

# WEB Civics Class Mascot

## Proposed Qualifications and Duties

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Below are the lists generated in class on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. These lists have not been ratified and are still open for debate. They are presented here for your consideration.

Please submit any suggestions for additions or revisions to items on these lists by email no later than Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 8:00 pm. Final draft review and ratification of the Qualifications and Duties will take place as the first order of new business in class on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

**Proposed Qualifications:** Items must be specific, measurable, physically possible, support the duties required.

- Mascot must be a stuffed animal.
- Mascot must be no more than 24” tall.
- Mascot must cost less than a price point to be determined.
- Questions of residency, country of origin, and physical capabilities have been placed in consideration.

**Proposed Duties:** Items must be specific, measurable, physically possible, not in conflict with the qualifications, meaningful in relation to the role of class mascot. (NOTE: the mascot will have help in fulfilling its duties by way of its Secret Service detail.)

- Mascot will go home with a different student each week (Secret Service detail).
- Other duties placed into consideration are WEB morning greeter, use as a tool for indicating who has the floor in debate, and requirement to wear appropriate items of apparel or accessories.

As a tool for judging the value of a qualification or duty, try to find a parallel in the U.S. presidential office. An example from class is the question of whether the class mascot must be cute and not creepy. The parallel questions are: Can we require that the U.S. president be attractive? How would we determine that a candidate qualified under that requirement? How would this requirement support the duties of the office?