



2019 SSA General Council Election Rules

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As a candidate in the 2019 SSA General Council Elections, you agree to abide by all of the following rules. Any breach of the rules herein may result in disqualification or other penalty as outlined in this document.

1. Mandatory All Candidates' Meeting:

1. All candidates MUST be present, either in person or via proxy, at the All Candidates' Meeting;
2. No person may represent more than one (1) candidate at the candidates' meeting.

2. Timelines:

1. The campaign period will begin on Monday, September 30, 2019, 8:00am and end on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, 5:30pm;
 1. The creation of new promotional material or active campaigning is strictly prohibited after the end of the campaign period;
2. The voting period will begin on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, 6:00pm and end on Friday, October 4th 2019, 6:00pm.

3. Campaigning:

1. All written campaigning materials, including posters, must be bilingual (English/French);
2. A candidate may have up to twenty-five (25) posters, provided that:
 1. All posters are approved and stamped by the CEO or a member of the Elections Committee before being posted;
 1. A copy of every poster must be sent digitally to the CEO as of Sunday, September 29th, 2019 at 11:59 pm for approval;
 2. Posters may be stamped starting Monday, September 30, 2019 at 8:00 am;
 2. Receipts for all posters are kept and made available upon request of the CEO;
 3. Twenty-four (24) posters must not exceed 8.5" x 11";
 4. One (1) poster of twenty-five (25) may exceed 8.5" x 11";
 5. Posting is permitted in MRN, BSC, GNN, provided that:
 1. No poster is posted on any painted surface;
 2. Only masking tape is used for posting;
 3. No poster is posted on emergency exit signs or emergency equipment;
 4. Any posting will not obstruct line-of-sight through a door;
 6. All posters must be taken down by the end of the voting period;
 7. Each poster found in violation of these rules will result in a punishment including, but not limited to:
 1. The loss of the poster in question;



2. A 1% loss of the total votes received by the candidate;
 1. If the candidate is uncontested in her race, a violation will count as a 1% loss of the total votes in favour of the candidate;
 2. If a vote deduction is a non-integer, the deduction will be rounded up to the nearest integer;
3. Platforms for the website must be bilingual and must be sent digitally to the CEO by Sunday, September 29th at 11:59 pm for approval;
4. Absolutely no slating between any candidates will be tolerated. Slating includes, but is not limited to:
 1. The sharing of resources or volunteers between candidates;
 2. The endorsement, either official or unofficial, of one candidate by another. In such a case, the endorser is liable for her statements and may be punished by, but is not limited to:
 1. A warning;
 2. A suspension of her campaign for a period of time to be determined by the CEO;
 3. A 5% loss of the total votes received by the candidate;
 1. If the candidate is uncontested in her race, a violation will count as a 5% loss of the total votes in favour of the candidate;
 2. If a vote deduction is a non-integer, the deduction will be rounded up to the nearest integer;
 4. Disqualification;
5. Neither libel nor slander will be tolerated. In such a case, the offender is liable for her statements and may be punished by:
 1. A warning;
 2. A suspension of her campaign for a period of time to be determined by the CEO;
 3. A 5% loss of the total votes received by the candidate;
 1. If the candidate is uncontested in her race, a violation will count as a 5% loss of the total votes in favour of the candidate;
 2. If a vote deduction is a non-integer, the deduction will be rounded up to the nearest integer;
 4. Disqualification;
2. The definition of libel being applied encompasses any written statement that is false, malicious and damages the reputation of another candidate;
3. The definition of slander being applied encompasses any spoken statement or gesture that is false, malicious and damages the reputation of another candidate;
6. The use of social media is limited to Facebook, Snapchat stories, Instagram and approved platforms on the SSA website;
 1. Only Facebook Pages can be created, not Events nor Groups;
 2. All posts must be open to the public;
 3. All posts on Instagram and Facebook must tag SSA-AÉS;
 4. All candidates must follow all SSA social media if they are to post on that platform;
 5. All posting MUST be done bilingually;



6. The creation of new posts is strictly prohibited after the end of the campaign period;
7. No class talks nor chalking will be permitted after the end of the campaign period;
 1. General “go vote” messages may occur;
8. Any rules not covered in this document will default to the rules in the constitution of the UOSU

4. Spending:

1. The value of a candidate's campaign may not exceed \$50 (after taxes);
 1. The definition of value being applied encompasses the worth of an item rather than its cost;
 2. The value will be determined reasonably by the CEO;
2. The cost of a candidate's campaign may not exceed \$50 (after taxes);
 1. The definition of cost being applied encompasses the amount of money spent on a given item;
 2. A candidate must submit an itemized receipt before Friday, October 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm to be eligible for reimbursement;
 3. A candidate will be reimbursed for all of her approved campaign expenses up to a maximum of \$25;
3. No candidate may use any resources of any Recognized Student Government of the University of Ottawa nor the University of Ottawa Student Union for her campaign. This may include, but is not limited to:
 1. Office space and computers;
 2. Paper or printers;
 3. Masking tape.

5. Volunteers:

1. Any candidate may have anyone as their one official representative that has the same powers as they do during the campaign period (i.e. class talks, hanging posters, speak on their behalf, etc.)
2. Any candidate may recruit volunteers to help with their campaign. Volunteers:
 1. Can be any University of Ottawa student;
 2. Must not be registered with more than one candidate;
 3. Must be registered through an online form;
 4. Are limited to social media campaigning only; and
 5. Are subject to all campaigning rules and penalties outlined above.
3. Volunteers and the official representative are not required to be a student in the Faculty of Science.

6. Disputes:

1. Any dispute over election rules must be submitted in writing to the CEO who will respond with an official, binding decision;
 1. If a candidate wishes to appeal this decision, an appeal must be submitted in writing to the CEO within 24 hours of the CEO's decision;



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2. The contents of the appeal will be presented to the Science Students' Association's Elections Committee, who will render a final judgment in a timely manner.

For any questions regarding election rules or for clarification of any perceived ambiguities, contact the CEO at internal@ssa-aes.com.