

3.1 Elections Procedures and Deadlines

- 3.1.1 *Elections for the following year shall be held by the ASASU Elections Commission during the Spring semester of the current academic year.*
- 3.1.2 *The Assembly President shall confirm Assembly seat allocations with the ASASU Elections Commissioner by the end of the nomination period.*
- 3.1.3 *Information Sessions*
 - 3.1.3.1 *The ASASU Deputy Elections Commissioner for GPSA shall distribute information about GPSA elections during the nomination period in the spring, including rules to follow during the election based on these bylaws, responsibilities and benefits of being an Assembly Member, and the elections timeline.*
 - 3.1.3.2 *The Deputy Elections Commissioner for GPSA must schedule an information session, working with GPSA's Communications team and GPSA Assembly Members, for potential candidates at least one (1) week before the application deadline.*
 - 3.1.3.3 *The Deputy Elections Commissioner for GPSA must provide materials to educate candidates on the election rules as listed in the GPSA bylaws. Candidates will be required to sign, either digitally or in person, to signify their comprehension and compliance with said rules.*
- 3.1.4 *Nominations Procedure*
 - 3.1.4.1 *Potential Assembly Members and Executive Officers shall be nominated during a Nominations Period.*
 - 3.1.4.2 *Candidates must be members of GPSA at the time of the election and must continue to be members for the duration of the positions term.*
 - 3.1.4.2.1 *Members of GPSA are defined in the GPSA Constitution as "All registered, post-baccalaureate students with graduate, professional, or non degree seeking status, who are enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour through any campus of Arizona State University, and only such persons, are members of the GPSA." This includes ASU online students who meet this constitutional requirement.*

- 3.1.6.2 *Receipts must be kept by the candidate and are subject to review. The comprehensive Final Expense Form must be submitted, with all receipts, no later than 5:00 pm on the day after the election.*
- 3.1.6.3 *University policies and regulations as well as City of Tempe and State of Arizona laws concerning posters and signage are enforceable for the purpose of these elections.*
- 3.1.6.4 *The Deputy Elections Commissioner for GPSA may request a candidate's updated Expense Form with itemized receipts at any time during a campaign. The updated Expense Form with itemized receipts shall be submitted to the Deputy Elections Commissioner for GPSA within forty-eight (48) hours of the request.*
- 3.1.7 *Campaign Complaints and Resolution Procedures*
 - 3.1.7.1 *Any GPSA member, including but not limited to, nominees, potential candidates, candidates, Assembly Members, and Executive Officers or the Elections Commissioner, may file a written complaint for violations of these procedures.*
 - 3.1.7.2 *All campaign complaints must be submitted in writing to the Assembly, the Executive Committee, and the Elections Director within fourteen (14) calendar days of the close of voting.*
 - 3.1.7.3 *Actions taken by the ASASU Elections Commission that do not comply with these Bylaws shall be subject to review by the GPSA Supreme Court, and the Assembly shall have authority to take action on items resulting from such actions.*
 - 3.1.7.4 *In the event of a complaint brought against a candidate for a GPSA election, the Deputy Elections Commissioner for GPSA will make a recommendation in consultation with the ASASU Elections Commissioner regarding a resolution.*
 - 3.1.7.5 *Candidates have one (1) business day following issuance of an Elections Department decision to appeal to the GPSA Supreme Court.*
 - 3.1.7.6 *Should a complaint be ruled upon by the GPSA Supreme Court, that ruling shall be final and binding.*
- 3.1.8 *Campaign Communication Limitations*
 - 3.1.8.1 *Candidates, supporters, and any person affiliated with the candidate(s) campaign, may not disseminate information*

about their campaign through any university maintained listserv.

- 3.1.8.1.1 This is inclusive of compiled lists that are kept by any entity associated with Arizona State University, including, but not limited to, lists compiled by the University, Colleges, Schools, Departments, Clubs, Organizations, etc.*
- 3.1.8.2 Campaigning and advertising GPSA elections in classrooms that are in session is prohibited during the voting cycle.*
- 3.1.8.3 Candidates, programs, services, or departments may not use GPSA resources for the purpose of any campaign. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of computers, printers, paper, phones, or copy machine.*
- 3.1.8.4 Campaigning and the presence of campaign materials within GPSA offices is forbidden.*
- 3.1.9 The Deputy Elections Commissioner for GPSA shall be confirmed by the end of the fall semester.*
- 3.1.10 The criteria by which an election is won will be the candidate(s) with the most votes. In the case of a tie, a runoff election will be held if necessary, before the end of the semester.*
- 3.1.11 Elections Dates*
 - 3.1.11.1 The Elections Department shall schedule campaigning for the general election to begin on the first Monday after the conclusion of spring break.*
 - 3.1.11.1.1 Campaigning cannot begin before the dates set by the Elections Department.*
 - 3.1.11.2 The general election shall begin two (2) weeks from the first Tuesday after the conclusion of spring break.*
 - 3.1.11.3 If these dates conflict with any religious holidays, the Elections Department will decide on a suitable date for the general election.*