

Petition Packet

Fall 2009 Elections

Dear Prospective Board of Finances Candidate:

Whether you are new to the Undergraduate Student Government or the Board of Finances or you are currently seeking re-election, there are a few things you need to know about the election process. Enclosed in this packet you will find petition forms, a copy of the Fall 2009 election timeline for the Southampton Campus, and a copy of the Organic Act as well as other information you might find helpful.

This election timeline is going to be completed with a very quick turnaround time. All dates must be adhered to or the petition will be found invalid.

In order to be placed on the ballot you must follow the below criteria:

- 1- In order to be placed on the ballot you need 25 valid signatures including the student's name, all signatures must be from undergraduate Southampton students.
- 2- September 8th, the first Board of Finances meeting, attendance is mandatory
- 3- September 15th, Signatures due at the Board of Finances meeting
- 4- September 22nd - Elections will have occurred that day and official appointment will occur at the Board of Finances meeting that evening.
- 5- Any Stony Brook Southampton student with a 2.5 or higher (for freshman a B or higher GPA on High School transcript)

Once you have completed the petitioning process and hand in your completed petitions to Diane Redo, 5% of the signatures will be validated by the Elections Board. At that point you will either be considered a valid candidate or notified that you did not meet the requirements to be placed on the ballot. Upon being considered a valid candidate you may begin the campaigning process.

Timeline:

Wednesday September 2nd: Petitions available

Tuesday September 15th: Petitions due at the Board of Finances meeting at 6pm

Wednesday September 16th: Campaigning begins at 9am

Tuesday September 22nd: Elections to occur from 9am-5pm, in the Student Center

Tuesday September 22nd: Official appointments made at Board of Finances meeting at 6pm

Campaigning requirements/restrictions

The following information can be found in the Elections Board By-laws, and is listed here only as a summary

Article VIII Campaigning Rights and Restrictions:

Section 2. Accounting:

All candidates must submit an accurate statement to the Elections Board Chair of all their donations, and expenditures, and must submit all receipts as well.

Section 3. Campaigning:

1. All candidates must submit one copy of all of their campaign flyers to the Elections Board
2. All flyers must contain the following: the date of the election and the name of the campaign, group, or party which paid for the flyer.
3. There shall be no stapling onto any trees, chalking, or writing on buildings, paths, or walkways, or defacing University Property.
4. If any candidate violates these by laws in any way you will face disciplinary action by the USG Judiciary, the USG elections board, or if needed the University Office of Judicial Affairs.

Article IX Polling

Section 2. Electioneering Restriction

There shall be no campaigning or posting of campaign material within 100 feet of any SINC site.

This agreement serves as an understanding between the Elections Board and the candidates for the upcoming elections. The candidate understands the importance of the democratic process, free and fair elections, and shall respect his/her opponents' equal rights to influence the outcome of the election, and to compete for the will of the electorate, and hereby agrees to the following:

1. The candidate agrees to uphold the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government, the Elections Board By laws, all laws of the Undergraduate Student Governments, and the Student Conduct Code.
2. All polling stations are opened everyday of the Elections.
3. A copy or sample of all official materials used for campaigning must be given to the Elections Board prior to the distribution.
4. Electioneering within a 100 foot radius and/or eyeshot/earshot of any polling station is forbidden. If found engaging in electioneering the candidate shall face disciplinary action.
5. Any Candidate or student that violates the rules of this agreement shall face disciplinary actions by the Judiciary and the Elections Board.

I _____, hereby know and understand the rules that have been stated on this form, in the Elections Board Bylaws, and the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government.

Office Being Sought: _____

Address : _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

ID#: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Board of Finances Fall 2009 Student Signatures

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