



2022-2023 Student Senator Elections Packet

Thank you for showing interest in the Associated Student Government's Student Senator positions. Student Senate convenes weekly on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm ET in the Joslin Senate Chamber or remotely to discuss matters of interest and concern to the student body. Student Senators serve as the primary means of information gathering for the administration and services of the university. Senators are responsible for collecting the concerns of their constituents to present to the body, researching and writing legislation, and debating important policy changes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Wes Payne, Speaker of Student Senate, at paynetw@miamioh.edu.

Seven Academic Senators will be elected.

College of Creative Arts (2 chosen)

College of Education, Health, and Society (1 chosen)

College of Engineering and Computing (1 chosen)

Farmer School of Business (3 chosen)

Fourteen Off-Campus Senators will be elected.

Sixteen On-Campus Senators will be elected, with two Senators from each district (more information on page 11).

One Resident Assistant Senator will be elected.

This packet contains:

- 1) *Information Cover Sheet & ASG Bylaws*
- 2) *Official Petition for the Position of Student Senator*

Important dates to remember:

August 22nd: Election petitions are released and eligible for submission.

August 29th: How to Run for Senate Info Session at 6:00pm ET in ASC (Armstrong Student Center) 1066. (**OPTIONAL**)

September 2nd: *Petitions and Accompanying Materials due at 5:00pm ET via this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/wvG8z4QBhjZua5ja7>. Campaigning officially begins after confirmation emails have been sent. All campaign activity*

must be in accordance with the ASG Bylaws and Miami University Handbook.

- September 6th &
September 7th: Elections held online* (miamioh.edu/HUB) beginning at 7:00am ET on September 6th and closing at 7:00pm ET September 7th. Candidates will be notified of the election results shortly after elections conclude.
- September 10th: Senate retreat in SHD (Shideler Hall) 053 from 11am-3pm. (**MANDATORY FOR ALL SENATORS**)
- September 13th: The first Student Senate Meeting will be at 6:00pm in the Joslin Senate Chamber.

Questions? Please contact Wes Payne, Speaker of Senate, at paynetw@miamioh.edu.

Instructions

Read through this packet to understand the requirements and responsibilities of being a Student Senator, as well as the campaign rules.

Turn in the packet through this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/wvG8z4QBhjZua5ja7>

- Requires your petition (see below) & asks additional questions. The answers to the additional questions will be shared with voters. **There is a 30 word limit per question.**

Create your Petition using a google form asking for the Name and Unique ID of those who fill it out.

- Have at least 35 Miami University undergraduate students from the Oxford campus submit the form (this is their signature).
- **Make sure that you change the settings to collect email addresses and limit to 1 response.**
- Sample petition: <https://forms.gle/KtYN6fXpDkMHm6Jw6>

Questions? Please contact Wes Payne, Speaker of Student Senate, at paynetw@miamioh.edu

On-Campus Senator Elections Information

- I. Candidate Qualifications
 - A. All candidates must live on-campus
 - B. Must be able to attend Student Senate meetings every Tuesday from 6:00pm ET to approximately 9:00pm ET in Joslin Senate Chamber or remotely, if elected.
- II. Petitions
 - A. Each candidate must submit a petition to be certified by the Elections Committee.
 - B. Petitions must contain 35 signatures of Miami University Oxford undergraduate students.
 - C. Petitions must be submitted by **5:00pm ET on Friday, September 2nd.**
- III. Election Procedures
 - A. After your petition has been certified (you will be alerted via confirmation email), the election will occur from **7:00am ET on September 6th to 7:00pm ET on September 7th.**
- IV. Campaign and Voting Regulations
 - A. You may begin officially campaigning at **5:00pm ET on Friday, September 2nd.**
 - B. All campaign activities and advertisements must follow the Student Handbook, MUPIM, and all ASG rules and regulations (included below).
 - C. No one may vote on behalf of another student and all votes must be voluntary.
 - D. You may not provide any student the means to vote (e.g. giving students your laptop to vote).

Academic Senator Elections Information

- I. Candidate Qualification
 - A. All candidates must officially hold a major in the division for which they are running to represent.
 - B. Must be able to attend Student Senate meetings every Tuesday from 6:00pm ET to approximately 9:00pm ET in Joslin Senate Chamber or remotely, if elected.
- II. Petitions
 - A. Each candidate must submit a petition to be certified by the Elections Committee.
 - B. Petitions must contain 35 signatures of Miami University Oxford undergraduate students.
 - C. Petitions must be submitted by **5:00pm ET on Friday, September 2nd.**
- III. Election Procedures
 - A. After your petition has been certified (you will be alerted via confirmation email), the election will occur from **7:00am ET on September 6th to 7:00pm ET on September 7th.**
 - B. Eligible voters will be able to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies in an academic division.
 - C. If you have majors in multiple divisions, you may vote in each respective election.
- IV. Campaign and Voting Regulations
 - A. You may begin officially campaigning at **5:00pm ET on Friday, September 2nd.**
 - B. All campaign activities and advertisements must follow the Student Handbook, MUPIM, and all ASG rules and regulations (included below).
 - C. No one may vote on behalf of another student and all votes must be voluntary.

- D. You may not provide any student the means to vote (e.g. giving students your laptop to vote).

Off-Campus Senator Elections Information

- I. Candidate Qualifications
 - A. All candidates must live off-campus or in fraternity housing
 - B. Must be able to attend Student Senate meetings every Tuesday from 6:00pm ET to approximately 9:00pm ET in Joslin Senate Chamber or remotely, if elected.
- II. Petitions
 - A. Each candidate must submit a petition to be certified by the Elections Committee.
 - B. Petitions must contain 35 signatures of Miami University Oxford undergraduate students.
 - C. Petitions must be submitted by **5:00pm ET on Friday, September 2nd.**
- III. Election Procedures
 - A. After your petition has been certified (you will be alerted via confirmation email), the election will occur from **7:00am ET on September 6th to 7:00pm ET on September 7th.**
- IV. Campaign and Voting Regulations
 - A. You may begin officially campaigning when approved on **Friday, September 2nd.**
 - B. All campaign activities and advertisements must follow the Student Handbook, MUPIM, and all ASG rules and regulations (included below).
 - C. No one may vote on behalf of another student and all votes must be voluntary.
 - D. You may not provide any student the means to vote (e.g. giving students your laptop to vote).

Senate Campaigning Rules

- 1. Campaigning may start at 5:00pm ET the day petitions are due, established at the sole discretion of the Elections Committee.
- 2. 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 Senator positions may use signs as physical campaigning materials.
 - i. Signs may be no larger than a 8.5 inch by 11 inch piece of paper.
 - ii. Signs must include the election date and the website where students can vote (miamioh.edu/Hub).
 - iii. Signs must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the elections.
 - iv. Signs may be posted with thumbtacks on exterior bulletin boards and kiosks. Tape and staples may NOT be used. No more than one sign for the same student campaigning may be posted on each bulletin board or kiosk. Signs may not be posted on top of others.
 - v. Signs may not be posted on fences, chains, benches, sculptures or exterior building surfaces including windows, doors, walls, in Bishop

- Woods, etc. Signs may not be placed on any horizontal surface including sidewalks, patios, or steps, etc. No paint or chalk may be used.
- vi. 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).
 - vii. Signs may only be posted in designated areas within academic and administrative buildings (contact the building director for a list of the designated areas).
 - viii. Table tents and table flyers may not be used at any dining location.
- 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.
3. Students may not use Associated Student Government supplies for campaign materials (e.g. paper, printers, etc).
 4. Students may campaign in Residence Halls.
 - a. Associated Student Government will provide in the Election Petition Packet a list of Open Solicitation and Closed Solicitation Residence Halls.
 - i. Students are to assume Residence Halls are Closed Solicitation unless otherwise stated.
 1. If a Residence Hall is Closed Solicitation, students may only campaign in front lobbies and mailrooms.
 - ii. If a Residence Hall is Open Solicitation, nonresident students must be escorted by a resident student at all times.
 1. Students may not campaign during "Quiet Hours."
 5. Students may not write on other student's whiteboards or post campaign materials on doors without the resident's consent.
 6. 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.
 7. Students running may not provide a means to vote (including but not limited to computers, tablets, phones, etc.) for other students.
 8. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a violation.
 - a. 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. To ensure all parties adhere to the Rules and Guidelines outlined in this Packet, the Elections Committee reserves the authority to issue a violation to any campaign within the following prescriptions: Warning, Level I, Level II, and Level III.

1. A Warning violation shall not consist of any ban on campaign activity.
 - a. The following actions, or those the Committee deems to be of similar magnitude, may constitute Warning violations at the Committee's discretion:
 - i. Incidental violation of Residence Hall Code, Solicitation Guidelines, or any other University policy.
 - ii. Incidental misuse of Associated Student Government supplies or resources for campaign activities.
 - b. The Committee shall establish a period of time in which the campaign must address and rectify, if possible, the violation.
 - i. Failure to address the violation in the period of time set by the Committee may warrant further sanctions.
 - c. A campaign's second Warning violation for the same offense, or third Warning violation for a unique offense, will automatically be promoted to a Level I violation with all associated penalties.
2. A Level I violation shall consist of a 24-hour ban on campaign activity.
 - a. The following actions, or those the Committee deems to be of similar magnitude, may constitute Level I violations at the Committee's discretion:
 - i. Beginning campaign activity prior to **Friday, September 2nd.**
 - ii. Providing the physical means for students to vote
 - iii. Purposeful violation of Residence Hall Code, Solicitation Guidelines, or any other University Policy.
 - b. In the case of a Level I violation, a campaign's 24 hour ban shall take effect at 12:00am following the Committee's notification of the violation.
 - c. Should a Level I violation be issued within 24 hours of the start of voting, the ban on campaigning shall only last 12 hours and take effect at a time deemed appropriate by the Committee.
 - d. A campaign's third Level I violation will automatically be promoted to a Level II violation with all associated penalties.
3. A Level II violation shall consist of a 48 hour ban on campaigning.

- a. The following actions, or those the Committee deems to be of similar magnitude, may constitute Level II violations at the Committee's discretion:
 - i. Abusing the privileges of an Associated Student Government office to obtain an advantage in the election.
 - ii. Implying or declaring any endorsement, sponsorship, or other form of support from Associated Student Government as an organization.
 - iii. Purposely damaging the materials of another campaign.
 - iv. Slandering, insulting, or disparaging another student, candidate, or campaign.
 - b. In the case of a Level II violation, a campaign's 48 hour ban shall take effect at 12:00am following the Committee's notification of the violation.
 - c. Should a Level II violation be issued within 24 hours of the start of voting, the ban on campaigning shall only last 24 hours and take effect at a time deemed appropriate by the Committee.
 - d. A campaign's third Level II violation will automatically be promoted to a Level III violation with all associated penalties.
 - i. Exception: A second Level II violation of "Purposely damaging the materials of another campaign" will be considered malicious and will result in an automatic promotion to a Level III violation.
4. A Level III violation shall consist of a disqualification of the campaign.
- a. The following actions, or those the Committee deems to be of similar magnitude, may constitute Level III violations at the Committee's discretion:
 - i. Bribing any student or member of Associated Student Government to secure votes, private information, or other unfair privileges.
 - ii. Using tactics of intimidation to coerce students to vote.
 - iii. Damaging another candidate's campaign materials repetitively or with malice.
 - iv. Any instance of an infraction so severe as to exceed the regulatory and enforcement framework

outlined in this Packet, as determined by a two-thirds majority vote of the Committee.

- b. In the case of a Level III violation, a campaign will be immediately disqualified following the Committee's notification of the violation.

Relevant Excerpts from the ASG Bylaws

SECTION 101

101.D. There shall be sixteen Academic Senate seats.

1. Academic Senate seats shall be apportioned under the guidance of the Speaker of the Student Senate, in consultation with the Secretary of Academic Affairs.

a. For the purposes of allocating Academic Senate seats, the College of Arts of Sciences shall be divided between the Biological & Physical Sciences and the Social Sciences & Humanities.

i. Biological and Physical Sciences and Mathematics include: Biochemistry, Biological Physics, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering Physics, Environmental Earth Science, Geology, Mathematics, Medical Laboratory Science, Microbiology, Physics, Quantitative Economics, Statistics, Zoology.

ii. Social Sciences and Humanities include: American Studies, Anthropology, Black World Studies, Classical Humanities, Classical Languages (Greek and Latin), Comparative Religion, Diplomacy and Global Politics, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Economics, English/Creative Writing, English/Linguistics, English/Literature, English/Professional Writing, French, Geography, German, Gerontology, History, Individualized Studies, International Studies, Italian Studies, Journalism, Latin American and Latino/a and Caribbean Studies, Media and Culture, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Russian and East European and Eurasian Studies, Social Justice Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Strategic Communication, Urban and Regional Planning, Women's and Gender and Sexuality Studies.

iii. Any new or additional majors added will be added to the respective section under the discretion of the Elections Committee.

SECTION 604

Election of Student Senators

604.A. The Elections for On-Campus Student Senators shall be held within the first four weeks of the fall semester at a time determined by the Speaker of Student Senate, provided the University has not suspended face-to-face instruction.

1. In such cases where the University has suspended face-to-face instruction, these elections may be held after the first four weeks of the fall semester if so determined by the Speaker of Student Senate

2. The Speaker of the Senate shall be responsible for dividing the on campus Student Senate seats into districts, each of approximately equal student populations

3. On-campus voting for each district will take place in that district.

604.B. On-campus candidates for Student Senate may run only for the district in which they reside.

1. Student Members of the Office of Residential Life are ineligible to run for the position of Student Senator from their hall. They are eligible to run for the position of Student Senator for the Resident Assistant (RA) seat.

604.C. Off-campus candidates for Student Senate are as follows:

1. All candidates for Student Senator will be elected by off-campus undergraduate students. Each off-campus undergraduate student may vote for up to thirteen candidates.

2. Elections for Off-Campus Senators shall be held at a time determined by the Elections Committee no earlier than the conclusion of Executive Cabinet Elections and no later than the conclusion of the academic year, provided the University has not suspended face-to-face instruction.

a. In such cases where the University has suspended face-to-face instruction, these elections shall be held at a time no later than the conclusion of On-Campus Senator Elections.

604.D. Academic Senator candidates for Student Senate are as follows:

1. All candidates for Academic Student Senator will be elected by undergraduate students in the college that they are running to represent.

2. Elections for Academic Senators shall coincide with the Elections for Off-Campus Senators.

3. Students with multiple majors in different divisions may only run for one office in one division.

SECTION 106

The Powers and Duties of the Student Senators, in addition to those set by the district that they represent, shall be:

106.A. To attend a training session to be conducted by the Speaker of the Senate.

106.B. To attend all regularly scheduled and called meetings of the Student Senate, to vote on all initiatives, bills, budgets or proposals before the body, and to draft appropriate legislation as the member shall deem necessary.

106.C. To hold, for at least one hour a week, regularly scheduled office hours in the ASG office as assigned by the Speaker of the Senate.

106.D. To communicate the ideas and concerns of their constituents through the proper channels and to inform their constituents of the Student Senate activities.

1. Within one week of their elections to notify all their constituents of their election and to indicate where they will be available to their constituents.

On-Campus Senate Districts

For the purposes of Student Senate, the Miami campus is divided into eight districts based on population, location, and constituency interest (i.e. LLC or freshmen vs. upperclassmen). You may only pursue an On-Campus Senator position from the district in which you reside. These districts do not apply to candidates for RA Senator.

The On-Campus Senate Districts for the 2022-2023 academic year are as follows:

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8
Clawson	Young	Anderson	Emerson	Hamilton	Collins	Bishop	Flower
Havighurst	Hillcrest	Heritage Commons	Morris	MacCracken	Dennison	Brandon	Hahne
McKee	Stonebridge	Porter	Tappan	Minnich	Dorsey	Elliott	Hepburn
Peabody	Maplestreet	Stanton	Etheridge	Richard	McBride	McFarland	Marcum
Thomson		Dodds		Scott	Symmes	Stoddard	
						Withrow	

Solicitation Rules

Campaigning rules differ depending on whether a hall is “open solicitation” or “closed solicitation”. Those rules are as follows:

- In open solicitation residence halls, you may campaign anywhere as long as you are escorted by a resident at all times and not violating the hall’s “Quiet Hours”.
- In closed solicitation residence halls, you may only campaign in front lobbies and mailrooms. Candidates are to assume all residence halls are closed solicitation unless otherwise stated.

If you wish to hang flyers in any hall – including your own – you must first get permission from the Residence Director.

Most halls will not decide their solicitation status until the first week of classes. Certified candidates will receive the known list of open/closed solicitation residence halls in an email as it becomes available from the Office of Residence Life.