

The Associated Students of Oregon State University  
Elections Committee

# 2017 Election Packet

*Associated Students of Oregon State University*

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**Dear Candidate,**

Firstly thank you for your commitment in the pursuit of serving this university through an elected position. I appreciate your interest in our election and all the information you would need should be contained within the pages of this packet. This year we have worked to create many changes that we think will increase equity and access to the elections for the candidates and the public alike.

As we have learned on the national level this year, elections are trying times. Yet, student activism and student government are often at the forefront of change in the United States, and as we progress into the coming years ASOSU's work in this regard will be all the more important. I affirm that ASOSU and the elections committee's main goal is to run a fair and transparent election.

These elections will be responsible for the selection of a new ASOSU President & Vice President, Speaker of the House, Senators, and House of Representatives Members and Student Incidental Fees Committee Members. This packet will contain all dates, deadlines, and regulations that will be relevant to your election experience. Although this packet is dense with information, ignorance or confusion will not be acceptable excuses for the violation of rules. If at any point you are unsure about something regarding the election I urge you to contact me as soon as possible.

I charge you then to go and get out there. Engage with students and new communities on this campus. Put new ideas out there and listen and learn from one another. Practice civility and civics, and most importantly... vote!

Sincerely,



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**2017 Elections Committee Roster**

**Chief Elections Officer:**

Brett M. Morgan, ASOSU Vice President

**Committee Members:**

Luke Bennet, ASOSU Senator

Lyndi Rae-Petty, ASOSU Senator

Rafid Chowdhury, MU Advisory Board Chair

Natalie Long, ASOSU Assistant Director of Promotion and Outreach

Anesat Leon Guerrero, ASOSU Executive Director of Diversity Programs

Ryan Khalife, ASOSU Senate Pro-Tempore

**Faculty Support Members:**

Drew Desilet, ASOSU Faculty Advisor

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**Important Dates**

Date	Time	Event
1/30/2017	4:00pm	Elections Packet Published
2/8/2017	9:00am	Informational Session in MU 208: La Raza Room
2/8/2017	3:30pm	Informational Session in MU 208: La Raza Room
2/10/2017	1:30pm	Informational Session in MU 211: American Indian Council Room
2/13/2017	1:30pm	Informational Session in MU 208: La Raza Room
2/17/2017	5:00pm	Candidate Filing Deadline - Online filling & Platform Statements Due
2/17/2017	10:00pm	Certification of Candidates
2/27/2017	12:01am	All Campaigning Begins
3/8/2017	12:00pm	Preliminary Financial Statement Due
3/8/2017	5PM	Live Stream Debate - Details TBD
3/9/2017	12:01am	Voting Opens
3/10/2017	5:00pm	Final Financial Statement Due
3/10/2017	10:00pm	Voting Closes

IN ORDER TO BECOME A CANDIDATE, YOU **MUST** ATTEND ONE OF THE four INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS OR ARRANGE FOR A MAKE-UP SESSION BY EMAILING ASOSUVP@OREGONSTATE.EDU.

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**Job Descriptions<sup>[1]</sup>**

\*More information on jobs and positions available at ASOSU can be found at  
<http://asosu.oregonstate.edu>\*

**ASOSU President:**

**INFORMAL SUMMARY**

*The President of ASOSU serves the entirety of the Executive Branch and is the face of ASOSU to students, the institution, and the state of Oregon. They serve on the President's Cabinet and act as a means to voice student issues to the administration, as well as appoint students to a variety of committees across the University. Additionally, the ASOSU President provides oversight to the services of ASOSU: ASOSU SafeRide, ASOSU Office of Advocacy, and ASOSU Student Legal Services. Other duties of the the ASOSU President include appointing members of the Judicial Council, writing executive orders, signing joint pieces of legislation, and overseeing the Student Incidental Fee Committee.*

1. The President shall conduct the administrative business and correspondence of the Executive Branch.
2. The President shall represent the ASOSU on the following Independent Committees:
  - i. Athletics Intermediary Committee
  - ii. ASOSU Campus Planning and Construction Committee
  - iii. Student Incidental Fees Committee
  - iv. OSU Campus Planning Committee
  - v. OSU Faculty Senate
  - vi. Memorial Union Advisory Board
  - vii. Oregon Student Association Board of Directors
  - viii. OSU Bookstores, Inc. Board of Directors
  - ix. OSU President's Cabinet
3. The President shall ensure that the ASOSU has representation before the Congress of the United States, the Oregon Legislature, the State Board of Higher Education, and in University decision processes.
4. The President shall represent ASOSU at official and social functions.
5. The President shall be required to work twenty hours a week excluding Finals Week.

**ASOSU Vice President:**

**INFORMAL SUMMARY:**

*The ASOSU VP Acts as a bridge between the executive and legislative branches helping to*

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*coordinate policy agendas. Besides serving on committees and workgroups to represent ASOSU and students in university functions, the VP acts as the the president's closest advisor in decisions about staffing, management, strategic thinking, budgeting, and leadership.*

1. The Vice-President shall serve as President of the Senate as outlined in Title I. of the ASOSU Statutes.
2. The Vice-President shall assist, as directed, with the committee work of the President.
4. The Vice-President shall serve as the ASOSU Elections Committee Chair, except in the event that they are seeking office the following year in which case the committee will select its own chair.
5. The Vice-President shall represent the Associated Students on:
  - i. OSU Provost's Council
  - ii. Recreational Sports Committee
  - iii. OSU Faculty Senate
6. The Vice-President shall Succeed to the office of the ASOSU President should a vacancy occur.
8. The Vice-President shall be required to work twenty hours a week excluding Finals Week.

**ASOSU Speaker of the House:**

**INFORMAL SUMMARY:**

*The Speaker of the House is chairs all regular meetings of the ASOSU House of Representatives, as well as any Joint Sessions of the ASOSU Congress. In conjunction with the Vice President, the Speaker of the House heads the legislative branch of the ASOSU, and is responsible for hosting congressional training for newly elected Representatives. The Speaker of the House works 20 hours a week during Fall, Winter, and Spring terms, 10 hours of which must be held in the ASOSU office space*

1. The Speaker of the House shall preside over all regular and special meetings, coordinate activities and orientations, and oversee all operations of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall appoint the Congressional Parliamentarian, Secretary and other Officers, excluding the Speaker Pro Tempore. The Speaker shall serve as a legislative representative on the OSU Faculty Senate. The Speaker shall appoint chairpersons to all House Standing Committees.
2. The Speaker of the House shall be required to hold twenty office hours a week excluding Finals Week.

**ASOSU Senators:**

1. Senators shall represent the interests of the student body to the best of their abilities and shall stand ready to assist students in matters relating to the ASOSU.

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2. Senators shall be seated on up to two Committees in the Senate. Conference Committees and Independent Committees shall not be count towards a Senator's two committees.
3. Each Senator shall be required to hold one office hour a week excluding Finals Week.

**ASOSU Representatives (30 Undergraduate Seats, 5 Graduate Seats):**

1. Representatives shall represent the interests of the student body to the best of their abilities and shall stand ready to assist students in matters relating to the ASOSU.
2. Representatives shall be seated on up to two Committees in the House of Representatives. Conference Committees and Independent Committees shall not be count towards a Representative's two committees.
3. All Representatives shall be allowed one vote, but shall not vote on legislation that the Representative previously voted on in their respective assigned committees.
4. Each Representative shall be required to hold one office hour a week excluding Finals Week.

**Student Incidental Fee Committee At-Large Member:**

A. The Student Incidental Fees Committee herein referred to as the SIFC, shall be an independent budgeting and fee advisory committee. The SIFC shall provide recommendations to the House of Representatives and the Senate on fees and one-time fee packages. The SIFC shall advise Congress in the event a Conference Committee is necessary in Congress to address mediation of a rejected fee recommendation.

*Additional information regarding the ASOSU Elected Offices can be found in the ASOSU Constitution and Statutes located on the ASOSU Website: <http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/>*

**Elections Guidelines**

**ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS AND HOLDING OFFICE <sup>[3]</sup>**

- A. An Elections Committee shall be established no later than Friday of the second week of fall term.
- B. The Elections Committee
  1. The Elections Committee of the ASOSU shall consist of at-large members of the ASOSU, as well as representation from student groups who will be utilizing the ASOSU Ballot in the General Election.
  2. The Vice President of the ASOSU shall supervise the creation of the Elections Committee.

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C. It shall be the duty of the Elections Committee of the ASOSU to:

1. Set election dates, filing deadlines, the inauguration date and propose election rules to the House of Representatives and publicize these to the ASOSU.
2. Arrange the election process and provide opportunities for the candidates to express their views to the ASOSU.

D. Election Procedures and Regulations of the ASOSU Elections Committee

1. Elections shall be held for the following positions:
  - a. Members of the Senate
  - b. Members of the House of Representatives (25 Undergraduate and 5 Graduate)
  - c. Speaker of the House
  - d. President
  - e. Vice President
  - f. Student Incidental Fees Committee Members<sup>[4]</sup>
2. Elections shall also be available to other recognized student organizations wishing to hold a campus-wide election. Each organization will determine the position(s) they want elected, the procedure for placing nominations on the ballot, and eligibility for each position. The information shall be due during the beginning of the term prior to the elections for inclusion in the elections packet.
3. The election procedures shall be printed by the first day a candidate may file for election.
4. The Senate may make changes in procedures and regulations in the term prior to that printing. Changes shall not be made after printing without the consent of every candidate.
5. No member of the elections committee shall run for an elected office while serving on the elections committee.
6. Elections shall be by secret ballot

E. Requirements for Candidacy or Appointed Position

1. Candidates for any elected or appointed office must meet University requirements to hold office.
  - a. Undergraduate students shall have earned at least six hours of credit in their most recently completed term, be currently registered for at least six hours, not be on conduct probation, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00.
  - b. Graduate students shall have earned at least five hours of credit in their most recently completed term, be currently registered for at least five hours, not be on conduct probation, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of

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3.00.

F. Failure to enroll during summer term shall not disqualify an otherwise qualified candidate for elections or appointment.

G. Holding Office

1. In accordance with University regulations, Undergraduate students with a grade point average (GPA) of less than 2.00 during any one academic term while holding office shall be automatically removed for the remainder of his/her term in the office; unless his/her cumulative GPA on hours earned at Oregon State University is above 2.00.

Undergraduate students earning less than a 2.00 GPA for two consecutive academic terms while holding office shall be removed permanently from office. Full time status shall be defined as six credit hours per term.

2. In accordance with University regulations, Graduate students with a grade point average (GPA) of less than 3.00 during any one academic term while holding office shall be automatically removed for the remainder of his/her term in the office; unless his/her cumulative GPA on hours earned at Oregon State University is above 3.00. Graduate students earning less than a 3.00 GPA for two consecutive academic terms while holding office shall be removed permanently from office. Full time status shall be defined as five credit hours per term.

**Title XI: Elections Guidelines**<sup>[5]</sup>

**Section 1: Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

A. "Ballot" means any material on which votes may be cast for candidates or measures.

B. "Chief Elections Officer" means the Chair of the Elections Committee.

C. "Party" means a student political organization for the purpose of pursuing a shared agenda by exercising their shared political power

D. "Elector" means any student eligible to vote under the Constitution of ASOSU. These shall be Corvallis campus students paying the student incidental fee during the academic term in which an election occurs.

E. "Measure" includes any Initiative or Referendum submitted to the students for their approval or rejection during an election.

F. "Vote Tally System" means the electronic system which collects and automatically counts ballots.

G. "Continuing ballot" means a ballot that is not an exhaustive ballot

H. "Exhausted ballot" means a ballot on which there are no choices marked other than choices for eliminated candidate.

**Section 2: Elections conducted under these guidelines.**

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Any general election or special election held at Oregon State University shall be conducted under the provisions of these guidelines and shall be under the authority of the ASOSU Elections Committee. The Elections Committee shall have authority to make temporary revisions to these guidelines during the period of the election to be institutionalized through statutory amendment afterward. The Elections Committee shall set all specific dates of events. The Elections Committee will only make decisions when a quorum is present, defined as 50%+1 of student committee members, excluding the Chair. A majority shall be decided by 50%+1 of the present members. In the event of a tie, the Chair will cast the tie-breaker vote.

**Section 3: Date of general election**

- A. The General Election shall be held during the second week of spring term.
- B. The General Election shall be three days long, with the election committee ultimately deciding when the election starts during Spring Term.

**Section 4: For the offices of ASOSU President, Vice President, and Speaker of the House:  
The ballots shall be counted by the method of instant runoff voting prescribed herein:**

- A. The initial round of counting shall be a count of the first choices marked on each ballot. If any candidate receives a majority of the first choices, that candidate shall be declared the winner, pending ratification.
- B. If no candidate receives a majority of first choices, there shall be a second round of counting. The last-place candidate shall be eliminated, and all the continuing ballots shall be recounted. Each continuing ballot shall be counted as one vote for that ballot's highest ranked advancing candidate. Single person voting rather than ranking individuals
- C. If no candidate receives a majority at the second round of counting, there shall be a third round of counting, continuing in the manner prescribed above.
- D. The process of eliminating the last-place candidates and recounting all the continuing ballots shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes in a round. The candidate who receives a simple majority of the votes in a round shall be declared the winner, pending ratification.
- E. When a ballot does not list a preference for any given round, it shall not be counted in that round or any subsequent round.
- F. If there are any insufficient second or lower choices for any candidate to receive a majority, the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner, pending ratification.
- G. When a ballot becomes an exhausted ballot it shall not be counted in that round or any subsequent round.

**Section 5: ASOSU House of Representatives, Senate, and SIFC**

- A. For ASOSU House, Senate, and SIFC Candidates the top vote getters after one round shall be awarded the available seats.
- B. No measure/initiative shall be adopted unless it receives an affirmative majority of the total

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votes cast on the measure. If two or more conflicting laws, or amendments to the ASOSU Constitution or Statutes, are approved at the same election, the law, or amendment, receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall take precedence and overrule the conflicting measure.

**Section 6: Information regarding ballot format and method of voting ballot.**

Prior to each election, the Elections Committee shall make every reasonable effort to acquaint electors with the ballot process to be used in the election and the method to cast a vote.

**Section 7: Register of candidates.**

The Chief Elections Officer shall keep a register of candidates engaged in campaigning. The register, if applicable, shall contain the following:

- A. The title/position for which each candidate has filed.
- B. The name and contact information of each candidate for nomination.
- C. The date of filing for nomination of the candidate.
- D. Platform statement and photo of candidate(s)
- E. Biography (optional)
- F. Such other information that may aid the Chief Elections Officer in arranging the Official ballot for elections. No extra information shall be required of one candidate than another.

**Section 8: Elections Committee's statement of offices, candidates and measures.**

- A. The Elections Committee shall publish and make available to the general public, the Election Packet no later than the first informational session.
- B. This Election packet shall contain the following information:
  1. This Election Guidelines.
  2. Descriptions of all elected office including assigned duties.
  3. Calendar of all deadlines and other important dates.
  4. Copies of all needed forms necessary to conduct campaigning, nomination, petition violations, and appeals.

**Section 9: Official general or special election ballots.**

- A. The official general or special election ballot shall be styled "Official Ballot" and shall state:
  1. The date of the general election.
  2. The names of all candidates at the general election who have withdrawn or become disqualified.
- B. The word "incumbent" shall follow the name of each candidate seeking re-election to the same office.
- C. One vote shall be permitted per elector for an ASOSU President, Vice President, and Speaker of the House ticket. Each elector is permitted a single vote for any candidate for the Senate and

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House of Representatives, respectively, but shall only be permitted to vote for a maximum number of candidates equal to the number of positions currently available for students for which to campaign in the Senate and House of Representatives, Respectively.

D. Available space for write-in votes shall immediately follow the last candidates name for every elected office on the ballot.

**Section 10: Order of Candidate Names and Initiatives on ballot.**

A. Ballots shall be ordered as follows:

1. Ballot Initiatives/Amendments
2. Computer randomized for the offices of ASOSU President and Vice-President, and Speaker of the House
3. Computer randomized for the ASOSU Senate.
4. Computer randomized for the member at large seats of the ASOSU House of Representatives.
5. Computer randomized for the member at large seats of the Student Incidental Fee Committee

**Section 11: Ballot specifications.**

A. Official ballots shall be made available through the ASOSU website.

**Section 12: Personnel for receiving ballot results.**

The Chief Elections Officer shall act as the primary counter of ballots and shall solicit more than one volunteer to aid in this task.

**Section 13: Contingency for Failure of Electronic Voting System.**

In the event of a failure of the electronic voting system, which shall be defined as failure to record ballots, compiling of accurate election results, or loss of system availability for students to cast votes, the Chief Elections Officer shall declare a new election date which shall occur no later than ten days following a failure of the electronic voting system.

**Section 14: Procedures after 10 p.m. on Election Day.**

A. Ballots may be tallied by a vote tally system following the closure of the polls at 10 p.m. on Election Day.

B. The Chief Elections Officer shall announce the winners of the election via the ASOSU website no later than 3 a.m. the day following Election Day. No less than three members of the elections committee shall be on site to confirm the results of the election.

C. The Chief Elections Officer shall contact every candidate by phone to tell them the results of the elections

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**Section 15: Individual Elected by Write-In votes; Form Rules.**

A. An individual elected to an elected office by write-in votes shall sign and file a form indicating that the individual accepts the office before the chief elections officer may issue a certificate of election. The elections committee by rule shall prescribe the form to be used under this section.

**Section 16: Chief Elections Officer's Duties After Election.**

A. The Chief Elections Officer, regarding offices for which the elections committee receives filings for nomination, shall:

1. Prepare, sign, and deliver a certificate of election to each candidate or ticket having the most votes for election to the office.
2. Issue a proclamation declaring the election of candidates to the offices which shall be sent to the Daily Barometer.
3. Issue a proclamation giving the number of votes cast for or against each measure, and declaring the approved measures as the law on the effective date of the measure. If two or more approved measures contain conflicting provisions, the elections committee shall proclaim which has precedence.

**Section 17: Certificate of Election Required Before Taking Oath of Office.**

When a candidate elected to public office is required by law to take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the office, the candidate shall not take the oath until the candidate has been granted a certificate of election.

**Section 18: Procedure When There is a Tie Vote.**

When two or more candidates for the same office have an equal number of votes and cannot otherwise both fulfill offices in the case of offices in the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively:

A. The Chief Elections Officer shall implement the procedures outlined for a tie vote.

**Section 19: Oregon State University Requirements For All Elected Positions.**

A. Undergraduate students shall have earned at least six (6) hours of credit in their most recently completed term, be currently registered for at least six (6) hours, not be on conduct probation, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00.

B. Graduate students shall have earned at least five (5) hours of credit in their most recently completed term, be currently registered for at least five (5) hours, not be on conduct probation, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00.

**Section 20: Elections committee requirements for all elected positions.**

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- A. Candidates must intend to be enrolled for the entire academic year at the Corvallis campus of Oregon State University.
- B. To appear on the ballot candidates must officially declare for candidacy by submitting the required documents no later than Friday, February 17th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to the Student Experience Center (SEC), Student Leadership and Involvement desk in the front lobby.
- C. Eligibility will be confirmed of all candidates by Friday, February 17, 2017. All candidates will be notified by email the status of their eligibility.
- D. Candidates who have filed for candidacy by the required deadline may change the position for which they are running no later than 5:00 p.m. on the specified date.
- E. Write-in candidates are subject to all rules and eligibility requirements in this packet and those of the University. Reasonable exceptions may be made for write-in candidates (for example, the information session; see below) at the discretion of the Elections Committee.
- F. Candidates for all elected offices are required to attend an information session the dates of which shall be provided on the calendar of deadlines.

**Section 21: Organizing.**

- A. Organizing is considered privately planning or preparing for the campaign process. Organizing includes, but is not limited to the following activities:
  1. Asking individuals to be part of your campaign team
  2. Strategizing for the campaign
  3. Designing and producing campaign materials.

**Section 22: Campaigning.**

- A. Campaigning is considered any public printed, electronic or verbal communication advocating a particular candidate. Campaigning is also considered any organized talk, speech or informational meeting advocating a particular candidate.
- B. On-campus campaigning shall not begin until 12:01 a.m. on Monday February 27th, 2017.

**Section 23: Campaign Materials.**

- A. Campaign material\_(including, but not limited to, posters, shirts, fliers, buttons, websites, social media, etc.) is subject to approval by the ASOSU Elections Committee and/or Chair and must abide by the rules listed herein and in rulings of the Committee.
- B. Campaign materials may be submitted for pre-approval to the Chief Elections Officer at [asosuvp@oregonstate.edu](mailto:asosuvp@oregonstate.edu). The elections committee shall have the authority to deny any material that is not pre-approved.
- C. No campaign materials may be placed on building exteriors, light poles, trees or automobiles. Refer to the Schedule of Classes' Student Life Policy. This would include candidate's personal vehicles, this also includes on and off campus locations
- D. All campaign materials, unless otherwise approved, must have the ASOSU Elections website address on them:  
[asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections](http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections)

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These shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Campaign posters
2. Social networking sites
3. Websites
4. Fliers (must follow university marketing guidelines)
5. T-shirts
6. Buttons
7. Stickers

F. No chalking shall be permitted.

G. No candidate or affiliate shall remove or deface the campaign materials of another candidate.

H. Only the members of the Elections Committee shall remove illegal campaign materials.

Illegal campaign materials include, but are not limited to, materials that have been previously denied approval, or not approved as outlined in the campaign packet.

I. Candidates sending emails over listservs must first obtain permission from that list's administrator as well as the Chief Elections Officer.

J. Campaigning may not include the use of Benny the Beaver, Oregon State University logos, copyrighted colors, symbols, or any pictures or models that may be perceived as an endorsement by the University.

K. Candidates or tickets are not responsible for violations of campaign materials or campaign location violations by students or other individuals in possession of/or displaying non-stationary campaign materials such as shirts, buttons, flyers, stickers, as well as third party posters and social networking sites.

L. All candidates and campaigns shall comply with libel and slander laws under the provisions of ORS-260.532.

### **Section 24: Campaign Locations**

A. Campaigning in University living establishments is at the discretion of that organization. Candidates are expected to abide by all regulations of the organization as well as University regulations. University recognized housing includes residence halls, fraternities, sororities, etc.

B. Campaigning in classes and lectures is strictly prohibited. Disruptions to classroom learning will result in review in by the elections committee as a violation.

### **Section 25: General Regulations.**

A. All candidates must follow every deadline. Requests for extension of deadlines must be submitted to the ASOSU Elections Chair three days prior to the original deadlines.

B. Candidates and campaign organizers may not provide the means for any student to vote at any time.

C. Candidates that violate any rules, regulations, or standing procedure administered by an OSU organization may be considered in violation of ASOSU Election Policies subject to the discretion of the ASOSU Elections Committee.

### **Section 26: Violations; process to appeal violations.**

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A. Violations shall include the following:

1. Providing students with the means to vote. Members of a candidate's campaign team also may not provide students with the means to vote.
2. Submitting votes for other students.
3. Tampering with the electronic election system.
4. Harassment, intimidation, bribery or fraud with the intent of affecting the outcome of the election.
5. Tampering with another campaign's materials.
6. Failing to file required documents on time unless granted an extension prior to due date.
7. Intentional actions to mislead or obstruct the duties of the Elections Committee.
8. Failing to comply with the rulings of the Elections Committee.
9. Exceeding the campaign finance limit by more than one percent on any Financial Statements.
10. Promising to hire any student during campaigning, or making overtures to hire or appoint students to positions prior to the final election, particularly in order to gain support for a campaign. Candidates may openly encourage students to apply for positions within ASOSU. Candidates cannot describe their desire in having individual students or students at-large take interest in specific positions, but candidates are prohibited from "earmarking" students for positions and vice-versa.
11. Cannot hire any individual for compensation without the approval of the Elections Committee
13. Violation of Section 30: Ethics
14. Candidates cannot be sponsored by any affiliate of Oregon State University (ex: OSA, Any Organization Student Fee Funded Departments/Organizations)
  1. Sponsorship is defined as donations, access to buildings, exclusive information, and endorsement, etc.
15. Any action that a majority of the Elections Committee deems to be of a severe enough nature as to warrant a violation.

C. Any alleged violation of campaign rules must be recorded via the Elections Violation Submission Form, included in this packet, and submitted to the SLI Desk in the Student Experience Center (SEC) Lobby within two business days after the offense has been observed. Elections Violation Submission Forms will be available on the ASOSU website. Any party who witnessed the offense may report the violation and may include documented proof of the incident when applicable. Alleged violation reports must include the candidate committing the offense, date, place and time of offense and any other pertinent information.

D. Once a complaint has been filed, the Elections Committee will review the violation at the next scheduled meeting. The candidate will be notified immediately of the charges against them.

E. Candidates accused of committing a violations offense will receive a hearing by the Elections Committee. Candidates will receive a 24 hour notice of their hearing time, unless the violation is filed during any day of open voting. ASOSU Faculty advisor shall be present at every hearing.

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F. Candidates and/or campaigns to whom a violation is issued may appeal to the Elections Committee during their hearing. The Elections Committee will review the appeal following their hearing and must make their decision within two working days of receiving the appeal form

G. The Elections Committee may disqualify a candidate for any violations offense, gross violations of the University Policies, or actions that cause damages to the student body.

**Section 27: Campaign Spending Limits; sources of funding.**

A. All campaigns are limited to \$300 for each individual or ticket regardless of the office. No person or ticket that campaigns for multiple offices shall commingle any funding from individual campaigns, or combine the spending limits of any other campaigns.

B. Any donation (money or estimated cost of material items) will count towards the \$300 spending limit.

C. Campaigns shall limit spending to the promotion of their individual campaign. Money shall not be commingled with other campaigns.

**Section 28: Financial statements; dates due.**

A. Financial Statements must be filed and shall include the following:

1. An itemized list of all expenditures, including approved hiring
2. List of all donated materials and estimated value.
3. A detailed list of all contributions, whether personal or from donors.
4. Itemized receipts of transactions

B. Financial statements shall be due:

1. Preliminary Campaign Financial Statement due: Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 by 5:00pm at the SEC front desk in Student Experience Center (SEC) Lobby.
2. Final Financial Statement due: Wednesday, March 10th, 2017 by 5:00pm in Student to the Elections Chair (SEC 288)

10a. The Final Financial Statement shall act as the final statement accounting for all contributions and expenses. No purchases or payments shall be made on campaign expenses after this time.

**Section 29: Parties**

- A. The formation and running as/of a party is strictly prohibited at all times.
- B. Collusion and other forms of informal partying is strictly prohibited.
- C. External organizations, clubs, and other entities are not allowed to financially contribute to a campaign in any form.
- D. Parties shall be defined as: A student political organization for the purpose of pursuing a shared agenda by exercising their shared political power, effort or money
  1. This is not to be confused with any recognized or customary organization in existence prior to the start of the elections.
  2. The commingling of campaign finances and materials shall be strictly prohibited, with the sole exception of a joint President/Vice President ticket filed with the

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3. This is not to limit free speech, or any spoken statements, but instead to limited printed or co-organized materials.
4. Campaign resources may only be used to support the respective candidate's ticket

**Section 30: Ethics**

- A. Candidate shall act in accordance with the ASOSU and OSU Code of Conduct.
- B. Candidates shall follow all federal, state, local and university laws at all times.
- C. Discriminatory Harassment will not be condoned, as defined in the University's Policy on Discriminatory Harassment:

[http://leadership.oregonstate.edu/sites/leadership.oregonstate.edu/files/policies/student\\_conduct\\_2-25-15\\_576-15.pdf](http://leadership.oregonstate.edu/sites/leadership.oregonstate.edu/files/policies/student_conduct_2-25-15_576-15.pdf)

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## **ELECTION PLATFORM GUIDELINES**

Please submit a platform statement and photo to the Chief Elections Officers via [asosuvp@oregonstate.edu](mailto:asosuvp@oregonstate.edu) by Friday, February 17th, 2017 by 5:00pm.

This paragraph will be posted on the ASOSU website, could go in The Daily Barometer, and will also be on the ballot. If this paragraph and photo is not submitted by the deadline, **you will not be eligible for candidacy.**

Some ideas for things to include in your platform statement are as follows:

- Official Title of the Position for which you are campaigning
- Justification: why are you campaigning for this position?
- Experience: what experiences qualify you for this position?
- Issues: what issues do you intend to address on behalf of students, if elected?
- Strategies: how do you intend to address the needs of students, if elected?

**1. Vice President/President requirements:**

- a. Platform statement (no more than 500 words)
- b. Photo of candidates
- c. Personal bio (optional, no more than 200 words)

**2. Speaker of the House requirements:**

- a. Platform statement (no more than 500 words)
- b. Photo of candidates
- c. Personal bio (optional, no more than 200 words)

**3. All other candidate requirements:**

- a. Platform Statement (no more than 300 words)
- b. Photo of candidate
- c. Personal bio (optional, no more than 200 words)