



Student Body President and Vice President Elections Packet 2017-2018

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1. Information cover sheet with important dates
2. The 2017-2018 Bylaw Information and Election Rules
3. Official Petition for the Student Body President or Vice President

Important Dates to remember:

February 24th

Election petitions due at 5pm in Armstrong 2012
Mandatory Candidate Meeting at 6pm (All running mates must attend)
All Campaigning begins at the close of the Candidate Meeting

February 27th

Weekly expense reports begin

March 7th

Associated Student Government Debate and Meet the Candidates Night.

March 13-14th

Primary Election

April 3-4th

General Election (if necessary)

*Dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Speaker Jack Fetick at fetickje@miamioh.edu.

Relevant Bylaws

ARTICLE VI. Nominations, and Qualifications

SECTION 601

Qualifications

601.A. All candidates for any office must be full-time undergraduate students at Miami University.

601.B. No candidate may be on academic or disciplinary probation.

SECTION 602

Elections of the President and Vice President

602.A. The election of the Student Body President and Vice President shall be held at a time recommended by the Elections Committee, during the spring semester, but no later than the last week of classes before spring break; subject to the approval of the Student Senate.

602.B. If there are two slates for the offices of Student Body President and Vice President, there will be a general election with no primary round. If there are three or more candidates and a slate receives more than 50% of the vote in the primary election, they will be declared the winner. If a general election is required, the top two vote-getting slates from the primary will move on to the next round.

602.C. Each candidate must submit a petition and application to the Elections Committee clarifying that the candidate qualifies and agrees to abide by and fulfill all duties and regulations set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

1. This petition shall contain the signatures of 150 undergraduate students at Miami University.
2. Petitions and applications must be filed no later than the date set by Elections Committee, as approved by the Student Senate.
3. The petitions shall contain the legal name, or recognizable nickname, of the candidate as he or she would like it to appear on the ballot, as well as the office for which he or she is a candidate.
4. Each petition and application will be examined and certified by the Elections Committee.
5. All petitions are final upon filing; no candidate shall be permitted to alter information after filing.
6. The Elections Committee is granted the authority to alter the name submitted on the petition to ensure a fair election process, even after the petition has been officially filed.
7. If no candidate or only one candidate runs for a single office, the deadline date for filing petitions for that office shall be extended 72 hours.

602.D. If only one candidate has declared, that candidate shall be the winner for the office.

602.E. If no candidate is declared, the Executive Cabinet-elect will execute the following actions:

1. The Executive Cabinet-elect shall submit no more than three nominees for the vacant office to the Student Senate in a time of no more than 6 days after the completion of all Executive Cabinet elections.
2. The Student Senate shall then elect the nominee to fulfill the vacant office from the names submitted by the Executive Cabinet-elect.

602.F. The name of each candidate shall be rotated on the ballot.

602.G. The President and Vice President of the Student Body shall run as a single slate, presented as a single option on the ballot to fill both positions.

SECTION 202

The Powers and Duties of the Student Body President

202.A. The President of the Student Body is the elected representative of the students and is vested with the executive power of Associated Student Government.

202.B. The President shall serve as the student member of the University Senate Executive Committee as required by the University Senate Bylaws.

202.C. The President shall sit as an ex-officio, non-voting member on any committee, council, board, or agency of the Student Senate or the Executive Council.

202.D. The President shall have the power to call the Executive Council into special session.

202.E. The President shall act as the official representative of the student body at all official functions.

202.F. The President shall use the executive power vested in him/her to uphold and support the Constitution and Bylaws of Associated Student Government, implement the legislation of the Student Senate, enforce the rulings of the Student Court, and pursue courses of action in the interest of the student body. He/She shall perform these duties in conjunction with the Executive Council, Associated Student Government Executive Cabinet, and the Student Senate.

202.G. The President shall serve as the chair of the Associated Student Government Executive Cabinet and Executive Council where he/she can only vote in the event of a tie.

202.H. The President shall serve as the chief director for Associated Student Government and assume final responsibility for the proper execution of the decisions and desires of the Executive Council and the Student Senate.

202.I. The President shall have the power to appoint up to five Directors at their discretion who can serve as head of policy priorities or unique initiatives of Associated Student Government.

1. A Director can report to any cabinet member or the President will report directly to the President or any cabinet member at the discretion of the President.
2. As a Director focuses on policy priorities and initiatives for Associated Student Government, each Director will be allowed to submit and present bills to Student Senate as long as at least one Senator has cosigned.
3. A Director will be a member of the executive branch though not a member of the executive cabinet.
 - a. A Director may not be a part of any other branch of Associated Student Government due to a conflict of interest during their term as a Director.
 - b. A Director may not vote on any Student Senate bills.
4. The length of term of a Director is dictated by the need on that specific policy and is at the discretion of the President.
5. This appointment must be presented by the Student Body President to the Student Senate and approved by a simple majority vote.

202.J. The Student Body President shall be paid according to the formula outlined in Article II, Section 217 using as a base the FY 2017 salary of \$5,835.

SECTION 203

The Powers and Duties of the Student Body Vice President

203.A. To fulfill the responsibilities of the Student Body President in his or her absence, and otherwise assist the President in the execution of his/her duties.

203.C. To be responsible for maintaining and attending to concerns in areas within and outside the Miami University community as they pertain to the Student Body.

203.D. The Student Body Vice President shall be paid according to the formula outlined in Article II, Section 217 using as a base the FY 2017 salary of \$5,075.

Official Student Body President and Vice President 2017- 2018

Election Rules

I. Candidate Qualifications

- A. All candidates for any office must be a full undergraduate student of Miami University, Oxford Campus and not on any academic or disciplinary probation.
- B. A candidate may run for only one office:
 - a. Student Body President
 - b. Student Body Vice President
 - c. Co-candidacies (two candidates running together for the same office) are not permitted.
- C. The Student Body President and Vice President shall be elected as a slate.
 - a. If a candidate of a slate drops out of the election, another candidate must be produced within 72 hours (3 calendar days) of the slate's official resignation notification to Elections Committee.
 - b. Failure to produce a candidate within the 72 hour time window will result in the total disqualification of the slate.
 - c. Candidates resigning within 72 hours of Election Day will result in a total disqualification of the slate.

II. Application and Petition

- A. The official ASG petition shall serve as the candidate's application to participate in the election process.
- B. The Elections Committee shall accept petitions any time between February 15, 2017 and February 24th, 2017 at 5 pm.
- C. The Elections Committee shall accept the petition of a replacement candidate within 72 hours of the original slate member's resignation.
- D. Each candidate must submit an application and petition to the Elections Committee certifying that the candidate qualifies and agrees to abide by and fulfill all duties and regulations set forth by the Elections Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Associated Student Government, and the regulations of Miami University.
- E. Each candidate must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.
- F. Petition Qualifications
 - a. Candidates must obtain the signatures of at least one hundred fifty (150) Miami University undergraduate students and their unique IDs.

- b. Petitions must contain the legal name or recognizable nickname of the candidate, as he or she would like it to appear on the ballot, and the office for which he or she is running.
- G. Each Candidate will receive an e-mail from the Speaker following the meeting on February 24th to confirm with each candidate that their name will appear on the ballot.
- H. If no candidate or only one candidate runs for a single office, the deadline date for filing petitions for that office shall be advanced to February 27th, 2017 at Noon
 - a. If only one candidate runs for a single office by the prescribed deadline, that candidate shall be the winner of said office.
 - b. If no candidate applies and there is a vacant office, it shall be filled by the manner prescribed in the ASG Bylaws Section 602.E.

III. Campaign Violations

- A. Campaigning includes, but is not limited to, any verbal, written, or implied request for political support. Any interpretation of this definition shall be at the sole discretion of the Elections Committee.
 - a. Students running for Student Body President and Vice President may use signs as physical campaigning materials.
 - i. Signs must include the election date and the website where students can vote (miamioh.edu/Hub).
 - ii. Signs must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the elections.
 - iii. Signs within the residence halls must conform to the Guide to Residence Hall Living and may only be posted in designated areas (contact the Residence Director for a list of designated areas).
 - iv. Signs may only be posted in designated areas within academic and administrative buildings (contact the building director for a list of the designated areas).
 - b. Students may speak publically to student organizations and prepare any campaign materials.
 - c. Students may use public electronic media (Websites, social media, wall posts, blogs, etc...) for campaign purposes in an appropriate manner.
- B. Students may not use Associated Student Government supplies for campaign materials (e.g. paper, printers, etc).
- C. Students may campaign in Residence Halls.
 - a. Students are to assume Residence Halls are Closed Solicitation unless otherwise stated.
 - i. If a Residence Hall is Closed Solicitation, students may only campaign in front lobbies and mailrooms.

- b. If a Residence Hall is Open Solicitation, nonresident students must be escorted by a resident student at all times.
 - c. Students may not campaign during “Quiet Hours.”
- D. Students may not write on other student’s whiteboards or post campaign materials on doors without the resident’s consent.
- E. Students may not be sponsored and/or endorsed in any way by Associated Student Government as an organization, but may be endorsed by Associated Student Government members in their elected capacity.
- F. Students running may not provide a means to vote (including but not limited to computers, tablets, phones, etc.) for other students.
 - a. Associated Student Government will host election tables in Armstrong and at the Hub providing a means for students to vote.
- G. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a violation.
- H. To be accused of a violation, a candidate, witness, or member of the Elections Committee must report some form of physical evidence (i.e. pictures, signs, snapshots of media posts, etc). The evidence must then be reviewed by the Elections Committee, and the committee must determine the appropriate Level of Violation. The Chair of the Elections Committee then notifies the student of the violation.
 - i. Level 1 Violation - the student cannot campaign for 24 hours from the issuance of the violation and will incur a reduction of \$50 from their allotted spending budget.
 - 1. Level 1 Violations consist of, but are not limited to:
 - a. Using signs that do not fit the criteria laid out in III.A.a.
 - b. Campaigning in an Open Solicitation residence hall without a resident escort.
 - c. Using public electronic media in an inappropriate manner.
 - ii. Level 2 Violation - the student cannot campaign for 72 hours from the issuance of the violation, or the remainder of the election if the time is less than three days, and will incur a reduction of \$100 from their allotted spending budget.
 - 1. Level 2 Violations consist of, but are not limited to:
 - a. Starting campaigning before start time.
 - b. Using Associated Student Government supplies for campaign materials.
 - c. Campaigning in closed residence halls.
 - d. Writing on another student’s whiteboard or posting campaign materials on doors without the resident’s consent.
 - e. Claiming to be sponsored and/or endorsed by the Associated Student Government.

- f. Speaking poorly of other students running for the position.
- iii. Level 3 Violation - the student is ineligible to run for the position for which they are campaigning.
 - 1. Level 3 Violations consist of, but are not limited to:
 - a. Bribing an Associated Student Government member or students in any way for a vote(s).
 - b. Providing the means for students to vote.
 - c. Two previous Level 1 Violations or one previous Level 2 Violation.

IV. Campaign Expenditures and Contributions

- A. Candidate campaign expenditure limits are as follows:
 - a. Candidate slates for Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall together not exceed \$1,500. An additional \$500 will be allowed following the primary election should the general election be required. In a two candidate race the cap shall be \$2,000.
 - b. The price of the good or service before discounts or donations will be the counted price.
- B. Expense/Contribution Reports
 - a. All expenditures made by an individual candidate or their campaign must be included in a detailed and accurate expense report.
 - i. The expense report shall include all receipts and other documents necessary to verify the expenditures of the campaign.
 - ii. Contributions by student organizations and other outside sources must be documented.
 - 1. This documentation must include total amount spent by the organization and receipts for all contributions.
 - 2. The total amount of money spent by an organization on a contribution will be classified as an expenditure and deducted from the candidate's overall budget.
 - iii. Each candidate or ticket must submit weekly expense reports to the Chair of the Elections Committee beginning February 27th, 2017 at 5pm and every subsequent Monday at 5pm until the Election

V. Campaign Materials and Procedures

- A. A campaign material or resource shall be any item that the candidate or campaign staff used during the course of the election. It shall also include any item that must be accounted for on the expense report. Campaign Resources shall also include the

campaign staff itself. Any interpretation of this definition shall be at the sole discretion of the Elections Committee.

- B. No campaign materials are to be posted in any of the University Libraries or in the ASG office.
- C. All candidates are responsible for the actions of their staff members. It will be the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that his or her staff members are fully aware of and understand all applicable campaign regulations. A staff member is defined as any person engaging in open campaigning on behalf of the candidate.
- D. All candidates are responsible for the removal of all campaign material one week after the conclusion of the general election.

VI. Election Procedure

- A. If there are two slates for the offices of Student Body President and Vice President, there will be a general election with no primary election round.
- B. If there are more than two slates for the offices of Student Body President and Vice President, there shall be a primary election.
 - a. If a slate receives more than 50% of the vote in the primary election, they will automatically be declared the winner.
 - b. If a general election is required, the top two vote getting slates from the primary will move onto the next round.
- C. The Primary Election shall be held from 7am on March 13th 2017 until 7pm on March 14th 2017. The General Election, if required, shall be held from 7am on April 3rd 2017 until 7pm on April 4th 2017.
- D. Voting shall be done using a secure online system.
- E. The Speaker shall declare the outcome of the general election at the following meeting of the Student Senate, thereby formally certifying the election results.
- F. Student wishing to contest any certified election result and/or requesting a recount must present a written complaint to the Speaker within seven days of the election date. The Speaker shall present the complaint to Student Senate, who may order a recount or appropriate action.

VII. Violations and Penalties

- A. The Elections Committee will consider violations of these rules and of University Policy as outlined in the Student Handbook based on documentation and evidence, either verbal or written, made by members of the Elections Committee or by any individual of the Miami University community.

- B. All violations and the penalties levied by the Elections Committee shall be public knowledge.
- C. Accused candidates will be granted due process and the Elections Committee will do its utmost to ensure the fairness of any and all meetings and hearings.
- D. At least fifty percent of the Elections Committee must be present and will do its utmost to ensure the fairness of any and all meetings and hearings.
- E. Violations will be categorized as listed in Section III.

VIII. The Elections Committee

- A. Shall be chaired by the Speaker of the Student Senate.
- B. The members of the Elections Committee shall be required to remain impartial during the course of the election. The Chair of the Elections Committee shall have the discretion to remove any members of the committee found to have flagrantly violated this rule (such a removal is subject to appeal to the Student Senate).
- C. The Elections Committee shall produce weekly reports, including: violations of the rules, the committee's decisions and opinions, and the candidate expense reports. The reports shall be forwarded to all candidates, The Miami Student, and placed on the ASG website.
- D. The committee has the right to require candidates to attend mandatory training sessions, a Meet the Candidates Night, and any televised debate.

IX. Standing Nature of the Rules

- A. These rules can be altered at the discretion of the Student Senate. However, changes cannot be made after an election has already begun.
- B. Any interpretation of these rules shall be at the sole discretion of the Elections Committee.

Official Candidate Petition For Student Body President and Vice President



2017-2018 Academic Term

I, _____, full time student of Miami University do hereby declare my candidacy for the office of **Student Body President/Vice President** (please circle one) within the Miami University Associated Student Government. By submitting this petition I confirm that I have read and will abide by the 2017 Student Body President and Vice President Election Rules.

Signature: _____

Running Mate: _____

*Please note: each individual candidate must turn in his or her own petition. Please fill this sheet with the signatures and Unique IDs of at least 150 undergraduate Miami University students and submit it to Jack Fetick in 2012 Armstrong at the meeting on **February 24th, 2017 at 5 PM.**

If you have questions or concerns please contact Speaker Jack Fetick at fetickje@miamioh.edu.

Your email:

Your phone number:

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