

Motion on New SGA Election Guidelines

Purpose: This motion offers revisions to the current SGA election guidelines which have proven to be insufficient in meeting the necessary requirements to administer fair elections.

The What: This motion proposes a new series of election guidelines for future candidates to follow when running for SGA positions. The SGA Judiciary Committee formulated these new guidelines after much deliberation.

The How: This motion, if passed, will add the revised regulations to the Association's bylaws and remove the existing regulations from the constitution. Adopting this constitutional amendment requires a 3/4 majority vote per Article IX, Section 2, § C-i. Once approved, the SGA Parliamentarian would remove the current election guidelines under Article VIII, Section 2 and replace them with this new set of regulations in the bylaws under the constitution.

Strengths and Importance: Aside from cleaning up and formatting the election guidelines in a more coherent manner, a key issue area that these guidelines now address is the use of social media.

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Appendix

Below is an updated copy of the general rules and guidelines which candidates would find at the beginning of SGA elections:

General Rules of SGA Elections

Any violations of the below regulations could result in penalties up to and including disqualification from the election.

1. All candidates must follow the rules in the student code of conduct while campaigning.
2. Before the campaign period begins, students may inform people that they are going to be running in the election, but cannot promote themselves or tell people to vote for them.
3. Candidates are not permitted to use social media to campaign prior to the start of the campaign period, including creating a dedicated campaigning account.
 - a. Candidates must register any social media accounts used for campaigning with the Parliamentarian prior to the account being used for campaign purposes.
4. During the campaign period, candidates may not:
 - a. Campaign in academic buildings
 - b. Physically force students to vote for them
 - c. Negatively campaign and/or make implicit or explicit references about another candidate's character
5. Candidates may not campaign past 11:59 PM on the day before voting begins.
6. Candidates must meet with the SGA Treasurer prior to any campaign expenditures.

Expenses shall not exceed limits set below:

 - a. \$75 per SGA President and Vice President ticket
 - b. \$50 per Class President ticket
 - c. \$30 per Treasurer ticket
 - d. \$20 per Senator ticket
7. Candidates cannot accept any donations, including materials of monetary value.

In order to run in an SGA election you are required to attend an informational session on March 21st at 2pm via Zoom

SGA Code of Ethics

The Student Government Association of Colby College is committed to initiate positive and realistic change and, through the President's Council, to provide a forum for the gathering and expression of ideas and concerns from all students. As campus leaders and role models for the student body, we are dedicated to increased campus unity and school spirit; to full and open communication and explanation of events, issues, and proposals for change in College policy; and to the accessibility of views from all students.

My signature below indicates that I have read the above statement. I understand that should my actions result in a review by the SGA Judiciary Committee, all records pertaining to the incident in question will be released, in confidence, to the SGA Judiciary Committee.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature Gathering Sheet

Your name(s): _____

Student ID number(s) _____

Position you are running for: _____

(If you are running for any Junior class positions please note whether you are planning to run for a full term or a semester.)

*Please write the ID number under the name of the student it belongs to

SGA President/VP, Treasurer, and Class Presidents: 25 signatures. Class Senators: 15 signatures

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