. The first election will be held for the following executive positions:

- A. SBA President;
- B. SBA Vice President;
- C. SBA Secretary;
- D. SBA Treasurer;
- E. Chief Justice of the Honor Court; and
- F. Attorney General.

Section 2. Following the first election, the second election will be held for the following offices:

- A. Six (6) rising third-year SBA Representatives;
- B. Six (6) rising second-year SBA Representatives;
- C. Three (3) rising third-year Honor Court Justices; and
- D. Three (3) rising second-year Honor Court Justices.

Section 3. Nominations shall be made in writing by completing the Candidate Nomination Form (see attached Exhibit A). Both the nominated candidate and the nominating party must

sign the Nomination Form. The nominating party may be any student, other than the candidate, who is eligible to vote for that position. Deadline for nominations shall be set by Election Committee in compliance with the SBA Constitution. Any nomination made for a candidate who does not meet the eligibility requirements of the SBA Constitution shall be void.

- Section 4. Nomination Restrictions: A student may not serve in two elected positions within the SBA during the same term. If a candidate is nominated for two positions in the same election, he or she may choose which position will appear on the ballot. If an elected person is nominated for a second elected office, the later nomination shall be void.
- Section 5. Notice: Notice of the opening of nominations shall be posted, either electronically or in writing, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the opening of such nominations. The manner of notice shall be within the discretion of the Chairperson.
- Section 6. Withdrawal: Nominated candidates desiring to withdraw from candidacy must notify, either electronically or in writing, the Chairperson of the Election Committee within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of nominations.
- Section 7. Proposed ballot: A list of nominated candidates shall be made available to all members of the SBA no less than forty-eight (48) hours before election day and remain available until after the close of the election polls.
- Section 8. Bylaw Revisions: The SBA or the Elections Committee shall not be revise or amend the Elections Bylaws from the date of notice of the opening of nominations, as provided in Article III, Section 5, until after the election results have been finalized and announced. In the event that a revision is needed after notice is provided, but before election results are finalized, such revision shall not take effect until the subsequent election cycle.

#### Article IV. Campaign Rules

- Section 1. Campaign Material Restrictions: All campaign materials of whatever kind promulgated by any candidate, person(s), or organization(s) advocating for or against the election of any candidate must be in accordance with the provisions of this Article. All campaign materials must conform to the rules and regulations of Campbell University School of Law.
- Section 2. No campaign materials may be affixed to the walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, or other structural components of the law school building. Blackboards, chalkboards, dry-erase boards, projections screens, and all other similar boards in classrooms shall not be used as a means to display campaign materials or messages. However, students may post campaign materials on student bulletin boards and screens outside of the classrooms.
- Section 3. Campaign Mailings: Each nominated candidate may submit a statement of 500 words or less describing the candidate's goals, experience, campaign philosophy, or other information relevant to the candidate or campaign. The SBA Election Committee shall compile the nominated candidate statements and email the nominated candidate statements to the student body before the polls open. If a nominated candidate submits a statement as described above, such statement is not considered an "unsolicited electronic communication" as described in Article IV, Section 6.

- Section 4. Spending Limitations: All campaign efforts on behalf of any one candidate (without regard to whether the effort is in support of that candidate or against another) must not exceed a total expense of \$100.00 (USD). For purposes of determining the amount expended, the greater of the actual value spent or the fair market value of the campaign materials shall be used.
- Section 5. Other Campaign Materials: No particular campaign materials are excluded by these rules so long as they do not exceed the above limitations.
- Section 6. Electronic Forms of Communication: An unsolicited electronic communication is any communication not requested or invited. There can be no more than two (2) unsolicited electronic communications sent to students or posted in groups. This section does not prohibit a candidate from creating a personal website or using a personal social media account for campaigning. The content of any electronic communications must conform to the rules and regulations of Campbell University School of Law. Abide by the rules of the Honor Code at all times.
- Section 7. Open Forum: Upon request by any nominated candidate, the Election Committee shall schedule and conduct an open forum wherein any candidate who desires shall be allocated three (3) minutes to speak. The Election Committee shall schedule the open forum at a time and place generally convenient to all law students. There shall be no more than one such forum per election.
- Section 8. Talking: Nothing in these bylaws shall prohibit candidates and supporters from talking to student voters concerning the elections.
- Section 9. No Solicitation of Votes at the Poll: There shall be no solicitation of votes or loitering while in possession of campaign materials (including without limitation, t-shirts, buttons, stickers, etc.) within fifteen (15) feet of the polling place on election day. This restriction applies to all elections, but is not to be construed as to prohibit any eligible voter in possession of campaign materials from participating in normal voting procedures.
- Section 10. Limits Reset in case of Run-off Elections: In the event of a run-off election for any position(s), the candidates in the run-off election shall be entitled to conduct campaign efforts in accordance with the above rules as if they had not conducted any campaign efforts during the election cycle that led to the run-off.

#### Article V. Voting Procedure

- Section 1. Ballots: Voting at all SBA elections shall be by secret ballot. Written or electronic ballots shall be prepared with the nominated candidates for each office listed in alphabetical order.
- Section 2. Polls: The polls shall be open on election day for at least one day starting at 9:15 a.m and staying open until 5:00 p.m. Hours must be promulgated to all students twenty-four (24) hours in advance.
- Section 3. Ballot box: The ballot box shall be locked and no votes shall be counted until the polls are closed.

- Section 4. Absentee ballot: Any student who is required to remain off-campus during election day may submit an absentee ballot to the Chairperson of the Election Committee. Voters must submit an absentee ballot before the election polls open on election day. If electronic ballots are used absentee ballots are not required.
- Section 5. Student roll: Each student voting must have his or her name checked on an official student roll and must sign or initial a list of voters before casting a ballot. An official student roll is one that has been approved by the law school Registrar ensuring that the names of all duly enrolled students are included.
- Section 6. Results: Results of the elections shall be posted in a central public location chosen by the Election Committee and emailed to the student body shortly after all votes have been counted. The results of all elections shall be determined and posted pursuant to Article VII of the SBA Constitution. The votes shall be counted by the Election Committee and the final results shall be verified by the Chief Justice of the Honor Court. A record of such results shall be maintained by the Chief Justice for a period of one (1) year.
- Section 7. Write-ins: Write-in candidates shall have all rights of a nominated candidate, except for the ability to request or participate in a forum to discuss candidate issues. Write-in candidates shall be subject to all rules, regulations, and restrictions as a nominated candidate. Write-in votes are not permitted during run-off elections; any write-in votes cast during a run-off election shall not be counted.

#### Article VI. Run-Off Elections

- Section 1. Timing: If required to resolve a tie, run-off elections shall be held within two (2) full class days after the general election.
- Section 2. Results: Votes shall be counted in the same manner as the general election.
- Section 3. Procedures: Run-off elections shall be conducted in the same manner as general elections.

#### Article VII. Election Bylaw Violations

- Section 1. A violation of these bylaws may be considered a violation of Rule 18 of the Code of Honor and Professional Responsibility, which may result in disciplinary action by the Honor Court.

#### Article VIII. Notice and Copies of Election Bylaws

- Section 1. Each candidate for elective office shall review a copy of these election by-laws, the SBA Constitution, and the Honor Code. The Chairperson of the election committee shall make a copy of these election bylaws, the SBA Constitution, and the Code of Honor and Professional Responsibility available to all candidates. Specifically, such information will be provided by the Elections Committee to candidates as a part of the school-wide email providing notice and announcing the opening of nominations, as described in Article III, Section 5. In addition, the Election Committee may place such information on reserve at the circulation desk in the law school library or in the SBA President's office, to be made available to any student upon request.

**CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM**

**Part I. To Be Completed by the Person Nominating a Candidate**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print), hereby nominate the candidate below for the position of \_\_\_\_\_ (please print position).

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominating Student \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOT the same person as Part II.)

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**Part II. To Be Completed by the Nominated Candidate**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print), have read the current **Student Bar Association Constitution, Election Bylaws, and Code of Honor and Professional Responsibility**. I am aware of the duties and responsibilities required for the position of \_\_\_\_\_ (please print position). I fully intend to execute those duties and responsibilities if I am elected.

I further certify, as required under the **Student Bar Association Constitution**, that I am a student in good standing, who is not currently on academic probation or subject to disciplinary sanctions by the Student Honor Court or the Law School administration.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominated Candidate \_\_\_\_\_