

## **Section 1: Registration Enforcement**

1. All candidates must provide the following information before 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6th, 2020:

Complete the corresponding google form, created by the Elections Commission, which will ask for the requisite information below, any questions, concerns, or issues with the form should be directed to [psuelectionscommission@gmail.com](mailto:psuelectionscommission@gmail.com):

- a) Personal contact information form.
- b) Photocopy of Penn State ID Card.
- c) Academic Verification from Lionpath.
- d) Academic Representative Seat candidate: proof of membership in that Academic College during the term of Office.
- e) Personal photograph to be uploaded to the google drive.
- f) Signed pledge to attend at least one (1) Candidate Information Session and the “Meet the Candidates” session (Executive Tickets are also required to attend the Executive Debate)
- g) Petition of signatures from registered undergraduate students at University Park: 500 for an Executive Ticket, and 100 for an At-Large Ticket.
- h) Signed written statement detailing the candidate’s understanding of the expected time commitments of their position. This will be submitted along with all other electronic materials to the google folder.
- i) Signed written statement giving the Head Elections Commissioner the authority to communicate with the Penn State Office of Student Conduct through the UPUA Advisor to ensure that you are not currently on probation with a notation on your transcript for offenses including but not limited to: sexual misconduct; harassment; and hazing (previous suspensions by the University shall also be considered)

If any of the above notations apply, you will be immediately disqualified from running in the upcoming election.

**Failure to sign the statement will result in an automatic disqualification.**

2. Completion of one (1) full semester of residential instruction at University Park as a degree-seeking undergraduate student at the time of registration is required for the offices of President and Vice President and one (1) semester at time of registration for all other offices.

a) **1 Summer Session/LEAP does not count as a full semester** *per Elections Commission v. Adewumi/Pisupati, Elections Commission v. Grimes/Wentz*

3. Publicly revealing campaign plans before Campaigning Period will result in deductions from candidate’s campaign total.

a) **Emails containing campaign plans are considered public** *per Undergraduate Student Body v. McKinney/Griggs*

## **Section 2: Campaigning Enforcement**

1. Anything in a fixed, tangible form that is non-living and accomplishes anything in §5.1 must be registered with Commission and be stamped with a seal approved by the Commission at a Stamping Session to indicate such registration.
  - a) Any non-stamped item used for campaigning purposes will be assessed as a violation based on the violation rubric.
2. Candidates and Campaigns shall be required to adhere to all University Policies and shall not engage in any of the following:
  - a) Making defamatory remarks in public about another candidate, or encouraging others to make such remarks
  - b) Fostering prejudice against another candidate because of membership in any class protected by the Penn State non-discrimination statement or by law.
  - c) Engaging in the removal, destruction, or mutilation of another candidate's campaign paraphernalia or encouraging others to perform such acts.
3. It shall be prohibited to campaign in computer labs on Election Day or within ten (10) feet of entrances and exits to computer labs or official Commission polling places.
  - a) Any infraction on this policy will result in a deduction from the candidate's campaigning total.
4. Candidates may **not** utilize any University bulletin boards.
  - a) Any infraction on this policy will result in a deduction from the candidate's campaigning total.
5. It shall be a violation to engage in Campaign-Free-Zones, which shall be treated as if the zone were a classroom with a class in session. The Office of the Commission and the UPUA Office shall be Campaign-Free-Zones as well as the HUB on Election Day.
6. Voter fraud or voter impersonation shall be grounds for immediate disqualification.

## **Section 3: Accounting Enforcement**

1. Candidates shall complete financial statements on a rolling basis and update prior to bringing materials to be stamped with the Election Commission.
- 2) Candidates shall create and share a google spreadsheet, to serve as their financial statement(s), with the Elections Commission (psuelectionscommission@gmail.com).
  - b) Failure to submit a completed final financial statement will result in immediate disqualification.**
3. Candidates shall have limits on the value of their campaign materials. Limits on the total value of a campaign shall be:
  - a) Six hundred USD (\$600) for a President/Vice President ticket jointly.
  - b) One hundred USD (\$100) for all other offices.

**Any amount spent above the designated value will result in immediate disqualification.**

**Up to \$200 for a President/Vice President ticket, and up to \$33 for all other offices, will be reimbursable by the UPUA if the money is used for legitimate campaign expenses.**

4. Candidates who violate the Elections Code shall have their campaign-spending limit reduced according to the formula  $(x*y)+z\%$  where:
  - a) X is the number between and inclusive of one (1) and seven (7), least to most severe, determined at the discretion of the Commission.
  - b) Y is the number of times the campaign has been found guilty of the specific type of violation of the Code which is currently being assessed, including the current violation.
  - c) Z is the sum of the X values employed in assessing violations prior to the currently assessed violation; however, Z shall be zero (0) when Y is greater than one (1).

#### **Section 4: Voting Enforcement**

1. Individual candidates may not endorse other candidates
2. RSOs may not endorse candidates.
3. Executive tickets may not endorse candidates.
4. Individuals who are not running in the election may endorse candidates.
5. Standing, Ad Hoc, and other Committees and entities of the UPUA may not endorse candidates.
6. Candidates running for At-Large seats, College seats, and Executive ticket seats may not endorse Community Group candidates.
7. Candidates may not knowingly give the impression that an endorsement exists if it does not.
8. Candidates and their campaign staff will have between 8am and 8pm on academic days to submit a violation report and have it considered by the Elections Commission that day. If they submit after 8pm, it will be considered on the next academic day.
9. In the case of a violation, the Head Commissioner shall notify all candidates of the violation within 24 hours of the decision being reached.

#### **Section 5: Points Enforcement**

1. Candidates who violate the Elections Code will be assigned violation points.
  - a. Any candidate who receives 8 or more points will be disqualified in accordance with the Election Code.

#### **Section 6: Appeals**

1. There is no appeals process.
2. Under extraordinary circumstances, it will be at the discretion of the elections commission to decide to hold a hearing to consider the validity of a violation.



<b>Value</b>	<b>Range Guideline</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1-5</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Endorsement Violations	Candidate fails to register an individual endorsement with the commission before publicly announcing it.
<b>1-5</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Incomplete Financial Reports	Candidate fails to complete and submit first two financial reports by allotted time.
<b>1-5</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Campaign-Free-Zone Violations	Candidate campaigns, or is campaigned on behalf of, too close to or inside of Campaign-Free-Zones.
<b>1-7</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Early Campaigning	Any public act of campaigning before 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>3-7</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Stamping Violations	Includes campaigning with any unstamped materials.
<b>5-7</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Slurs/Slander/Profanity	All candidates shall act in a civil and obedient manner cognizant of University policies during Commission sanctioned events and while campaigning. Candidates shall not make

			untruthful, defamatory remarks towards other candidates.
<b>5-7</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Sabotage	Purposively destroying any candidate's campaigning materials.
<b>5-7</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Misrepresentation	Any attempt to mislead the Commission by lying or withholding the truth regarding official Election business. Any untruthful statements made while campaigning or at any Elections events.
<b>5-7</b>	Consider the following: -Level of Intent -Severity of Violation -Candidate's attempt to prevent/remedy violation	Interference	Any attempt to interfere with the fair and efficient administration of a campaign or election. This includes non-Penn State student assistance in campaigning on Election Day.