

## **ELECTION REGULATIONS**

### **THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

#### **Eligibility**

1. Each candidate shall read and understand Title 2 of the Bylaws of the Student Bar Association and these Regulations. These Regulations shall be construed as the interpretations of Title 2 of the Bylaws by the Elections Committee.
2. Each candidate shall affirm by signature that they have been given access to, read, and understood Title 2 of the Bylaws and these Regulations.
3. The name provided to the Elections Committee will be that which appears on the respective ballot. In addition, each candidate shall provide their current phone number and email address to the Elections Committee.
4. Each candidate shall attend one of four mandatory candidate meetings, where the Elections Committee will give notice to the candidate of Title 2 of the Bylaws and these Regulations. No candidate will be eligible for the respective election unless they attend this meeting and provide a signature, pursuant to Paragraph 2.
5. At the mandatory candidate meetings, the Elections Committee or its proxy shall read to the candidates the Election Instructions of the Elections Committee and provide the these Regulations and Title 2 of the Bylaws. The Elections Committee or its proxy shall also answer candidates' questions about positions that are open for election.

#### **Campaign**

6. Each candidate shall conduct a fair, open, and respectful campaign. Candidates have the duty to maintain compliance with Title 2 of the Bylaws.
7. A candidate may endorse another candidate or candidates; however, endorsements and use of running mates are discouraged, generally.
8. Campaigning via Oklahoma City University email shall be prohibited; provided that, arranging meetings, gathering contact details, and other conduct for the purpose of campaigning may be permitted by the Elections Committee. Challenges to such conduct shall be made to the Elections Committee, which shall determine: (1) whether the conduct by the candidate was compliant with this Paragraph; (2) if compliant, whether the conduct will be permitted; and (3) if permitted, what limits the Elections Committee will place on such conduct. Where the conduct is not compliant, the Elections Committee shall determine whether sanctions are appropriate pursuant to Bylaws, Title 2, Section 3(c).

9. Candidates are discouraged from spending more than *de minimis* expenses for purposes of a campaign.
10. Campaign Materials
  - a. Permitted materials for the purposes of campaigning in an election shall include:
    - i. Paper and digital flyers or pamphlets, provided that none shall be placed in student lockers or organizational lockers;
    - ii. Small food items, such as candy or baked goods; and
    - iii. Small wearables not to exceed three inches in width and height, such as pins, badges, or buttons.
  - b. Prohibited materials for the purpose of campaigning in an election shall include:
    - i. Paper posters, which is any printed document larger than the width or length of Letter-sized paper (8.5"x11");
    - ii. Drinks of any kind;
    - iii. Apparel; and
    - iv. Anything else not included under subparagraph (a); provided that, the Elections Committee may grant exceptions based on the totality of the circumstances.
11. A candidate shall not disrupt any class, academic fellow session, or professor for the purpose of campaigning; provided that, a candidate may campaign to a class or an academic fellow session, so long as the candidate secures verbal or written permission from the professor of the class or academic fellow before such campaigning occurs.
12. A candidate may attend meetings of student organizations for the purpose of campaigning; provided that, student organizations shall have authority to deny the candidate permission to campaign at organization meetings.
13. Where paper ballot voting or digital voting via computer labs are used for an election, campaigning of any kind shall be prohibited within thirty feet of such polls on the day of the election. For elections of the members of the Executive Committee of the Student Bar Association Board of Governors, campaigning shall be prohibited within the assembly room of the SBA meeting where the election occurs, except where the presiding officer permits candidate speeches and endorsements. For purposes of these Paragraph only, campaigning shall include any discussion of the candidate's

name in combination with the platform of that candidate or distribution and display of flyers or pamphlets, buttons, pins, or other campaign materials.

### **Results**

14. Winning an election shall require a simple majority of votes cast. Where no candidate receives a majority, a run-off election shall be held the day following the verification of the election results.
15. The Elections Committee shall verify the results of any election on the same day as the election, as soon as possible following the closing of the polls.
16. The Elections Committee shall give notice of the results of the election to the candidates in a reasonably timely manner.
17. Grievances shall be submitted to the Elections Committee. Where the Elections Committee determines that a violation of Title 2 of the Bylaws or these Regulations has occurred, sanctions shall be issued pursuant to Bylaws Title 2, Section 3(c).
18. Candidates shall remove and dispose of all campaign materials no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday following the day of the election.
19. Winners shall be candidates-elect until the Oath of Office is administered to the winner at an SBA meeting of the Board of Governors. Where a violation is found within five days of the election, the Elections Committee may determine to disqualify the candidate and leave the position vacant or initiate a new election.