

Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Student Body Statutes

Title III. Elections
Chapter 300. Elections Statutes

- Chapter 300.000 Authority
- 300.100 The Elections Board shall be in charge of all Student Government elections, including General, Special and Run-off Elections, including referendum elections and Constitutional amendment questions that are set forth in this document, and is established for that purpose by the Student Government Constitution and Statutes.
- 300.200 The Chair of Elections shall serve as the chairperson of the Elections Board and shall faithfully execute those duties and responsibilities designated by the Student Government Constitution and this Chapter of the Student Body Statutes to conduct proper elections by the Elections Board.
- Chapter 301.000 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to define and outline the structure and operation of elections within Student Government.
- Chapter 302.000 Definitions:
- 302.100.a Ballot - The official medium used by which a vote is recorded.
- 302.100.b Campaign Expense - The fair market value of any goods or services paid for or received by a candidate or ticket's campaign.
- 302.100.c Campaign Materials, Authorized - Any items approved by the Elections Board, which contribute to a candidate or ticket's campaign, including electronic media.
- 302.100.d Campaigning - All publicizing and/or distribution of campaign materials (i.e.: flyers, handbills, food, websites, etc.) or verbal communication that solicits or calls for support of a candidate or ticket for an elective office of Student Government.
- 302.100.e Contribution - Any service, goods, or sum of money donated to a candidate with the intent of promoting or aiding the candidate in his or her campaign.
- 302.100.f Declaration of Candidacy - The process whereby a student declares intent to campaign for office and be placed on an election ballot.

- 302.100.g Direct Written Notice - Paper or electronic (FAU e-mail, or fax) notice.
- 302.100.h Election Period - The time period beginning the day Declarations of Candidacy begin and ending on the date that official results have been publicized and there are no outstanding complaints, contestations, hearings or appeals, including run-off elections if applicable.
- 302.100.h.1 For special elections, the end of the election period will be the date that official results are publicized and there are no outstanding complaints, contestations, hearings or appeals.
- 302.100.i Fill-in Candidacy - The process whereby a student declares intent to be placed on an election ballot just before an election is held thereby waiving their right to participate in the full length of the campaigning period.
- 302.100.j General Election - Elections held once (1) during both fall and spring semesters for the purpose of determining which candidates will assume all Student Government elective offices.
- 302.100. j. 1 General Election ballots may include referendums and Constitutional Amendment questions.
- 302.100. k Major Violation - Any violation affecting the outcome of an election, repeated minor violations, or blatant disregard of election statutes.
- 302.100.l Minor Violation - Any violation not affecting the outcome of an election.
- 302.100.m Official Results - The official posting of the final election results, as certified by Student Government Advisors and the Elections Board, after all appeals and contestations have been exhausted.
- 302.100.n On-Line Polling Stations:
- 302.100.n.1 A designated and posted area set up by the Elections Board or Student Government Advisors containing computing stations for on-line voting.
- 302.100.n.2 Any public computer lab located anywhere on any FAU campus.
- 302.100.n.3 Any private or office computer located anywhere.

- 302.100.o On-Line Polling Region - A twenty-five (25) foot radius surrounding designated On-Line Polling Stations and general use computing labs on all FAU campuses.
- 302.100.p Political Party - A group of candidates, who may or may not be associated with a ticket, cooperatively campaigning together for elected offices.
- 302.100.q Poll – A survey put to the Student Body on any ballot administered by the Elections Board not carrying the weight of legislation.
- 302.100.r Posters - Any printed 2-dimensional campaign material not to exceed 22 inches by 25 inches in dimension for the purpose of limiting poster size used for campaigning thereby creating greater equity in the campaign process.
- 302.100.s Public Notice - Any written notice published on the SG website, MyFAU, in SG offices or sent via e-mail.
- 302.100.t Recall - The dismissal from office of an elected official by a popular vote.
- 302.100.u Referendum - Any question put before the Student Body for a vote.
- 302.100.v -Run-off Election - An election held following a General Election or Special Election in the event of a lack of majority vote for an office on a ballot.
- 302.100.w Simple Majority - A minimum of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1).
- 302.100.x Special Election - Any election other than a General Election and Run-Off Election where the ballot may contain candidates for elected office.
- 302.100.x.1 Special Election ballots may not include referendums and Constitutional Amendments.
- 302.100.y Ticket - Two (2) candidates cooperatively engaged in a campaign for Student Body President and Vice-President.
- 302.100.z Third Party Advertising - Solicited or unsolicited support for a candidate or ticket by an organization or individual other than the candidate or ticket themselves.
- 302.100.aa Unofficial Results - The unofficial posting of the election results by Student Government Advisors and the Elections Board prior to any appeals and/or contestations.

- Chapter 303.000 Election Funding - Sufficient funds shall be available for the election process from the Student Government Activity and Service Fee Budget in the SG Elections account.
- Chapter 304.000 Elections Board
- 304.100 Composition of the Elections Board. The Elections Board shall consist of at least five (5) FAU students, at least one (1) student from each of four (4) campus groupings: Boca Raton, Broward, Jupiter and Treasure Coast, and lead by the Chair of Elections.
- 304.200 Selection of the Members of the Elections Board
- 304.210 The Chair of Elections shall be selected through an appointment process initiated by the Student Body President within thirty (30) business days after the inauguration of the Student Body President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- 304.220 The four (4) campus based Elections Board Commissioners shall be selected through an application process by the Chair of Elections within sixty (60) business days after the Chair's confirmation by the Student Senate.
- 304.230 Each Elections Board Commissioner must be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- 304.240 All Elections Board positions are open to any member of the FAU student body.
- 304.250 Each and every member of the Elections Board must meet and maintain the minimum qualifications for eligibility as stated in University Regulation 4.006.
- 304.300 Neutrality of the Elections Board
- 304.310 No member of the Elections Board may endorse or campaign for any candidate or ticket for an elective position in Student Government, nor shall they act in any partisan manner while they are serving as members of the Elections Board.
- 304.320 No member of the Elections Board may hold or be a candidate for an elected or appointed position elsewhere within Student Government during their term on the Elections Board.

- 304.400 Resignation or Removal of Members of the Elections Board
- 304.410 Failure to attend three consecutive meetings of the Elections Board without prior notification to the Chair of Elections shall constitute automatic resignation from the Elections Board.
- 304.420 In the event of a student complaint, including from a member of Student Government, against a member of the Elections Board, including the Chair of Elections, to the Student Court via the SG Advisor, the Student Court shall meet and determine if an Elections Board member may have violated the Elections Statutes.
- 304.421 If the Student Court decides that an Elections Board member may have committed a violation of the Elections Statutes, it shall follow procedures for such hearings as detailed in Chapter 600.
- 304.430 At the recommendation of the Student Court, the Student Body President may remove any member of the Elections Board with the concurrence of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- 304.440 An Elections Board member who is removed from office may appeal to the Student Court via the SG Advisor.
- 304.441 Appeals of Student Court decisions should be directed to the Vice President of Student Affairs.
- 304.500 Vacancy of an Elections Board Member - Filling a vacancy due to the untimely removal or resignation of an Elections Board member, including Chair of Elections, shall follow the selection and confirmation process stated in Chapter 304.200 as needed.
- 304.510 Chair of Elections Board Vacancy - If the Chair of Elections position is vacant within one (1) month of the Elections period or during an Elections Period, the Elections Commissioner of the largest campus grouping will be appointed as the temporary Chair of Elections by the Student Body President.
- 304.511 The temporary appointment of an Interim Chair of Elections must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- 304.512 The Student Body President must post the Chair of Elections vacancy within twenty-four (24) hours.

- 304.600 Term of Office - Members of the Elections Board shall serve until the conclusion of the following spring semester regardless of the date of their appointment and confirmation.
- 304.700 Compensation of Members of the Student Elections Board - The members of the Elections Board may be compensated if provided for in the Activity and Service (A & S) Fee budget for Student Government.
- 304.710 All Student Government employees are considered Temporary Student Employees and are bound by the University's Regulations and policies governing both Temporary and Student Employees.
- Chapter 305.000 Duties of the Chair of Elections
- 305.100 Supervise the Elections Board members in accomplishing the requirements specified in this Chapter.
- 305.200 Maintain twenty (20) weekly office hours, five (5) of which must be in the Elections Office itself.
- 305.300 Maintain files containing any and all pertinent information related to elections.
- 305.400 Submit an oral and/or written report to the Student Senate at each Senate meeting held prior to and throughout the election period.
- 305.500 Hold Elections Board meetings at least weekly throughout the elections period to train, supervise, and delegate election related tasks to the Elections Commissioners.
- 305.510 Elections Board meetings are subject to Florida Sunshine Law and twenty-four (24) hours public notice must be given.
- 305.600 Review, and if needed, submit a list of revisions to the Election Statutes as legislation to the Student Senate within one (1) month following each election.
- 305.700 Maintain candidate information and submit to the SG Advisor for eligibility determination and posting to the SG Elections webpages and in all SG Offices.
- 305.800 Preparation of the Ballot with the support of the SG Advisor.
- 305.900 Tabulation and posting of unofficial election or referendum results to the SG Elections webpages and in all SG Offices with the support of

the SG Advisor no later than 12:00 p.m. on the afternoon following an election or referendum.

Chapter 306.000

Duties of the Elections Board Commissioners

- 306.100 Maintain ten (10) weekly office hours, two (2) of which must be in the Boca Raton Elections Office or SG office on their respective campus.
- 306.110 Maintain posted office hours on their respective campus's SG Office each week of an election period.
- 306.200 Submit an oral/or written report to each of the four the Campus House of Representatives at each meeting prior to and throughout an election period.
- 306.300 Attend all Elections Board meetings.
- 306.400 Develop and approve elections timelines with the direction of the Chair of Elections and support of the SG Advisors specifying dates and deadlines for the election process in accordance to the Elections Statutes.
- 306.500 Advertise all elections and referendums at least one (1) -month before the start of an election on every FAU campus via:
 - 306.510 University email, MyFAU, and student media outlets,
 - 306.520 Tabling and handouts,
 - 306.530 Informational meetings.
- 306.600 Prepare forms, policy and other elections material for distribution via the SG Elections website, tabling and at Informational and Mandatory Candidacy meetings.
- 306.700 Conduct at least one (1) Mandatory Candidacy meeting on each of the four campus groupings to explain the Elections Statutes, campaign policies, and to answer questions concerning an election to all declared candidates and/or tickets.
- 306.800 Coordinate Candidate Debates
 - 306.810 The Student Body President and Vice President tickets and Campus Gubernatorial candidates will debate before the spring General Election, administered by the Elections Board with support from Student Media Outlets.

- 306.811 The Presidential ticket debate will be held on the Boca Raton Campus and be video-conferenced or videotaped and distributed to the partner campuses by Owl TV via closed circuit TV and web streaming if available before election polls open.
- 306.812 The Gubernatorial debates will be held on the candidates respective campuses and be video-conferenced or videotaped and distributed to the partner campuses by Owl TV via closed circuit TV and web streaming if available before election polls open.
- 306.820 The Senator and Campus House of Representatives candidates will debate or attend a meet and greet event before the fall General Election on each of the four FAU campus groupings, administered by the Elections Board with support from Student Media Outlets.:
- 306.830 These debates shall take place no later than one (1) business day prior to election polls opening.
- ~~306.840~~ All debates must be moderated by members of the Student Media Outlets.
- 306.900 Administer and Oversee the Elections Process including:
- 306.910 Making all necessary arrangements for on-line polling stations on every FAU campus.
- 306.911 This shall include providing for supplies, staffing a secure environment, physical designation of, and any other items required for the proper, efficient, and legal completion of the Elections.
- 306.912 Physically designating the on-line polling stations and campaign boundaries at least one (1) business day before the first day of the election.
- 306.913 Planning, requesting and setting up designated on-line polling stations on each of the FAU campus groupings with assistance from SG Advisors and Information Resource Management (IRM).
- 306.914 Removing of all election related material at the conclusion of an election.

- 306.915 Approving and filing all examples of campaign materials before such materials are posted by candidates, tickets or their supporters and keep an accurate representation of any campaign materials.
- 306.916 Checking the campuses everyday during an election period for any unauthorized campaign materials.
- 306.917 Arranging for removal and recording of all unauthorized campaign materials immediately and initiating appropriate action to fulfill the requirements of the Elections Statutes and University posting policies.
- 306.918 Hearing and acting upon complaints and contestations regarding an election or referendum.

Chapter 307.000 Elections Timeline

307.100 Spring and Fall General Election Timelines must include the following dates:

- 307.100.a. Informational Meetings
- 307.100.b Declaration of Candidacy Deadline
- 307.100.c Mandatory Candidacy Meeting(s)
- 307.100.d Campaign Period
- 307.100.e Debate and/or Meet the Candidates Events
- 307.100.f Fill-in Declaration of Candidacy Deadline
- 307.100.g Sample Ballot Posting
- 307.100.h Election Days
- 307.100.i Unofficial Results Posting
- 307.100.j Complaint and Contestation Deadline
- 307.100.k Campaign Expense Reporting Deadline
- 307.100.l Elections Board Hearings
- 307.100.m Appeals to the Student Court Deadlines

- 307.100.n Possible Run-off Election Days
- 307.100.o Official Results Posting
- 307.200 The Declaration of Candidacy period should be a minimum of two (2) weeks.
- 307.300 Campaign Period shall be a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to Election Days.
- Chapter 308.000 Elections Forms
 - 308.100 All forms used during elections will be developed by the Elections Board, in compliance with Elections Statutes and approved by the SG Advisors.
 - 308.200 All candidates must submit the following documents, available on the SG Website and Elections Office to the Elections Board by the specified deadlines:
 - 308.210 Declaration of Candidacy or Fill-in Declaration of Candidacy
 - 308.220 Code of Ethics Agreement
 - 308.230 Campaign Expense Report Form
 - 308.240 Complaint and Contestations Form
 - 308.300 The Elections Board will make available all election forms on the SG Website, SG Offices, and Elections Office with support from the SG Advisor.
- Chapter 309.000 Declaration of Candidacy
 - 309.100 Candidates for elected office must complete the Declaration of Candidacy Form and submit it by the specified deadline.
 - 309.110 Declared candidates' eligibility will be verified by the SG Advisor before being posted on the SG Website and at SG Offices and the Elections Office.
 - 309.200 Candidates seeking Presidential or Vice Presidential office must run on a ticket with, but not limited to, a candidate seeking the other office of the pair.

- 309.210 For all other positions, candidates shall retain the right to endorse or campaign with other candidates as independents or as members of a party.
- 309.300 The Declaration of Candidacy is comprised of:
 - 309.310 Declaration of Candidacy Form
 - 309.320 Code of Ethics Agreement
 - 309.330 Attendance at a Mandatory Candidacy Meeting:
 - 309.331 Proxies may not attend on behalf of a candidate.
- 309.400 The Elections Board may disqualify candidates who fail to submit all forms correctly by publicized deadlines or fail to attend a Mandatory Candidacy Meeting.
 - 309.410 The Chair of Elections will notify disqualified candidates in writing via email or mail no later than three (3) business days after the candidate's disqualification has been decided and verified by the SG Advisor.
 - 309.420 Any disqualified candidate may appeal to the Student Court based on an alleged violation of the SG Constitution or Statutes.
- 309.500 All party names must be submitted to the Elections Board and SG Advisor for approval before using. All party members must be listed and updated as changes occur to the Elections Board and SG Advisor.
- Chapter 310.000 Fill-in Candidates
 - 310.100 Fill-in Candidates may only fill seats that would otherwise go vacant.
 - 310.200 Fill-in Candidates must file a Fill-in Declaration of Candidacy Form no later than the Wednesday before Election Days.
 - 310.300 Fill-in Candidates will be verified by the SG Advisors within two (2) business days of submitting their Fill-in Declaration of Candidacy that they meet the minimum qualifications as stated in University Regulation 4.006 and the SG Constitution and Statutes.
 - 310.400 Fill-in Candidates will be added to the On-line Ballot as a "Fill-in Candidate".

- 310.500 Fill-in Candidates may not campaign except on the day before and on Election Days.
- Chapter 311.000 The Ballot
- 311.100 The Spring General Election Ballots will be organized in the following order:
- 311.110 Ballot A - Student Body President and Student Body Vice President and any University-wide referendum(s)
- 311.120 Ballot B - Campus Governors, vacant Senate seats, vacant seats of Campus House of Representatives, and any campus-based referendum(s)
- 311.200 The Fall General Election Ballots will be organized in the following order:
- 311.210 Ballot A - All Senate seats and any University-wide referendum(s)
- 311.220 Ballot B – All Campus House of Representatives seats and any campus-based referendum(s)
- 311.300 Ballots will be alphabetized with candidates' last name first.
- 311.400 Full legal names must be used on the ballot, no nicknames or aliases may be used in place of a full legal name.
- 311.500 Names of candidates on ballots may be labeled by the Elections Board and SG Advisor to indicate ticket or party affiliation.
- 311.600 Candidates will only appear on ballots if they have properly filed all appropriate paperwork by publicized deadlines and have been verified by the Elections Board and the SG Advisor and are otherwise eligible to hold the office they seek.
- 311.700 A Sample Ballot will be posted after Fill-in candidates and regular candidate's eligibility has been verified by the SG Advisors and shall remain posted until the Friday before Election Days.
- 311.710 Any errors on the Sample Ballot from which the On-line Ballot will be constructed must be reported in writing to the Chair of Elections by the Friday before Election Days and the SG Advisor will make corrections before the On-line Ballot is constructed.

- 311.800 The On-line Ballot will be constructed and posted on the Monday before Election Days and may not be changed or altered in any way preceding any election once constructed.
- 311.900 The SG Advisor will be responsible for providing the unofficial and official results of elections to the Chair of Elections, Student Body President (unless they are a candidate in the election), Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and his or her designee(s).
- Chapter 312.000 On-line Polling Stations
- 312.100 On-line polling stations will be available on Election Days on all four major campus groupings.
- 312.200 Locations and hours of availability will differ on each campus grouping.
- 312.210 This information will be publicized at least four (4) weeks before an election.
- 312.300 No campaigning or campaign material will be permitted within On-line Polling Regions, the FAU computer labs, or any other University computing areas except for material voters may have legitimately received earlier that they choose to bring to the polls which they may do so and are expected to remove when they have completed voting.
- Chapter 313.000 On-line Voting Procedures
- 313.100 The Chair of Elections will work with the SG Advisor and the Department of Information Resource Management (IRM) who will design and administer a web-based format for on-line voting.
- 313.200 Online voting may take place on any computer connected to the Internet anywhere.
- 313.300 On-line voting shall start at Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. and close on Wednesday night at 11:59 p.m. on Election Days.
- 313.400 Students may vote only once per ballot per election.
- 313.410 FAU faculty and staff who have access to the ballot because they are also enrolled as a student either part of full-time are not permitted to vote due to a conflict of interest as their primary role at FAU is to provide instruction and administrative services to students.

- 313.500 Candidates and their campaign supporters may not be in the FAU computer labs on Election Days except to use the computers for legitimate non-campaign purposes or to vote themselves.
- 313.600 Candidates and their campaign supporters may direct students to On-line Polling stations and on-campus computer labs but shall not stay in the labs or on-line polling stations and must remain outside of the designated On-line Polling Regions.
- 313.700 Candidates and/or campaign supporters may not set up laptop and/or desktop computers for students to vote.
- 313.800 No candidate or campaign supporter may serve as a poll worker.
- Chapter 314.000 Campaigning
- 314.100 Campaigning on campus must comply with the Elections Statutes, Student Code of Conduct, University Regulations and Posting Policies for all University campuses and facilities.
- 314.200 All campaign materials, including candidate web sites, must be approved and on file with the Elections Board.
- 314.210 All campaign material in any format, including but not limited to non-FAU websites, t-shirts, stickers, flyers, posters, and banners, that indicates a voting method, place, format, location, and/or time must include the following clause: “If accommodation(s) for a disability is required contact Person/Phone Number/TTY 1-800-955-8770, a minimum of five (5) working days in advance of the date of the event”.
- 314.300 Distribution of campaign materials is restricted to the following:
- 314.300.a As per Housing policy, Housing facilities are restricted areas and candidates, tickets and parties may not distribute campaign materials in any housing facility at the University. This includes but is not limited to knocking on doors and soliciting for votes in the Housing Facilities or on its premises.
- 314.300.b University Computer Labs, Libraries, Bookstores (does not include the Breezeway itself), and floors of Student Unions that house Student Government offices (Boca Raton: 2nd floor, Davie: 2nd floor, Ft. Lauderdale Tower: 5th floor, Jupiter: the Burrow in its entirety, Treasure Coast: ????) and

grounds are restricted areas and candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties may not distribute campaign materials in any such facility at the University.

- 314.300.b.1 Student Unions contain Student Government offices and are operationally funded by Student Government. So as to not cause a conflict where it could appear that Student Government officers are endorsing candidates, tickets or parties, campaigning is restricted to non-SG floors, rooms, and spaces in these facilities. Libraries and Bookstores are off limits to campaigning per University policy. Computer labs are considered on-line polling locations and are therefore restricted from campaign activities and materials.
- 314.300.c Campaign materials may be posted in Campus Recreation and Wellness facilities on approved bulletin boards only.
- 314.300.d Candidates may post only one campaign item per bulletin board where permitted.
- 314.300.e All printed campaign material approved by the Elections Board meant for bulletin boards, offices, and buildings must be stamped with approval by staff members of the offices of Student Involvement and Leadership on the respective campus.
- 314.300.f Campaign materials may not be slid under doors of any buildings including but not limited to classrooms, residence halls, offices or businesses on-campus.
- 314.300.g Candidates who wish to distribute or display material on or in a University building must first have secured the written permission of the Building Manager and shall submit such permission to the Elections Board and Student Involvement and Leadership offices.
 - 314.300.g.i Candidates who wish to decorate the Breezeway or any other building or public surface, indoors or out, with campaign materials must consult with and receive prior written approval from the Office of Space Utilization, Student Involvement and Leadership, and the Elections Board before doing so.
- 314.300.h Campaigning may not begin before adjournment of the Mandatory Candidacy Meetings.

- 314.300.i Campaign materials may not be placed on or in vehicles on-campus without the written consent of the vehicle's owner.
- 314.300.j No printed material larger than a poster shall be posted, placed or distributed anywhere on University property.
- 314.300.j.1 This shall not prohibit a candidate or their campaign supporters from carrying signs approved by the Elections Board on their person provided they are not posted, placed, or attached to any University surface.
- 314.300.k No campaigning may take place at an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages or goods.
- 314.300.l No campaigning may take place and no campaign materials of any sort may be displayed or stored in Student Government offices, except the Elections Board Office which must store a record of campaign material submitted for approval for the purpose of conducting and monitoring a fair election process.
- 314.300.m Candidates and their campaign supporters must remain twenty-five (25) feet away from any on-line polling location during an election, unless they are casting votes.
- 314.300.n Candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties may not use any official FAU seal, logo, or mascot in any campaign materials, including but not limited to websites or third party advertisements.
- 314.300.o All campaign materials must be removed from buildings and campus property within seventy-two (72) hours after the conclusion of any election by the candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties themselves.
- 314.300.o.1 If a run-off election is to be held subsequent to a general or special election, campaign materials do not have to be removed by the candidates participating in the run-off elections until seventy-two (72) hours after the run-off election has concluded.
- 314.300.p When conducting or attending meetings on or off campus as a Student Government official, working within Student Government offices or at Student Government sponsored events, activities or functions, or in any other way representing Student Government in a matter that pertains to their roles and responsibilities as a Student Government

official, Student Government officers or programs may not endorse any candidate, ticket, or party.

- 314.300.p.1 Leadership and members of registered student clubs and organizations, not including Student Government Programs, may endorse any candidate, ticket, or party as long as the leadership and members are not in violation of 314.300.p.
- 314.300.q Candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties must abide by the IRM and University Communications and Media Relations policies regarding use of electronic media and communications in their campaign.
- 314.300.r Candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties may not send unsolicited emails to FAU students via MyFAU or student's FAU email.
- 314.300.s Candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties may not use official University websites for campaigning.
- 314.300.t All campaign websites not run by the University must abide by the Chapter 300 Elections Statutes in their entirety..
- 314.300.t.i. Personal websites including but not limited to Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and others may be used for campaigning provided the material posted on personal websites for the purpose of campaigning is preapproved by the Elections Board and complies with Chapter 300 Elections Statutes in their entirety.
- 314.300.u Personal or free web sites shall not be considered as campaign expenses, however, candidates must provide evidence that use of the website is free.
- 314.300.v The Elections Board shall have no responsibility for policing campaign web sites and electronic communications, however such campaign materials must be preapproved by the Elections Board.
- 314.300.v.i. Candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties have the responsibility of self-monitoring and reporting campaign violations to the Elections Board and SG Advisor and providing supporting documentation when they discover them.

- 314.300.v.ii. The Elections Board may hear and decide on any such cases brought up through the Election Complaint and Contestation process.
 - 314.300.w No campaign material may be produced using Student Government materials, supplies or equipment.
 - 314.400 Candidates, campaign supporters, tickets, and parties may not solicit endorsement from University faculty and staff regardless if such individuals are also enrolled in classes as this creates a conflict of interest.
- Chapter 315.000 Campaign Expense
- 315.100 Permissible campaign expenses include the purchase and/or construction of campaign materials such as t-shirts, flyers, posters, banners, promotional items, printing, etc.
 - 315.110 Indirect campaign supplies (i.e.: staplers, tape, paint and brushes, etc.) are also considered campaign expenses.
 - 315.110.a Household items used in campaigns must also be documented and submitted to the Elections Board.
 - 315.300 No student may use Activity and Service Fee funds (with the exception of monies collected by OPS wages) or materials purchased with Activity and Service Fees funds to campaign or support a campaign.
 - 315.310 No student may use fundraising or other revenue funds collected on behalf of a registered student club or organization at FAU to campaign or support a campaign.
 - 315.400 Campaign expenses for any and all regular, special and run-off elections are limited to the following amounts, including from donations:
 - 315.410 Student Body President and Vice President Ticket – seventeen hundred fifty (\$1,750) dollars per ticket.
 - 315.420 Gubernatorial Candidates — one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per candidate.
 - 315.430 Senate Candidates - three hundred fifty (\$350) dollars per candidate.

- 315.440 House of Representative Candidates - one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars per candidate.
- 315.500 No candidate, ticket, or party may accept donations from any registered student club or organization or any Student Government Program funded by Activity and Service Fees.
- 315.510 This includes opportunities to campaign using Student Media Outlets. Student Media Outlets are required to make available and offer free and equal TV, radio, web, and hard print time and/or space for all candidates, tickets, and parties who choose to take advantage of such an opportunity.
- 315.600 It is the responsibility of all candidates to inquire about expenses and services made by individuals or groups on their behalf.
- 315.610 Failure to account for any of the contributions on one's Campaign Expense Report Form will be grounds for being charged with an Elections violation.
- 315.700 Non-Student Media Outlet radio, television and newspaper advertisements shall not be considered a campaign expense if free and equal time is available for and offered to each candidate for a particular office. Evidence of such must be provided to the Elections Board and SG Advisor prior to such an opportunity being afforded.
- 315.800 Campaign Expense Report Form shall be submitted by each and every candidate to the Chair of Elections via the SG Advisors no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day following an election and shall include:
- 315.810 An itemized list of all known campaign expenses.
- 315.820 All original itemized receipts for all documented campaign goods and services purchased.
- 315.830 A list of all campaign contributors and contributions including their full legal name, residence or business address, and amount and/or material and its fair market value contributed to the campaign.
- 315.840 In the event that a candidate incurs no expenses, he or she is still required to submit a Campaign Expense Report Form indicating so.

- 315.900 The Campaign Expense Report Form becomes public information upon submission.
- Chapter 316.000 Run-Off Elections
- 316.100 In the event that a run-off election is required, the Board of Elections will hold the run-off election following similar procedures are a regular election, no later than one week following the posting of the official election results provided that all complaints, contestations, hearing and appeals have been exhausted.
- 316.110 Run-off elections may not be held during class breaks or summer term sessions when most students are away from campus.
- 316.120 Run-off candidates need not resubmit their candidacy, ethics form, or attend another mandatory candidates meeting to re-qualify.
- 316.200 The ballot will include the two (2) candidates or tickets who received the most votes without having received a simple majority of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote of all votes cast in the election.
- 316.210 To win an run-off election, the winning candidate must receive a simple majority of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote of votes cast in the election.
- 316.220 If one candidate forfeits, than the remaining candidate wins the election regardless of the timing of the forfeiture or the number of votes received in the election.
- 316.300 In the event of an absolute 50/50 tie at the conclusion of a run-off election, the two candidates or tickets that competed in the run-off will proceed to another run-off election the week following the first run-off election.
- 316.310 There will be no more than two run-off elections. If after the second run-off election there is no clear winner due to votes or contestations, the Elections Board will declare a winner based upon overall votes won cumulatively by both candidates in the first, second and third elections.
- Chapter 317.000 Election Results
- 317.100 All Official Election Results must be verified by the SG Advisors with the cooperation of IRM before posting.

- 317.110 FAU faculty and staff votes that are found in the election ballot report will be removed and not tallied with the student votes as part of the official results.
- 317.200 All Unofficial Election Results will be communicated to the Chair of Elections, Student Body President (unless they are a candidate in the election) and the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and his or he designee(s) immediately following the close of the polls, by the SG Advisors.
- 317.300 The Student Body President, Vice President, and Governor's Offices must be won by simple majority vote of fifty (50) percent (50%) plus one (1) vote of all votes cast in an election.
- 317.400 Senate and Campus House of Representatives seats may be won by most votes cast in an election.
- 317.410 The two (2) candidates with the most votes cast will win the two seats on their respective campus grouping.
- 317.420 The candidates with the most votes cast will win all Campus House of Representative seats in declining order until all seats are filled.
- 317.430 On ballots where candidates for Senate and Campus House of Representative are fewer than vacant seats, all candidates who receive at least one vote will win a seat on their respective legislative body.
- Chapter 318.000 Elections Complaint and Contestation Process
- 318.100 Any University student has the right to contest an election or bring a complaint before the Elections Board alleging a violation of the Election Statutes, as well as eligibility of candidates.
- 318.110 The Elections Board may bring up an alleged violation against a student for violating Election Statutes as well citing the violation and evidence in a Complaint and Contestation Form at any time during the election process.
- 318.110 The Complaint and Contestation Form must be copied to the SG Advisor and the student(s) notified of the allegation(s) immediately.
- 318.120 Hearings for allegations brought up by the Elections Board may not be held until the election concludes.

- 318.200 The Election Complaint and Contestation Form must be submitted to the SG Advisors no later than five (5) p.m. on the Friday following posting of the unofficial results of the election who will then immediately forward it to the Chair of Elections.
- 318.210 Complaints against the Elections Board or one of its members must be submitted to the SG Advisors no later than five (5) p.m. on the Friday following posting of the unofficial results of the election who will then immediately forward it to the Chief Justice of the Student Court.
- 318.220 Complaint and Contestation forms must always be submitted with all evidence of an alleged violation or damages incurred available at the time and the full name and contact information for all witnesses known at the time of submission.
- 318.300 Upon receipt of a complaint or contestation, the Elections Board will meet the following Monday to determine whether or not an Elections Board Hearing is necessary.
- 318.310 If an Elections Board Hearing is deemed necessary, notification will be delivered via email or mail to all involved parties and witnesses being called to the Hearing by the Chair of Elections that same day.
- 318.320 The Election Board Hearing will be held within five (5) business days of notification.
- 318.321 In the event that class schedules or other exceptional circumstance requires rescheduling of the Hearing, all involved parties must receive notification via email or mail from the Chair of Elections no less than forty-eight (48) hours before the Hearing is conducted.
- 318.400 The student who filed the complaint or contestation will present to the Elections Board along with all involved parties who may be present to speak on their behalf.
- 318.500 The student who the complaint or contestation has been brought against will also have the opportunity to present to the Elections Board along with all involved parties who can speak on their behalf.
- 318.600 The student may withdraw the complaint or contestation prior to the Elections Board taking action; however, the Elections Board may proceed with its investigation of the complaint or contestation.

- 318.700 The Elections Board, upon finding a candidate or ticket responsible for committing a violation of the Elections Statutes will decide the sanction for the violation.
- 318.800 Sanctions for the Violations of the Elections Statutes include:
- 318.810 Reprimand which is a written warning kept on file
 - 318.820 Removal of votes, which may or may not effect the outcome of an election, but only in cases where there is concrete, documented evidence of voter fraud with an exact number of defrauded votes found.
 - 318.821 If election results were affected by a violation of a candidate then the Elections Board may call for a new election, but only if the newly tabulated results after a sanction is imposed is a 50/50 tie.
 - 318.830 Disqualification from the election
- 318.900 Candidates may be disqualified for acts including but not limited to:
- 318.900.a Not attending a Mandatory Candidacy Meeting
 - 318.900.b Exceeding allotted amounts in campaign expense and/or failure to report campaign expense and/or falsifying the Campaign Expense Report Form.
 - 318.900.c Attempting to qualify for candidacy under an assumed name.
 - 318.900.d Attempting or successful fraud in the voting process.
 - 318.900.e Campaigning within twenty-five (25) feet of on-line polling stations on all campuses.
 - 318.900.f Intentional destruction of personal, private, or University property.
 - 318.900.g Mechanical amplification for the purpose of campaigning within twenty-five (25) feet of on-line polling stations
 - 318.900.h Intentional defacing of any surface of FAU or private property without permission.
 - 318.900.i Verbal or physical abuse to FAU students, faculty and/or administration.

- 318.900.j Use of staff, services, materials, supplies or equipment funded by Activity and Service Fee funds for campaigning with the exception of Student Media outlets who may offer election coverage available and accessible to all candidates free of charge.
- 318.900.k Campaigning prior to the designated Campaign Period.
- 318.900.l Multiple violations of the Posting Policy.
- 318.900.m Any campaign or advertisement material that is/was proven to be untrue or injurious to another
- 318.900.n Any other violation of University Regulations or policies, or local, state or federal law.
- 318.910 Notification of the decision of the Elections Board shall be presented to the candidate/ticket no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the decision is made.

Chapter 319.000 Appeal Process for Elections Board Decisions

- 319.100 Any decisions on a complaint or contestation made by the Elections Board are subject to appeal to the Student Court.
- 319.200 All appeals must be in writing and submitted to the SG Advisors within twenty-four (24) hours of notice of the decision by the Elections Board who will immediately forward it to the Chief Justice.
- 319.300 Appeals must list the reasons for appealing the decision of the Elections Board, including failure of the Elections Board to provide due process, and any evidence of the alleged violation or damages incurred, and a list of witnesses available at the time.
- 319.400 Upon receiving the appeal, the Student Court shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours to determine the type of appeal and course of action available to it, as specified below:
 - 319.410 Candidates/Tickets Appealing an Elections Board Decision - The Student Court shall determine whether the Elections Board's decision was incorrect, procedurally or substantively. It may uphold or overturn the Elections Board's decision.
 - 319.420 Contestation Based on Elections Board alleged violation of Election Statutes - The Student Court shall determine if the Elections Board violated Elections Statutes.

- 319.421 If election results were affected by a violation of the Elections Board then the Student Court may call for a new election.
- 319.422 If the violation did not affect the election results, and is considered to be a minor violation of the Statutes, the Student Court may then require that the Elections Board member(s) be referred to the Student Body President or the Dean of Students for further action.
- 319.500 Student Court decisions are final. Appeals regarding failure of the Student Court to provide due process must be submitted in writing to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving notification of a Student Court decision.
- 319.600 All decisions made by the Elections Board and/or the Student Court shall be posted on the SG Website with the assistance of the SG Advisor.
- Chapter 320.000 Special Elections
- 320.100 All Special Elections shall follow the same procedures as those for regular elections..
- 320.200 There shall be no Fill-in candidates/tickets for Special Elections.
- Chapter 321.000 Elections Code of Ethics
- 321.100 This Code of Ethics applies to all candidates for Student Government elective office and all persons associated with a candidate or ticket's campaign.
- 321.200 No candidate, ticket, party or individual shall misrepresent any material fact(s) regarding themselves or others through any campaign material(s) or while campaigning.
- 321.300 Any candidate or campaign member suspected of lying or being less than truthful while testifying before the Elections Board during an Elections Board Hearing shall be subject to review by the Student Court with a recommendation of disqualification of the candidate.
- 321.400 No candidate, ticket or individual shall commit or attempt a bribe.
- 321.500 No candidate shall alter his or her legal name provided to the Elections Board for placement on a ballot.

- 321.600 No candidate shall participate in, condone or authorize the defacement, destruction or theft of another candidate's campaign material.
- 321.700 No candidate shall publish either by verbal, written, printed or electronic material anything which is known to be false and/or directly or by inference threatens to accuse another of any crime or offense, or which is designed to injure the person, property, or reputation of another, or threatens to expose another to disgrace, or threatens to deny or terminate the membership of another in any campus organization without proper evidence of accusatory remarks.
- 321.800 A candidate is reasonably responsible for the actions of other individuals and organizations supporting it, and may be subject to review by the Elections Board for these actions.
- 321.900 Aggressive, hostile, violent or disruptive confrontation between candidates, tickets and parties will not be tolerated.
- Chapter 322.000 Constitutional referenda shall occur in accordance to Article IX of the Student Government Constitution.
- Chapter 323.000 General referenda are questions placed on the ballots during General Elections for Student Body vote as legislated by the Student Senate.
- Chapter 324.000 Election Contingency Plan - In case of a campus emergency such as a natural disaster, threats of natural disaster, acts of God, or other such threats to the safety and security of FAU students which may impede the voting process, the Student Body President may, upon agreement with the Chair of Elections and the SG Advisors, suspend and reschedule an election and revise the election timeline.
- 324.100 In the case of catastrophic technical or elections process failure, the Student Body President, may upon agreement with the Chair of Elections and the SG Advisor, call a new election and any voter results of the disrupted election will be invalidated.

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