



**Campus-Wide Election
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CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTION CODE

TITLE I CAMPUS-WIDE STUDENT ELECTIONS

Chapter I GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 1.1 PURPOSE **OF CAMPUS-WIDE CODE**. This code exists to facilitate a fair and educational experience for student governance positions at The University of Texas at Austin. The election of students is designed to expand their knowledge on running for office, navigating political systems, and building community coalitions for the purpose of express advocacy.
- Sec. 1.2 ENACTMENT **OF CAMPUS-WIDE CODE**. This code shall become effective and be implemented immediately after its passage by all entities participating in campus-wide elections and approval by the necessary and proper channels, and shall supersede any and all previous election codes.

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TITLE II CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTION COMMON CODE

Chapter I GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 1.1 UNIVERSAL APPLICATION. The provisions of TITLE II apply to all entities participating in campus-wide elections.
- Sec. 1.2 PARTICIPANTS' COMPLIANCE. All entities participating in Campus-Wide Elections agree to adopt the Campus-Wide Elections Common Code and have their candidates and races adhere to the Code.
- Sec. 1.3 ENTITY-SPECIFIC & UNSPECIFIED SITUATIONS. Entity-specific situations not specified in this Code should be addressed by each entity's respective election code.
- Sec. 1.4 REFERRING VIOLATIONS. All aforementioned entities may refer alleged violations of their election processes to the Election Supervisory Board.

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- Sec. 1.5 STUDENT ACCESS TO ELECITON GOVERNING DOCUMENTS. Any student may access the Campus-Wide Code and all other election governing documents at any time online.
- Sec. 1.~~65~~ SINGULAR REFERENCES INCLUDE PLURAL. References to the singular shall be construed to include the plural.
- Sec. 1.~~76~~ CANDIDATE REFERENCES INCLUDE ALL CAMPAIGN STAFF. References to candidates shall be construed to apply to their agents and workers as well.
- Sec. 1.~~87~~ RESPONSIBILITIES. Candidates, agents, or workers for any election shall be responsible for the regulations relevant to their election, as defined by this ~~Election~~-Code.
- Sec. 1.~~98~~ IGNORANCE. Ignorance of this Code shall not be an acceptable defense in response to any offence committed in any election under this Code, either by the candidates themselves, their agents or workers, or the election regulatory bodies, as defined by this Code.
- Sec. 1.~~109~~ SINGLE AND SEPARATE APPLICATION. Each election under this code shall be considered a single and separate application of this code.
- Sec. 1.1~~10~~ RELEVANCY OF RULINGS. Rulings made by the Election Supervisory Board during any election period are relevant only to that election and associated runoff elections.
- Sec. 1.1~~24~~ UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS. All candidates, and their agents and workers, and the Election Supervisory Board shall be responsible for following all applicable University regulations.

Chapter II DEFINITIONS

- Sec. 2.1 "ADVISORY OPINION" refers to any opinion issued by the Election Supervisory Board concerning any matter affecting the Campus-Wide Elections that may not be included within the language of the election code.
- Sec. 2.2 "AGENT" refers to any candidate-appointed worker who is authorized to speak and act on behalf of the candidate.
- Sec. 2.3 "CAMPAIGN" and "CAMPAIGNING" refer to statements, literature, activities or deliberate uses or distribution of materials of any kind that have or are intended to have the effect of soliciting votes, support or interest for a candidate or elective

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Sec. 2.4 "CAMPAIGN MATERIALS" refers to all materials and literature of any kind concerning any candidate that have or are intended to have the effect of soliciting votes, support, or interest for a candidate or elective office but excludes any individual endorsement not approved by the candidate.

Sec. 2.5 "CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS" refers to any elections involving multiple entities that are governed by this Code.

Sec. 2.6 "CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTIONS FILING AGREEMENT" refers to the document signed by the candidate that acknowledges the candidate is aware of and will adhere to the Campus-Wide Code.

Sec. 2.7 "CANDIDATE" refers to any student consenting and/or endeavoring to be elected as expressed by filing to run for office in accordance with this and all applicable election codes.

Sec. 2.8 "DAY" is one 24-hour period. A day includes both weekdays and Saturday and Sunday.

Sec. 2.9 "DEFEATED CANDIDATES" refers to candidates, whose elections already being decided, have lost in their respective elections.

Sec. 2.10 "ENTITY/ENTITIES" refers to the organizations that utilize and participate in Campus-Wide Elections. They are currently as follows: Graduate Student Assembly, Student Government, Texas Student Media, the University Co-operative Society, and University Unions.

Sec. 2.11 "ESB" refers to the Election Supervisory Board established by and defined within this Code.

Sec. 2.12 "OFFICER" refers to any sitting officer of any entity participating in campus-wide elections.

Sec. 2.13 "OFFICER-ELECT" refers to a candidate whose election already being decided, has won their respective election, but who has not yet been sworn-in nor seated yet.

Sec. 2.14 "POLLING LOCATION" refers to any internet-enabled device available for public use that is being used to vote in Campus-Wide Elections.

Sec. 2.15 "POLLING STATION" refers to any publicly accessible on-campus polling location designated for the use of voting in the Campus-Wide Elections by the Election Supervisory Board.

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- ~~Sec. 2.16 "RULING" refers to any decision or ruling issued by the Election Supervisory Board resulting from a hearing.~~
- ~~Sec. 2.17 "STUDENT" refers to any individual whose name appears on the current roster of the Registrar of the University.~~
- ~~Sec. 2.18 "UNIVERSITY" refers to The University of Texas at Austin.~~
- ~~Sec. 2.19 "WEEK" is defined as seven calendar days.~~
- ~~Sec. 2.20 "WORKER" refers to any person that contributes time, effort, or services for the purpose of supporting or furthering a candidacy, where the candidate or agent has knowledge of said contributions.~~
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~~Sec. 2.21 "Week" is defined as seven calendar days.~~

Chapter III

THE ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD

SUBCHAPTER A: *General Rules regarding ESB*

Sec. 3.1 ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS. The Election Supervisory Board shall be responsible for the administration of Campus-Wide Elections.

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Sec. 3.2 JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES. The jurisdiction of the Election Supervisory Board applies both on-campus and off-campus.

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Sec. 3.3 ESB SELECTION COMMITTEE. Each entity participating in campus-wide elections will put forward one representative to participate in the selection of the Election Supervisory Board members.

Sec. 3.4 ESB SELECTION PROCESS. The Election Supervisory Board shall be assembled through an application ~~and interview process, to be completed, when possible, by the last day of classes in the spring semester, including a written opinion on a hypothetical case and an interview.~~

(a) ~~(a)~~—~~ESB candidates must resolve the hypothetical case by referencing rules, precedent, or other authority they deem appropriate. ESB candidates must have deep knowledge of election documents and controlling precedents in order to explain their written opinion of the hypothetical case if granted an interview.~~

(b) ~~The ESB Selection Committee must ensure that prospective ESB members demonstrate the ability to operate in an environment with a great deal of ambiguity and deliver answers that provide clarity and resolve issues equitably.~~

(c) ~~Members of this Election Supervisory Board are not allowed to serve on any entity with appellate jurisdiction.~~

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Sec. 3.5 ESB QUALIFICATIONS. A total of nine (9) members will be selected to comprise the ESB from the applications submitted. Each shall possess the following qualifications:

- (a) Shall not hold an elected position, endeavor to run, or be engaged in actively campaigning for an elected position for one of the entities; and,
- (b) Must either be a graduate student, or an undergraduate student who has completed one semester in residence; and,
- (c) Must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average; and,
- (d) Must not be serving a disciplinary penalty.

Sec. 3.6 PROHIBITION ON SERVING ON ESB. Members of any entity with appellate jurisdiction are not allowed to serve on the Election Supervisory Board.

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Sec. 3.7~~6~~ ESB CHAIR SELECTION. The chair of the Election Supervisory Board shall be selected in the initial application and selection process.

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Sec. 3.8~~7~~ ESB MEMBER REMOVAL. Any member of the Election Supervisory Board may be removed for just cause by a unanimous vote of the ESB Selection Committee.

- (a) The Election Supervisory Board selection committee will then convene and determine a replacement.

SUBCHAPTER ~~CB~~: *ESB Positions and Responsibilities*

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Sec. 3.9~~8~~ CALLING MEETINGS. The Chair of the Election Supervisory Board shall facilitate and organize the necessary meetings and hearings in order to accomplish tasks set forth by this code.

Sec. 3.10~~9~~ SECRETARY. The Election Supervisory Board shall appoint a Secretary; who shall be responsible for recording the minutes of Election Supervisory Board meetings and hearings, and keeping records of all opinions, rulings, and filings required of candidates under this Code.

- (a) The Secretary shall provide a written copy of all decisions concerning individual candidates to the candidates involved.
- (b) Failure to do so may result in revocation of duties by the Election Supervisory Board Chair.

Sec. 3.11~~0~~ ASSIGNMENT OF CANDIDATES. The remaining members of the Election Supervisory Board shall be assigned an equal group of candidates for whose questions, complaints, and financial statements they are responsible.

Chapter IV
VIOLATIONS

SUBCHAPTER A: *Hearings & Procedures*

Sec. 4.1 FILING OF COMPLAINTS. Members of the Election Supervisory Board are prohibited from filing complaints.

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(a) Any other student may file a complaint with the Election Supervisory Board.

~~(b) All complaints must be filed under the name of the student filing the complaint.~~

~~(c) The Election Supervisory Board shall act on all complaints within two (2) days after they are received by either dismissing the complaint or calling a hearing under the provisions of this subchapter. If after the two (2) days, the Election Supervisory Board fails to act, the Chair of the Election Supervisory Board shall have original jurisdiction over the matter.~~

Sec. 4.2 RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS. The Election Supervisory Board shall act on all complaints within two (2) days after they are received by either dismissing the complaint or calling a hearing under the provisions of this subchapter.

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(a) If after the two (2) days, the Election Supervisory Board fails to act, the Chair of the Election Supervisory Board shall have original jurisdiction over the matter.

(b) If a complaint is filed 48 hours before or after the election ends, ESB must issue its decision within 24 hours of when the complaint was filed. If the decision is appealed, the Appellate Court must issue its decision within 24 hours of when ESB issued its decision.

Sec. 4.32 DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINTS. The Election Supervisory Board may dismiss a complaint if:

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(a) The complaint was not filed within a reasonable amount of time;

(b) The complaint fails to state a cause of action for which relief may be granted; or,

Sec. 4.43 NOTIFICATION OF HEARING. If a complaint is not dismissed, then a hearing must be held.

(a) The Election Supervisory Board shall inform, in writing or via e-mail, the complaining party and all individuals or groups named in the complaint of the time and place of the hearing.

(b) The parties are not considered notified until they have received a copy of the complaint.

Sec. 4.54 TIMEFRAME FOR HEARING. The hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time, but not within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of the notice described in

the previous section, unless all parties agree to waive the twenty-four (24) hour time constraint.

(a) This twenty-four (24) hour time constraint is waived if the complaint is filed during the voting period.

Sec. 4.~~65~~ TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS. At the time a notice of a hearing is issued, the Election Supervisory Board, by majority vote, may issue a temporary restraining order if it determines that such action is necessary to prevent undue or adverse effects on any individual or entity.

(a) Any restraining order, once issued, will remain in effect until a decision of the Election Supervisory Board is announced after the hearing or until rescinded by the Election Supervisory Board.

Sec. 4.~~76~~ PUBLIC ACCESS. All Election Supervisory Board hearings, proceedings, records, and meetings must be open to the public, except for the deliberations that determine the outcome of complaint hearings.

Sec. 4.~~87~~ PRESENT AT HEARING. All parties involved in an Election Supervisory Board hearing shall present themselves at the hearing or authorize an agent in writing to carry on said proceedings in their stead. Parties may be accompanied by any other student from which they can receive counsel and have the option to be represented by that counsel.

Sec. 4.~~98~~ ESB QUORUM & CHAIR. For any hearing, a majority of sitting Election Supervisory Board members must be in attendance with the Chair of the Election Supervisory Board presiding.

(a) In absence of the Chair, the responsibility to preside shall fall to an Election Supervisory Board member designated by the Chair.

Sec. 4.~~109~~ ESB HEARING PROCEDURE. The Election Supervisory Board shall determine the format for the hearing but must require that both the complaining and responding parties appear physically before the Board to discuss the issues through a complaint, answer, rebuttal, and rejoinder format, when applicable.

(a) The purpose of the hearing is to gather the information necessary to make a decision, order, or ruling that will resolve an election dispute. To effectuate this purpose, the following rules should prevail at all hearings:

(i) Complaining parties shall be allowed no more than two witnesses; however, the Election Supervisory Board may call witnesses in accordance with previous sections of this Code;

(A) If said witnesses are unable to appear at the hearing, signed affidavits may be submitted to the Election Supervisory Board Chair for the purpose of testifying by proxy.

- (ii) All questions and discussions by the parties involved in the dispute shall be directed to the Election Supervisory Board;
- (iii) There shall be no direct or cross-examination of any party or witness by complaining or responding parties during hearings;
- (iv) Reasonable time limits may be set by the Election Supervisory Board, provided they give fair and equal treatment to both sides;
- (v) The complaining party shall bear the burden of proof.

Sec. 4.1~~10~~¹⁹ DECISIONS. Decisions, orders, and rulings of the Election Supervisory Board must be concurred to by a majority of the Election Supervisory Board present and shall be announced as soon as possible after the hearing.

- (a) Such decisions may be delivered orally or in writing.
- (b) The Election Supervisory Board shall issue a written opinion of the ruling within twenty-four (24) hours of the announcement of the decision.
 - (i) The written opinion must set forth the findings of fact by the Election Supervisory Board and the conclusions of law in support of it.

~~(c) Written opinions shall set a precedent for a time period of three election cycles for Election Supervisory Board rulings and shall guide the Election Supervisory Board in its proceedings.~~

~~(d) Upon consideration of prior written opinions, the Election Supervisory Board may negate the decision but must provide written documentation of reasons for doing so.~~

Sec. 4.1~~24~~²⁴ SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FOR APPEAL. If the decision of the Election Supervisory Board is appealed, the Election Supervisory Board must immediately submit its ruling to the Court.

SUBCHAPTER B. Remedies and Sanctions

Sec. 4.1~~32~~³² CLASSES OF VIOLATIONS. Violations of the Code shall be divided into four classifications:

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- (a) Class A violation shall result in a fine.
- (b) Class B violation shall result in a moratorium of campaigning.
- (c) Class C violations shall result in a combination of moratorium of campaigning and a fine.
- (d) Class D violation may result in a disqualification from the election.

Sec. 4.1~~43~~ **DEFINING CLASSES OF VIOLATIONS.** Within the ranges established by the Election Supervisory Board, the Election Supervisory Board shall select the amount of the fine or length of the suspension most appropriate to both the severity of the infraction and the intent of the violator as determined by the Election Supervisory Board. At the candidate seminar, Election Supervisory Board shall clearly define what would constitute each class of a violation.

Sec. 4.1~~54~~ **FINE LIMITS.** If a candidate, or a candidate's agents or workers, commits a violation resulting in a fine, the Election Supervisory Board has the authority to fine the candidate.

- (a) Any fine or total amount of fines against a candidate in an election cycle may not exceed the spending limit as defined by each race's respective code of origin.

Sec. 4.1~~65~~ **CONSEQUENCES OF A CLASS B OR C VIOLATION.** If, after a hearing, the Election Supervisory Board finds a candidate, or a candidate's agents or workers, has committed a Class B or Class C violation, the Election Supervisory Board may restrict the candidate, or the candidate's agents or workers, from engaging in some or all campaign activities for some or all of the remainder of the campaign period. If an order is issued covering only part of the remaining campaign period, it shall take effect within twenty-four (24) hours so that after its termination, the candidate will have an opportunity to resume campaigning during the days immediately prior to and including the election days.

~~Sec. 4.16 — **CONSEQUENCES OF A CLASS D VIOLATION OR OTHER DISQUALIFICATION RULING.** If after a hearing, the Election Supervisory Board finds that provisions of this code or the decisions, opinions, orders, or rulings of the Election Supervisory Board have been violated by a candidate, or a candidate's agents or workers, or has committed a Class D violation, the Election Supervisory Board may disqualify the candidate.~~

Sec. 4.1~~77~~ VOTER FRAUD. Any complaints concerning voter fraud filed through the Election Supervisory Board must be immediately and wholly turned over to the Office of the Dean of Students.

Chapter V

SUBCHAPTER C: *APPEALS*

Sec. ~~45.18~~ APPEAL OF ESB DECISION. Any party adversely affected by a decision of the Election Supervisory Board may file an appeal with the entity with appellate jurisdiction within twenty-four (24) hours after the adverse decision is announced, unless the Election Supervisory Board's decision takes place during a voting period.

- (a) The entity with appellate jurisdiction shall have discretionary appellate jurisdiction over the Election Supervisory Board in all cases in which error on the part of the Election Supervisory Board is charged.

Sec. ~~45.192~~ DECISION OF THE ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD. The decision of the Election Supervisory Board shall stand and shall have full effect until the appeal is heard and decided by the entity with appellate jurisdiction.

Sec. ~~45.203~~ HEARING OF APPEALS. The entity with appellate jurisdiction shall hear appeals of the Election Supervisory board rulings as soon as possible, but not within twenty-four (24) hours after the Election Supervisory Board delivers to the Appellant and the entity with appellate jurisdiction a copy of its written opinion in the case.

- (a) Appeals may be heard prior to this time, but only if the Appellant waives the right to a written opinion and the entity with appellate jurisdiction agrees to accept the waiver.

Sec. ~~45.214~~ REVIEWING ELECTION SUPERVISORY BOARD APPEALS. The entity with appellate jurisdiction shall review findings of the Election Supervisory Board when appealed.

- (a) The entity with appellate jurisdiction may affirm or overturn the decision of the Election Supervisory Board, or modify the sanctions imposed.

Sec. ~~45.225~~ APPELLATE REVIEW. The entity with appellate jurisdiction shall have full authority to fashion an equitable remedy appropriate to the circumstances of the

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case, but should endeavor to avoid remanding the case to the Election Supervisory Board.

~~Sec. 45.236 PROHIBITION ON SERVING ON ESB. Members of any entity with appellate jurisdiction are not allowed to serve on the Election Supervisory Board.~~

Chapter VI ELECTION TIMETABLE

Sec. 56.1 ELECTION DAYS. General elections shall be held on the Wednesday and Thursday of the week two weeks prior to the start of the University's spring break.

- (a) Polling hours for the campus-wide elections shall be from 8:00am on the first day of voting in the campus-wide elections until 5:00pm on the second day of voting in the campus-wide elections.

Sec. 56.2 RUNOFF ELECTION DAYS. In the case of a runoff in any race, voting will take place exactly one week after the Campus-Wide Elections.

- (a) Polling hours for the runoff election shall be from 8:00am on the first day of voting in the runoff election until 5:00pm on the second day of voting in the runoff election.

Sec. 56.3 PROHIBITION OF ELECTION CODE CHANGE. No changes to the Election Code may be enacted within four (4) week of the Campus-Wide Elections.

Sec. 56.4 SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATE LIST. A list of all candidates campaigning for races in their organization must be submitted by each group to the Office of the Dean of Students by 12:00 noon on the day of the Candidate Seminar.

Sec. 56.5 ADVERTISEMENT OF BALLOT. The Election Supervisory Board shall advertise the complete ballot, with proper ballot order, in the student newspaper of the University at least seven (7) days prior to the Campus-Wide Election.

Sec. 56.6 POSTING OF CANDIDATE INFORMATION. The Election Supervisory Board shall designate a publically acceptable place to post the following information on each candidate: name, position sought, major(s), and a statement of no more than one hundred-fifty (150) words.

- (a) The Election Supervisory Board shall be able to restrict any false information.

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- Sec. ~~56~~.7 FILING COMPLAINTS. Complaints can be filed with the Election Supervisory Board from the moment the Election Supervisory Board is created until forty-eight (48) hours after the certification of the final results.
- Sec. ~~56~~.8 WEB ADDRESS RELEASE. The official web address used for voting shall be announced no later than the candidate seminar.

Chapter VII

CANDIDATES

- Sec. ~~67~~.1 QUALIFICATIONS. All candidates must adhere to the qualifications set forth in this Code, University policy, the General Information Catalogs, and all statutes enforceable by the Election Supervisory Board.
- Sec. ~~67~~.2 ELIGIBILITY. All candidates must be deemed eligible by the respective election code of the group for which they are running in order to be able to participate in campus-wide elections.
- Sec. ~~67~~.3 EXCLUSIVITY TO STUDENTS. Only students may actively seek office or vote in campus-wide elections.
- Sec. 6.4 RECRUITMENT OF CAMPAIGN STAFF MEMBERS. During the filing period, only candidates and their agents may recruit individuals to join a campaign. They must recruit members on a one-to-one basis.
- (a) When recruiting a potential new campaign staff member, a candidate or agent must ask if the individual would like to “join the team.” A candidate or agent may not ask if a potential recruit would simply like to “support the team” because the word “support” may be construed to mean soliciting a vote.
- (b) As a campaign staff member, an individual must actively contribute to the campaign.
- Sec. ~~67~~.~~54~~ SUBMISSION OF CAMPAIGN AGENTS. Each candidate shall be required to submit to the Election Supervisory Board a list of agents they have authorized for their campaign on or before the candidate seminar date.

SUBCHAPTER A: *Filing*

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- Sec. 67.65 FILING PERIOD. The filing period shall open at 9:00am on the first day of the spring semester and shall remain open until 12:00pm noon the day of the candidate seminar.
- Sec. 67.76 FILING AGREEMENT. Each candidate must complete and submit a Campus-Wide Elections Filing Agreement for each race s/he is entering.
- Sec. 67.87 CODE AVAILABILITY. A copy of the updated version of this Code and other relevant governing documents shall be made available to each candidate atby the time of filing.

SUBCHAPTER B: *Candidate Seminar*

- Sec. 67.98 DATE OF CANDIDATE SEMINAR. The Election Supervisory Board shall set the Candidate Seminar date.
- (a) The exact time and place of the seminar shall be set no later than the beginning of the filing period.

Sec. 6.10 NOTICE OF CANDIDATE SEMINAR. At the time of filing, candidates will be informed of the candidate seminar. After the initial notice is sent, ESB will send a follow-up reminder to candidates about the candidate seminar. Each notice about the candidate seminar will include the following information:

- (a) The date, time, and location of the candidate seminar;
- (b) The advantages of attending the seminar, including the opportunity to learn about the election rules;
- (c) The rule that attendance is a prerequisite for joining the campus-wide elections organization;
- (d) The benefits of being a member of the campus-wide elections organization.

- Sec. 67.119 CANDIDATE SEMINAR AGENDA. The Election Supervisory Board shall set the agenda for Candidate Seminar.
- (a) The agenda must include the assignment of ballot positions in accordance with this Code, and may include explanations of this Code, review of the election timetable, and answering of candidate questions.
- (b) Attendance at the candidate seminar is required of each candidate running in a race that is part of the Campus-Wide elections process.

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Failure to attend the Seminar shall not be an acceptable excuse for violating this Code.

Sec. ~~67.129~~ CANDIDATE SEMINAR ABSENCE. If the candidate has an excused absence as determined by the Election Supervisory Board, then s/he may send an authorized agent in his or her place.

- (a) The Election Supervisory Board must be notified of the substitution at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the Candidate Seminar.

Sec. ~~67.134~~ BALLOT ORDER. Ballot positions for all candidates in all races shall be decided during the Candidate Seminar by blind drawing or other satisfactory, secret, random method devised by the Election Supervisory Board. After all ballot positions for all races are determined for those present, the same process shall be used to determine ballot position for the absent candidates.

Sec. ~~67.142~~ PRIMACY PENALTY. No absent candidate may receive a ballot position above a candidate who was at the Candidate Seminar.

- (a) The first ballot position available to absent candidates shall be after the last position assigned to a candidate who was present.

Sec ~~67.153~~ CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY. Each group will be responsible for certifying each candidate's eligibility before the Candidate Seminar.

- (a) Candidates who fail to meet eligibility requirements will be disqualified immediately and notified of this action in writing.

SUBCHAPTER C: *Financial Disclosures*

Sec. ~~67.164~~ CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE RECORDS. Each candidate must keep accurate and up-to-date records of all campaign receipts and expenditures. A template for financial disclosures for use by all candidates will be developed by the Election Supervisory Board and provided to each group by the first day of filing.

Sec. ~~67.176~~ PROHIBITED AFFILIATION. Except in cases of a bona fide executive alliance as provided for in this Code, no candidate is allowed to contribute financially or provide any other form of tangible support, including but not limited to campaign materials, to another candidate's campaign.

- (a) Sharing campaign money, campaign materials, and resources between and amongst candidates who are not in a bona fide executive alliance is strictly prohibited.

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Sec. ~~67.187~~ FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. Financial disclosure statements shall be filed with the Election Supervisory Board, in the Student Government Office (SAC 2.102) or other locations designated by the Election Supervisory Board, at the following times:

- (a) by 4:30pm, on the first day of campaigning;
- (b) by 4:30pm, on the last day of the second week of campaigning;
- (c) by 4:30pm, on the last day before the General or Special Election;
- (d) by 4:30pm, on the first day of campaigning in a Runoff Election;
- (e) by 4:30pm, on the last day of voting in a Runoff Election.

Sec. 6.19 NOTIFICATIONS OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE DEADLINES. ESB will send a notification of an upcoming financial disclosure deadline within 24 hours of the deadline but no later than 12 hours from the deadline.

- (a) The notification will be sent by email and at least 1 other form of communication (i.e. text message, phone call, social media, etc.) to candidates and their Election Code Chair.

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Chapter VII CAMPAIGNING

Sec. ~~78.1~~ SPENDING LIMITS. Each group participating in campus-wide elections will set its own spending limits for campaigns and is responsible for enforcing these limits with the candidates running in their respective races.

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Sec. 7.2 EXCEEDING SPENDING LIMIT. Candidates whose total expenditures exceed 120% of their designated spending limit will be immediately disqualified. In extenuating circumstance, ESB may apply a substitute sanction.

- (a) Total expenditures will include all campaign expenditures, contributions of funds, fair market value of campaign materials and all fines issued by ESB and/or other regulatory bodies.

Sec. ~~78.32~~ UNAUTHORIZED CAMPAIGNING. All candidates are prohibited from campaigning, soliciting, or otherwise bringing attention to their campaign or election before the campaign period.

- (a) This prohibition includes all attempts to secure endorsements, sponsorships, or any other presentation of information made for public consumption or use.

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- (b) However, this prohibition does not include the personal individual recruitment by a candidate of individual team members.

Sec. 7.4 SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY. Any social media activity that propagates specific language (by retweeting, sharing, or equivalent means) is considered speech on the part of the campaign and subject to the provisions in this code and University guidelines that regulate speech.

- (a) Candidates may not be penalized for expressions of affirmation (including likes, heart-reacts, and similar expressions) that originate from their ~~personal~~ social media accounts.

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Sec. 7.54 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN STAFF. Each campaign will be required to submit to ESB an up-to-date list of all agents and workers at least as often as each financial disclosure deadline.

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- (a) These disclosures will be made publicly available.

- (b) It will be the responsibility of all campaign staff to ensure accurate and up-to-date records of agents and workers are kept and is the candidate's responsibility to ensure these records are disclosed to the ESB in an appropriate manner.

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Sec. 7.65 DECEPTIVE OR MISLEADING CONDUCT. Candidates will refrain from knowingly deceptive conduct and/or campaign activities, including any act or statement reasonably calculated to injure or compromise the rights or interests of any student, faculty member, or administrator.

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Sec. 7.76 VERBAL HARASSMENT. Candidates, as well as their agents and workers, will not engage in campaigning activities that subject students, faculty, or the administration to demeaning verbal harassment as determined by the University's institutional rules.

Sec. 7.87 PROHIBITION OF BRIBERY. No candidate, agent, or worker, may exchange anything of value or food-related items, excluding campaign material, in return for a promise of a vote at any time before, during and/or after the campaign period.

Sec. 7.98 TABLING. ESB may issue restrictions or guidelines for tabling, especially to negate tabling during certain hours or days.

Sec. 7.109 ELECTRONIC MEDIA. All campaign materials must be in compliance with University regulations governing the use of electronic media.

Sec. 7.110 DESTRUCTION OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS. No candidate, agent, or worker will remove, obscure, or damage any campaign materials that are not their own.

Sec. 7.124 COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING POLICIES. All candidates will be responsible for ensuring that their campaign activities and/or campaign materials are in compliance with University building policies.

Sec. 7.132 SANCTION FOR COLLECTING STUDENT IDs. The collection of personal identifiers or student identification to facilitate voting is prohibited in accordance with the policies of the University IT Security Policy Office and may subject the candidate to disqualification by ESB.

Sec. ~~78.143~~³ ENTITY-SPECIFIC ELECTION CODES. Details regarding campaigning for a particular race that are not outlined within this code fall under the jurisdiction of the race's respective group.

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Chapter ~~VIII~~^X POLLING ~~LOCATIONS & STATIONS~~

Sec. ~~89.1~~ JURISDICTION. The Election Supervisory Board shall have jurisdiction over all polling locations on the days of elections governed by this Code.

(a) All polling locations must abide by this Code.

Sec. ~~89.2~~ PUBLISHING STATION LOCATIONS. The locations of polling stations must be published online and publicized at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the first election day.

Sec. ~~89.3~~ PROHIBITION OF CAMPAIGNING AND CAMPAIGN MATERIALS WITHIN POLLING LOCATION PERIMETER. No campaigning or campaign materials may exist within twenty (20) feet of any on-campus polling location.

Sec. 8.4 PROHIBITION OF VOTER EXCLUSION. No potential voter may be specifically excluded from casting a vote at any polling location.

Sec. 8.5 VALID VOTING MECHANISMS. Any electronic device with internet access is acceptable for use in voting in all elections. Students must provide their University of Texas Student EID in order to vote.

Sec. 8.6 RANDOMIZED BALLOT ORDER. The order in which candidates in a single race appear on the ballot shall be randomized, so each candidate appears in each position an equal number of times across all ballots.

(a) If this is not possible as determined by the Office of the Dean of Students, the order in which candidates appear on the ballot for each race shall be randomized by the Chair of the Election Supervisory Board. This random

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order will be the order of candidates on every ballot and shall be made known to the candidates at least forty-eight (48) hours before voting begins.

Sec. 8.7 BALLOT LANGUAGE. The instructions cross the top of each race shall explicitly state that candidates are to be ranked and that not all or any candidates must be ranked to proceed.

~~Sec. 9.4~~ ~~INTERNET READY DEVICES. All reported and published polling locations must have an internet-ready device available on voting days, during voting hours, for the express purpose of facilitating voting.~~

~~Sec. 9.5~~ ~~CONSISTENT POLLING STATIONS. The same polling stations must be used on both voting days, but may be modified with the same time constraints for the runoff elections if necessary.~~

~~Sec. 9.6~~ ~~POLLING HOURS. The Election Supervisory Board may set limitations on the hours of operation for the polling stations, but may not deny the right to vote to any person standing in line to vote at the time the polling station closes.~~

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Chapter IX

ELECTION RATIFICATIONS

Sec. 940.1 CERTIFICATION OF VOTES. The Dean of Students and the Election Supervisory Board Chair shall certify the votes in all races that are part of Campus-Wide Elections immediately following the closing of polls.

Sec. 940.2 ELECTION RESULTS. Results of any election under this Code shall be announced no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the polls close for the election.

Sec. 940.3 LOCATION OF RESULTS. The location of both the announcement and posting of the results is to be announced by the Election Supervisory Board no later than the candidate seminar.

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Chapter X

ELECTION CODE REVIEW

- Sec. 10.1 PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE. At the end of each election period, opinions made by the Election Supervisory Board will be reviewed and necessary changes will be made to the Campus-Wide Election Code to maintain the relevance and effectiveness of the document over time.
- Sec. 10.2 REVIEW COMMITTEE. Each entity participating in campus-wide elections will put forward one or two representatives to participate in the review of Election Supervisory Board rulings made during the year.
- Sec. 10.3 REVIEW PROCESS. Once assembled, the committee will review each opinion and determine whether it adds substantial guidance and clarity to the Campus-Wide Election Code. If so, the committee will draft amendments for the Campus-Wide Election Code to integrate the substance of the opinion.
- Sec. 10.4 APPROVAL PROCESS. Any amendments drafted by the review committee need only the approval of 4/5ths of the committee. Each entity will have one vote.
- Sec. 10.5 ENTITY VETO. If a majority of voting members in any of the five entities reject the committee's proposed amendments by a vote or formal statement, the amendments will be considered vetoed. This veto would need to be formalized before the deadline to submit amendments to this election code.

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