

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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23	24. First day of classes Apps sent out	25	26	27	28	29
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February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11 Apps due 12pm	12
13	14 Campaign starts 12pm	15	16	17	18	19

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March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10 Campaign ends 11:59pm	11 Voting begins 12pm	12
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I. Proportional representation

- A. The Committee will obtain the enrollment numbers and calculate proportional representation.
 - B. Each college is guaranteed a minimum of four seats.
- II. Issuing the applications
- A. Candidate applications shall be made available on the first class day of the spring semester.
 - B. Applications will be made available electronically on the Student Government Association website and paper copies will be available in the Student Government Association office.
 - C. Candidate applications shall be due to the elections committee at Noon on the Friday of the fifth week before spring break.
- III. Campaign Finance and Reservations
- A. The Executive Director will be responsible for reserving space for the public debate between all approved Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates.
 - B. The Executive Director shall also reserve spaces for campaigning at the request of the approved candidates
 - C. The approved candidate teams are allotted funds from Student Government Association for campaigning
 - 1. A two hundred dollar (\$200) reserve is available for the election and must be divided up among the presidential candidate teams equally.
 - 2. Purchase of campaign materials must be approved by the student Government Association Executive Director prior to the purchase being made.
 - 3. Requests for reimbursements for campaign materials without prior approval shall be denied.
 - D. A maximum of \$250 may be spent by each individual running for a position on all campaign activities.
 - 1. Candidate teams for President and Vice President may spend a grand total of \$500.
 - 2. All expenses must be reported to the Executive Director before the first day of voting
 - E. Processing of applications
 - 1. All applications for Senator, President, and Vice-President will be reviewed by the elections committee to ensure that all aspects of the application have been filled out properly.
 - a) Each application will be reviewed for completion.
 - b) Each applicant's GPA will be checked by the Student Government Association advisor to ensure candidate eligibility
 - c) Each application's signatures will be checked for accuracy and validity.
 - (1) The committee will verify that no name or signature is written more than once on any individual application

- (2) The committee will check that each individual endorsing the candidate is a current student of the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.
- (3) Any candidate will be notified of any issues with required signatures on their application so the candidate may rectify the situation.
- d) The Chief Justice shall notify all approved candidates by noon the immediate Thursday after applications are due so that they may begin campaigning.

F. Elections codes of conduct

- 1. All candidates must follow all policies of the University as well as all state laws when using posters and signage.
- 2. Each team will be allowed to send one email to the Student Organizations Presidents list with the supervision and approval of the Executive Director and Elections Chair before the elections voting begins.
- 3. Advertising should use the name of the Student Government Association to comply with campus posting policies
 - a) All campus policies relating to appropriate content must be followed.
- 4. President, Vice President, and Senator candidates campaigning with posters, signage, social media, or other online media, soliciting votes, and giving speeches may not begin until the candidacy of the applicants has been accepted.
 - a) All campaigns must conclude active campaigning activities by 11:59pm on the day prior to the opening of the voting period
 - (1) Any campaign materials previously posted may remain
 - b) No Student Government Association officer may use their position or title to endorse any candidate or influence any voter
- 5. Candidates for President, Vice President, and Senator will be prohibited from using internet enabled devices to directly solicit votes (even if done in a non-partisan manner) during the dates of the election or during a potential runoff election.
- 6. No Student Government Association resources or spaces shall be used to benefit any candidate, excepting those resources or spaces explicitly provided for candidate use.
- 7. No individual or organization may personally or through an agent directly compel by force, intimidation, or authority, especially without regard for individual desire or violation, and elector to vote for or against any candidate.
- 8. No individual or organization may personally or through an agent knowingly disseminate false or deliberately damaging information to, or provide any compensation to, an elector with the purpose of compelling them to vote for or against any candidate.

G. Violation of election rules

1. The elections committee can consider only formal, written complaints and shall address if any individual is in violation of the election codes of conduct.
2. The committee shall inform the accused party immediately following the submission of a complaint
3. The accused party, as well as the complainant, shall be allowed to testify within forty-eight hours before the elections committee in regards to the complaint.
4. The elections committee shall make a ruling on the complaint within twenty-four hours of the testimony
 - a) Both parties shall be informed of the ruling of the elections committee immediately following their decision.
5. An appeal of the Elections committee decision shall first be submitted to and reviewed by the elections committee within twenty-four hours of the notification of the ruling
6. A second appeal may be taken to the Senate for a decision by a majority vote within five academic days of the first appeal decision of the Elections Committee.
7. Available sanctions include but are not limited to:
 - a) Limiting of campaign funds
 - b) Time
 - c) Locations
 - d) Student Government Association resources
 - e) Revocation of candidacy eligibility
 - f) Referral to Dean of Students for code of conduct violations.
8. The Elections Committee will utilize a three-strike system.
 - a) Minor infraction constitutes one strike against the accused
 - b) major infraction may constitute two to three strikes against the accused
 - c) If a candidate accumulates three strikes during the duration of the election cycle their eligibility for candidacy will be revoked
 - d) Severity of infraction will be determined at the discretion of the Elections Committee.
9. Issuing of ballots
 - a) The Elections Committee shall create the ballot
 - b) The Executive Director will send out the ballot for President and Vice President to the student body via email by noon on the first day of the election.
 - c) The Executive Director will also send out the Senator Election Ballot to the students of the College of Letters and Science, College of Professional Studies, College of Natural Resources, and College of Fine Arts and Communications via email by noon on the first day of the election

- d) The Election voting period shall be open for five days beginning on the Friday before the start of Spring Break

10. Counting Ballots

- a) Ballots will be counted electronically.
- b) The Elections Committee will verify the election results prior to the Senate meeting that evening.
- c) The senatorial candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected to the position of Senator, up to the allotted number of seats for each College as determined by proportional representation.

- (1) If more than one candidate receives the same number of votes for the last senator seat available for their respective College during the Senator Election a debate must be conducted to fill the prospective seat(s)

- d) The presidential team that obtains the plurality of all votes cast shall be the official winner of the election.

- (1) If there is a tie between teams, there will be a runoff election which will begin on the Monday following Spring Break and run until the following Wednesday. At that time, ballots will be electronically tallied and announced by the chair of the Elections Committee at the following Student Government Association Senate meeting.

- e) The Elections Committee will only allow each candidate to be written in once per college per voter

- (1) If a candidate is voted in more than once per college per voter, then the extra votes will be disregarded

11. Announcing results

- a) Election results shall be announced by the Chair of the Elections Committee at the Student Government Association Senate meeting on the Thursday of the election week.
- b) The Official announcement of the President, Vice President, and Senator Election results will be published to the student body via email by the Student Government Association within 24 hours after the verbal announcement at the Senate meeting.

12. Recall process

- a) The elections Committee shall review any petition for recall of any elected SGA officer
- b) Petitions must include a description of any alleged offenses, misconduct, unethical or illegal acts
- c) The Elections Committee shall investigate to the best of their ability the accusations.
- d) Assuming sufficient cause is found, each petition's signatures will be checked for accuracy and validity.

- (1) The Committee will verify that no name or signature is written more than once on any individual petition.
 - (2) The Committee will check that each individual endorsing the petition is a current student of the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.
- e) Upon verification of the signatures and approval of the petition for recall, the Elections Committee will notify the elected official in question of the pending recall election
 - f) The Chief justice shall notify the elected official's constituents of the recall election
 - g) The Elections Committee will make a position application available to eligible students for the position being recalled.
 - h) Candidates shall have seven days to submit the completed candidacy forms to the Elections Committee.
 - i) Within seven days of the candidacy application deadline, a three day recall election will be held according to standard election guidelines.
 - j) The Elections Committee shall review the results according to standard election guidelines with the exception of the timeline.
 - k) The Candidate who obtains the plurality of the vote will take office immediately upon complete review of the election.