

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

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Preamble

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

Article I. Internal Affairs Committee

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

Article II. Duties

Section 1. The Internal Affairs Committee shall:

- A. Count the electronic votes on election day;
- B. Publish and post the election results pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(C) of the SBA Constitution; and
- C. Appoint members of the SBA to assist in counting and verifying electronic votes, as necessary.

Article III. Fall Nominations

Section 1. During each fall semester there shall be one election. This election will be held for the following offices:

- A. Six (6) 1L SBA Representatives;
- B. Three (3) 1L/Flex Honor Court Justices; and
- C. One (1) Flex SBA Representative.

Section 2. 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. Nominations shall take place starting the first Friday of the school year and last until 5:00 PM EST the following Monday.

Section 3. 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, the candidate 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 4. Notice: Notice of the opening of nominations will occur electronically via school wide email the first Wednesday of the school year.
- Section 5. Withdrawal: Nominated candidates desiring to withdraw from candidacy must notify, either electronically or in writing, the Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee no less than twenty-four (24) hours before election day and remain available until after the close of the election polls.
- Section 6. Bylaw Revision: The SBA or the Internal Affairs Committee shall not revise or amend the Election Bylaws from the date of notice of the opening of nominations, as provided in Article III, Section 2, 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. Spring Elections

- Section 1. During each spring semester there shall be two (2) elections. The first election will be held the week prior to spring break 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 the week following spring break 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. Nominations shall open Monday following the notice of nominations.
- 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, the candidate 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. If the Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee wishes to participate as a candidate in the spring elections, the current executive board of the SBA shall designate a standing Chairperson to oversee elections.

- Section 5. Notice: Notice of the opening of nominations will occur electronically via school wide email the Wednesday prior to each separate election .
- Section 6. Withdrawal: Nominated candidates desiring to withdraw from candidacy must notify, either electronically or in writing, the Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee no less than twenty-four (24) hours before election day and remain available until after the close of the election polls.
- Section 7. Bylaw Revision: The SBA or the Internal Affairs Committee shall not revise or amend the Election Bylaws from the date of notice of the opening of nominations, as provided in Article IV, Section 3, 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 V. 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, projection 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. Additionally, students are not permitted to send campus wide emails in an effort to campaign for or against the election of any candidate.
- Section 3. Campaign Statements: 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 Internal Affairs 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 V, 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 receipt of such items must be provided to the Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee either electronically or in person.
- 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 three (3) unsolicited electronic communications sent to students via a Campbell Law School affiliated group text, social media group, or any other form of Campbell Law social media group. This section does not prohibit a candidate from creating a personal website, using personal social media account(s), or using personal group communication(s) for campaigning. If another student sends a message on a candidate's behalf, this is counted as one of the candidate's unsolicited electronic communications. Another student may "reshare" a candidate's personal website or social media account on their own personal platform. If two or more candidates elect to run together, they will each have no more than three (3) unsolicited electronic communications. The rules set forth in Article V, Section 6 take effect immediately following the opening of the nomination period. 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 by 5:00 PM EST the Sunday before the close of nominations, the Internal Affairs Committee shall schedule and conduct an open forum wherein any candidate who desires shall be allocated three (3) minutes to speak. The open forum will be conducted in person on the Monday evening following the close of nominations. All candidates wishing to speak must attend in person. There shall be no more than one 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. 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 VI. Voting Procedure

- Section 1. Ballots: Voting at all SBA elections shall be anonymous. Electronic ballots shall be prepared with the nominated candidates for each office listed in no particular order.
- Section 2. Polls: Voting shall open electronically starting at 8:00 AM EST and close at 5:00 PM EST following the close of nominations.
- Section 3. Counting: Votes shall not be counted until after 5:00 PM EST. The votes shall be counted twice by all members of the Internal Affairs Committee and verified by the Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee and the Chief Justice.
- Section 4. Results: Results of the elections shall be posted physically outside of the SBA office and sent out in a school wide email following the close of voting. A record of such results shall be maintained by the Chief Justice for a period of one (1) year.
- Section 5. 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 VII. Run-Off Elections

- Section 1. Timing: If required to resolve a tie, run-off elections shall be held the Wednesday following the close of the initial election from 8:00 AM EST until 5:00 PM EST.
- Section 2. Results: Votes shall be counted in the same manner as the general election and posted and emailed Thursday morning.
- Section 3. Procedures: Run-off elections shall be conducted in the same manner as general elections.

#### Article VIII. 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. All violations must be reported to the Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee.

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

- Section 1. Each candidate for elective office shall review a copy of these election bylaws, the SBA Constitution, and the Honor Code. The Chairperson of the Internal Affairs 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 Internal Affairs Committee to candidates as part of the school-wide email providing notice and announcing the opening of nominations. In addition, the Internal Affairs 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.