



## Arizona State University Undergraduate Student Government Elections Code

The purpose of the election code is to provide and regulate the necessary process in order to elect student body officers and representatives of the Undergraduate Student Government of the multiple campuses of Arizona State University pursuant to their constitution. No portion of the elections code shall be invalidated either solely or partially on the basis of this statement of purpose.

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*“One University In Many Places”*

## CHAPTER 1 - QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS

1-1.1: ASU students who are enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour as an undergraduate student are qualified voting members of USG.

## CHAPTER 2 -CANDIDATES' ELIGIBILITY, QUALIFICATIONS, REGISTRATION, AND EXPECTATIONS

### 2-1: CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

2-1.1 Students seeking elected positions in USG must meet the following qualifications at time of declaring candidacy and maintain the qualifications throughout term of office.

- A. Must be a member of USG (see Chapter 1).
- B. Must be a degree-seeking student at ASU.
- C. Must be a student in good academic standing with ASU.
- D. Must be a student in good disciplinary standing with ASU.
- E. Must be a student enrolled in and maintaining six (6) credit hours per semester on the location where the position exists or pursuing a major that originates on the corresponding campus.
  - i. The six (6) credits may be in-person or iCourse.
- F. May only hold one office within ASASU concurrently (including appointed/hired positions).
- G. Senatorial candidates may only seek and hold office at the location where their major exists. Senatorial seats for colleges/schools that exist on multiple campuses will be annually reviewed by the Elections Department.

2-1.2 Below are the only positions for elective office in USG:

- a) One President for each location.
- b) One Vice President of Services for each location.
- c) One Vice President of Policy for each location.
- d) Senator(s) for each college/school. Representation and the number of Senators per college or school will be determined by the respective senates..

2-1.3 Any qualifications not enumerated within this Elections Code, including those regarding appointed positions, will be addressed in each location's Bylaws.

### 2-2: CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

2-2.1 A student desiring to become a candidate (either Executive or Senatorial) must submit an application to the USG Elections Department in accordance with the USG Elections Code by the last Friday in February.

2-2.2 Three (3) members of USG (see Chapter 1) become a USG Executive Ticket when they have completed all the documents required by the Elections Department. Members may run on only one ticket.

2-2.3 A candidate shall appear on the ballot under the name used on their application. This is the only name under which the candidate shall appear on the ballot.

2-2.4 The Elections Department shall verify and monitor that each candidate follows the requirements stipulated in the USG Constitution and the USG Elections Code. Any person failing to meet the requirements shall not be allowed to stand as a candidate and any votes for them shall be null and void.

### 2-3: CANDIDATE EXPECTATIONS

2-3.1 All candidates must attend a mandatory candidates' meeting at their respective location.

A. The Elections Department must inform all candidates of the meeting date and time within one (1) week of the application deadline, and at least three (3) days before the date of the meeting.

B. Candidates not present at the mandatory candidates' meeting will be disqualified if they are unable to show compelling circumstances to the Elections Department.

i. If a candidate is unable to attend the mandatory meeting at their respective location due to compelling circumstances they must notify the Elections Department as soon as they are aware of a conflict. Plans must be made with the Assistant Elections Commissioner at their respective location to attend a mandatory candidates' meeting at another ASU location.

ii. If a candidate chooses to appeal their disqualification, the corresponding online Appeals Forms must be submitted Elections Department within twenty-four (24) hours of the absence to show compelling circumstances.

2-3.2 The Elections Department has the right to call subsequent candidates' meetings.

A. Candidates shall receive two (2) business days notice before any subsequent mandatory candidates' meetings.

2-3.3 All forms must be submitted by the date(s) and times set by the Elections Department.

2-3.4 Candidates shall be held responsible for knowing any and all information presented or distributed at the mandatory candidates' meeting, any subsequent meetings, or by memorandum.

2-3.5 No write-in candidates will be permitted.

### CHAPTER 3 - TIMELINE

3-1.1 The Elections Commissioner shall be selected no later than the first Senate session of November as articulated in Chapter 10.

3-1.2 The Assistant Elections Commissioner for each location shall be confirmed by the end of Fall Semester.

3-1.3 The Elections Department shall schedule campaigning for the general election to begin on the first Monday after the conclusion of Spring Break.

A. The general election shall begin on the third Tuesday after the conclusion of Spring Break.

B. If these dates conflict with any religious holidays, the Elections Department will decide on a suitable date for the general election.

3-1.4 The elections process shall be publicized no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the election.

3-1.5 The candidate application form shall be made available no later than the first Monday in February.

3-1.6 Election results will be announced simultaneously at each location at a time and date selected by the Elections Department. This date must appear on the Candidate Application form.

3-1.7 The Elections Department shall hear and announce any decisions on all complaints within forty-eight (48) hours of the hearing.

3-1.8 Candidates may directly appeal to the Supreme Court the decision of the elections department within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision.

3-1.9 The Supreme Court shall announce any decision, in writing (online), in accordance with their rules, and shall have the final say in all complaints and decisions.

## CHAPTER 4 - CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

### 4-1: OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

4-1.1 Candidates' names shall be placed on the ballot as determined by the electronic ballot system.

4-1.2 In the General Election, undergraduate voters may vote for one (1) Executive ticket at each location at which their major(s) is/are registered. Undergraduate voters may also vote for the specified number of Senators for their college(s).

4-1.3 Ballots shall include instructions for the voter and contact information for the Elections Department.

### 4-2: VOTING

4-2.1 There shall be a minimum of one (1) Polling Site for each election at each campus.

4-2.2 Polling Sites shall open no later than 9:00 a.m. and close no earlier than 5:00 p.m.

4-2.3 Each Polling Site shall be staffed by at least two (2) Poll Workers with working computers.

4-2.4 The Elections Department shall train the Poll Workers in the procedures and security measures applicable to their jobs.

4-2.5 Online voting shall be implemented by the Elections Department. This shall in no way exempt the Elections Department from creating polling stations at each location.

4-2.6 All voting shall be by secret ballot.

4-2.7 Proxy voting of any kind shall not be permitted, with the exception of students with disabilities requiring assistance.

4-2.8 All persons producing evidence of membership in USG as defined in the USG Constitution are eligible to vote. Eligibility is subject to verification.

4-2.9 Only currently enrolled members of a college/school shall be permitted to vote for the Senatorial Candidates from their respective college/school and respective campus. In each race, the winner(s) will be the candidate(s) who receive(s) the plurality of votes.

A. If there is a tie between two or more Senatorial Candidates, the Elections Department shall be in charge of organizing a runoff election.

4-2.10 The winners of the executive race shall be the ticket that receives a majority of votes.

A. If a majority is not reached, a runoff election will be held consisting of the two (2) executive

tickets that received the highest number of votes in the general election. This process shall continue until a majority is reached.

#### 4-3 RUNOFF ELECTIONS

4-3.1 In the event of a runoff election, all tickets will continue with their violation points incurred during the general election.

4-3.2 Executive tickets in a runoff election must attend a mandatory meeting with the Elections Commissioner. Failure to do so will result in their disqualification.

A. Within one (1) business day of the announcement of a runoff election, the date and time of the mandatory meeting with the Elections Commissioner must be announced.

4-3.3 Within one (1) business day of the announcement of a runoff election, the formal election dates including the twenty-four (24) hour voting cycle and announcement of runoff election results must be announced.

4-3.4 The decision appeal deadline for runoff election violations is one (1) business day from the date of the Elections Department's ruling on any given violation.

### CHAPTER 5 - CAMPAIGN CONDUCT

#### 5-1: CAMPAIGN CONDUCT

5-1.1 Campaigning (See Chapter 13: Glossary for the definition of campaigning) or distribution of campaign materials cannot begin before the dates set by the Elections Department.

5-1.2 Off-campus campaigning is permitted in private off-campus locations provided the candidate or person(s) campaigning have written permission of the owner, operator, manager, or resident of the location, depending on who has jurisdiction. Documentation of off-campus campaigning must be provided to the Elections Department.

5-1.3 USG candidates, programs, services, or departments may not use USG resources for the purpose of any campaign. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of computers, printers, paper, phones, or copy machine. This does not include university email.

5-1.4 Campaigning on any website that is hosted on a server outside of Arizona State University is still subject to the rules and regulations of the Student Code of Conduct, the USG Constitution, and the USG Elections Code.

5-1.5 There shall be no campaigning within fifty (50) feet of a public polling site. Upon erection of a polling site, the Elections Department shall remove all campaign signs located within the fifty-foot limit and no complaints shall be filed.

A. Candidates must be informed of the locations of polling sites twenty-four (24) hours before the start of campaigning by the Elections Department.

5-1.6 No candidate shall employ amplification equipment for campaigning on campus unless there is approval from the appropriate parties.

5-1.7 Campaigning is not permitted in any Arizona State University library or computer lab. Speaking to clubs and organizations that meet in libraries or computer labs shall not be considered a violation.

5-1.8 All debates must be registered with the Elections Department.

## 5-2: CAMPAIGN STAFF ACCOUNTABILITY

5-2.1 Each candidate or ticket must provide the Elections Department with a list of their campaign staff and update this list immediately regarding any personnel changes. This Campaign Staff Roster will be maintained online, visible only to the Elections Department.

5-2.2 Any mentions of “campaign staff” in the Elections Code shall refer exclusively to those people listed on the Campaign Staff Roster.

## 5-3: CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING

5-3.1 USG Elections advertising within physical classrooms is permitted.

A. Only candidates and registered campaign volunteers may be permitted to advertise USG Elections in classrooms.

i. The candidate or campaign volunteer must obtain explicit permission in the form of a signature from the course professor in a manner determined by the Elections Commissioner.

ii. The candidate or campaign volunteer must follow the advertising template for their presentation provided to them by the Assistant Elections Commissioner.

iii. The candidate or campaign volunteer is required to record the professor’s name, class prefix, and class time in a manner determined by the Elections Commissioner.

B. The advertising template shall be a script, determined by the elections commissioner and the assistant elections commissioners and specific to each campus, that candidates and campaign volunteers must adhere to in classrooms.

i. Each campus advertising template must be approved by a simple majority of its respective USG Senate.

ii. The advertising template shall include, at minimum, an explanation of USG elections and the dates of the voting cycle.

iii. The advertising template shall not allow for the verbal statement of support for any candidate(s) or any statement reasonably interpreted as campaigning as defined in the glossary, however a statement of affiliation as an introductory statement is acceptable.

## 5-4: SOLICITATION

5-4.1 Door-to-door solicitation on and off campus by candidates or campaign staff affiliated with those candidates is prohibited.

5-4.2 Campaign materials shall not be placed under doors in University Housing or University affiliated housing.

## 5-5: NEUTRALITY

5-5.1 Campaigning by candidates or their staff and the presence of campaign materials within the USG offices is forbidden.

A. The Elections Commissioner shall determine the boundaries of the USG office at each location.

## CHAPTER 6 - CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

### 6-1: POSTERS

6-1.1 Posters on any University property shall be placed in accordance with all applicable University and USG policies and procedures.

6-1.2 Posters shall not obstruct any portion of another poster. This includes non-campaign materials (see Chapter 13 - Glossary for a definition of obstruct).

6-1.3 Posters not belonging to the campaign of the person placing the poster may not be relocated or removed in any manner.

### 6-2: OTHER CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

6-2.1 Leafleting of vehicles (on or off campus) or any University building is not permitted. (see Chapter 13 - Glossary for the definition of leafleting and University building).

6-2.2 There shall be no use of USG and/or Arizona State University copyrighted images on any campaign materials (including online materials). Prohibited images may be found at: <https://brandguide.asu.edu/>.

6-2.3 No chalking is allowed on any university-owned property (see Chapter 13-Glossary for the definition of chalking).

6-2.4 Candidate may not set up their own unofficial polling station on the day of Elections, to be defined by the Elections Department.

6-2.5 Candidate may not endorse themselves on behalf of clubs and organizations they belong to, including social media accounts unaffiliated with their campaign.

A. Clubs and organizations may still endorse a candidate.

### 6-3: CAMPAIGN MATERIAL REMOVAL RESPONSIBILITY

6-3.1 All candidates must remove all campaign materials within forty-eight (48) hours after the final results are announced.

6-3.2 Candidates are responsible for any charges assessed by Facilities Management. The Elections Department shall charge each Senatorial Candidate or Executive Ticket a thirty dollar (\$30) penalty for removal of posters and campaign materials not removed by the respective deadlines.

### 6-4: DESTRUCTION OF CAMPAIGN/NON-CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

6-4.1 Any candidate or campaign staff member who intentionally destroys, removes, steals, defaces, or damages campaign or non-campaign materials shall be disqualified or cause the disqualification of their affiliated ticket to the discretion of the Elections Commissioner.

6-4.2 Any candidate or campaign staff member has the right to remove any campaign or non-campaign materials that obscure or cover in any way their campaign posters, flyers, or campaign materials with the approval of the Elections Department. Removing materials without approval constitutes a violation as described in 6-1.3.

## CHAPTER 7 - CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

## 7-1: ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES

7-1.1 Candidates shall be responsible for declaring all campaign-related expenses on the Expense Form(s) and provide receipts for all campaign materials associated with a candidate to the Elections Department.

7-1.2 All goods and services for which receipts cannot be provided with corresponding price amounts shall be reported on the Expense Form(s). Candidates must also report how, where, and from whom they obtained these items.

7-1.3 The Elections Department shall log any and all receipt submissions and provide the candidates with a running total of their reported campaign expenditures. This information is public and will be available to anyone who inquires.

7-1.4 Any and all campaign materials or advertisements purchased by either a candidate or a candidate's campaign staff must be included in the reported campaign expenditures.

7-1.5 Any expenditures made by persons or organizations separate from the campaign of a candidate but on that candidate's behalf and with their knowledge and approval will be considered part of their campaign and shall be included in the reported campaign expenditures. Such expenditures include, but are not limited to, events put on in support of a candidate that the candidate endorses.

## 7-2: REPORTING OF EXPENSES/MATERIALS TO ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

7-2.1 All receipts must be dated.

7-2.2 Documentation for all campaign materials/expenditures for each week and the running total of expenditures/materials used leading up to the election shall be reported to the Elections Department by 11:59 p.m. every Friday of the elections season.

7-2.3 All candidates are required to submit their Final Expense Forms with all receipts of expenditures occurring on the days of the Election no later than 11:59 p.m. on the day after the election. The final expense form shall be comprehensive.

7-2.4 The Elections Department may request a candidate's updated Expense Form with receipts at any time during an Election. The updated Expense Form with receipts shall be submitted to the Elections Department within forty-eight (48) hours of the request.

## 7-3: ELECTIONS SPENDING LIMITS

7-3.1 The monetary limit for each Executive ticket shall be \$750 for West, Polytechnic and Downtown Executive tickets and \$1250 for Tempe Executive tickets. The monetary limit for Senatorial candidates shall be \$250.

A. This limit applies to all campaign materials purchased or donated (see Glossary), as well as any invested in promotion or services.

B. Executive tickets in a runoff election shall be allotted a \$250.00 extension to their budget.

7-3.2 Any materials not purchased during the campaign season (donated, previously owned) that a ticket uses for campaigning will be given a fair market value set by the Elections Department and shall be included in the total monetary limit.



## CHAPTER 8 - COMPLAINTS AGAINST CANDIDATES AND TICKETS

8-1 Any member of USG, except members of the Supreme Court, may file a complaint with the Elections Department, subject to the following limitations:

A. Complaints shall only allege violations of non-compliance of this Elections Code, including its references to the Student Code of Conduct and other related governing documents.

B. The Elections Department files all complaints on behalf of USG as a whole and may delegate the actual argument of a complaint to any member of the Department.

8-2 All complaints against a USG candidate must be submitted to the Elections Department no later than one (1) business day following the plaintiff's discovery of the violation, and must be submitted via the corresponding online form. The Elections Department will review the complaints.

8-3 Complaints shall specify in what way the Plaintiff was allegedly injured by the actions of the Defendant.

8-4 If the complaint does not specify an injury, or the Elections Department determines that the Plaintiff is uninjured, or that the infraction was insignificant, the Elections Department shall dismiss the complaint with prejudice.

8-5 Notice of a complaint and subsequent hearing information shall be given to all parties concerned within two (2) business days of the complaint being filed.

8-6 All Defendants are innocent until proven guilty to a standard of the preponderance of evidence by the Plaintiff. (See Chapter 13 - Glossary for the definition of preponderance of evidence)

8-7 Candidates or USG Executive Tickets have one (1) business day following issuance of an Elections Department decision to appeal to the Supreme Court.

A. The decision appeal deadline for runoff election violations is twenty-four (24) hours from the date of the Elections Department's ruling on any given violation.

8-8 The Supreme Court shall issue all appeals decisions within (3) business days of appeal submission and shall not postpone or suspend General Elections in order to do so.

8-9 In the event that a complaint is filed, the information contained in the complaint is privileged to the complainant, Elections Department, accused, and the Supreme Court. The disposition of the complaints will be made public upon completion of the appeals process.

## CHAPTER 9 - RECORD KEEPING

9-1 The Elections Department shall keep all complaints until the election process is completed, after which all official online records of complaints shall be kept for 4 years as binding precedent for the elections commission department.

9-2 The Elections Department at each location shall record all final vote totals and file them with the appropriate ASU office as the official and permanent record of the vote for the elections at issue.

## CHAPTER 10 - ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT & ELECTIONS CODE

### 10-1: ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT, AND STAFF

10-1.1 The Elections Commissioner is selected annually by the Council of Presidents or their designees no later than the first Senate session of November.

A. The term of office shall begin on the date of selection and last until inauguration of the incoming presidents for the next academic year.

10-1.2 The President of each USG and the Elections Commissioner shall agree on a nominee for Assistant Elections Commissioner for that campus, who shall be confirmed by the corresponding Senate by the final Senate meeting of the Fall semester.

A. Each Assistant Elections Commissioner shall report to the Elections Commissioner. Assistant Elections Commissioners may choose the members of their departments with approval from the Elections Commissioner.

B. The Elections Department staff shall be chosen by the Assistant Elections Commissioners through an application process once the spring semester begins.

10-1.3 The Assistant Elections Commissioners and their staff from each location shall make up the University Elections Department overseen by the Elections Commissioner.

A. No Elections Commissioner or Assistant Elections Commissioner shall be affiliated with or support in any way any candidate's campaign, directly or indirectly, except by exercising their individual right to vote.

B. No Elections Commissioner or Assistant Elections Commissioner shall hold office (elected or appointed) during the newly elected candidates' term of office.

C. No Elections Department staff member shall be affiliated with or support in any way any candidate's campaign, directly or indirectly, except by exercising their individual right to vote.

D. Elections Department Staff may advertise on behalf of ASASU elections.

E. Violation of this section (10-1.3, A-C) shall result in the immediate removal of the offending staffer.

10-1.4 The Elections Department shall oversee elections for all USG elected offices and any special elections that may be held during the year (this does not include the Senate President election).

10-1.5 The Elections Commissioner shall issue the final interpretation of this document pending any appeals to the Supreme Court.

10-1.6 The Elections Department staff shall be required to keep and make public their office hours to answer questions and perform any tasks for their position.

## 10-2: COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER, ASSISTANT ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER, OR DEPARTMENT

10-2.1 All complaints against the USG Elections Commissioner, Assistant Elections Commissioner, or Department must be submitted via the corresponding online form, and will be reviewed by the Supreme Court.

10-2.2 Notice of a complaint and subsequent hearing information shall be given to all parties concerned within two (2) business days of the complaint being filed. The name and number of the reviewing

Supreme Court Leader will be provided.

10-2.3 In the event that a complaint is filed against a member of the Elections Department, the information contained in the complaint is privileged to the complainant, Elections Department and the Supreme Court. The disposition of the complaints will be made public when the Supreme Court issues a decision.

### 10-3: ELECTIONS CODE

10-3.1 This document shall supersede all other elections-related rules except for the USG Constitution and each location's respective USG Bylaws.

## CHAPTER 11 - COURT ADJUDICATION

11-1 A candidate has the right to appeal a decision by the Elections Department to the Supreme Court via the appropriate online form. The candidate has one (1) business day after decision is issued to appeal. After one (1) business day, the candidate loses this right.

11-2 The final decision regarding the disqualification of a candidate or interpretation of the USG Elections Code is reserved for the Supreme Court.

11-3 If a Supreme Court has not been established by candidate application availability date, then the Elections Committee will assume the role of Supreme Court until a Court is established. If a conflict of interest arises regarding a complaint against the Elections Department, a special committee consisting of the Government Operations Chairs or their designees shall convene.

## CHAPTER 12 - VIOLATIONS OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

### 12-1: ENFORCEMENT OF PENALTIES

The Elections Department will assess and enforce all penalties.

### 12-2: CLASSIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS

12-2.1 Violations shall be classified as follows:

Level One Violations shall include:

1. Unlawful removal of campaign materials
2. Failure to abide by the provisions in Campaign Conduct (See Chapter 5)
3. Failure to abide by provision in Posters (See Chapter 6.1)

Level Two Violations shall include:

1. Campaign Conduct in libraries and computer labs (See Chapter 5-1.8)
2. Failure to abide by provisions in Solicitation (See Chapter 5-3)
3. Failure to abide by the Neutrality provision (See Chapter 5-4)
4. Obstructing the Elections Department in the discharge of departmental duties (Chapter 6-2.4)
5. Failure to abide by provisions in Other Campaign Materials (6-2).

6. Failure to abide by provisions in Campaign Expenses Accounting (See Chapter 7-1)
7. Failure to abide by provisions in Campaign Expenses Reporting (See Chapter 7-2)

Level Three Violations shall include:

1. Failure to abide by provisions in Campaign Spending Limits (See Chapter 7-3)
2. Failure to attend the mandatory candidates' meeting (See Chapter 2-3.1)
3. Falsification of paperwork required by the Elections Code
4. Aiding a USG member in fraudulent voting
5. Destruction of campaign/non-campaigning materials
6. Setting up an unauthorized polling location (See Chapter 6-2.4)
7. A blatant violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

### 12-3: PENALTIES OF CLASSIFICATIONS

The penalties for the three classifications are as follows:

12-3.1 Level One (1) will result in three (3) points per infraction.

12-3.2 Level Two (2) will result in six (6) points per infraction.

12-3.3 Level Three (3) will result in candidate disqualification.

### 12-4: DISQUALIFICATION

12-4.1 Accumulation of nine points or conviction of a Level Three Violation shall result in the disqualification of the candidate/ticket.

## CHAPTER 13-GLOSSARY

**Altering:** modifying a sign or poster from its original state.

**Advertising:** any non-verbal campaigning or promotion of the ASASU election.

**Amplification Equipment:** any electronic equipment that is used to enhance or amplify an individual's voice including, but not limited to, PA systems, microphones, etc.

**ASASU (Association Students of Arizona State University):** inclusive of the Undergraduate Student Government at ASU's four locations (Downtown, Polytechnic, Tempe and West) and the Graduate and Professional Student Association.

**ASASU/USG sponsored event:** any event implemented or funded by ASASU/USG.

**ASASU/USG property:** any capital equipment or supplies belonging to the Associated Students of Arizona State University or Undergraduate Student Government.

**Campaign materials:** any items or services including, but not limited to, posters, signs, leaflets, t-shirts, buttons, handbills, websites, or any other advertising promoting a candidate or ticket that is created with the intention of soliciting votes, as well as any other materials interpreted in Chapter 7. Note: as soon as wearables such as t-shirts, buttons, etc are given to somebody to wear, they shall no longer constitute "campaign materials".

At-Large: a senator that runs to represent the entire student body independent of a college.

Campaign staff/volunteer: any person(s) listed on the Campaign Staff Roster form for each candidate or ticket.

Campaigning: any public action including signs, posters, websites, scheduling of speaking engagements, or other activities interpreted in 9-5.1, initiated by either a candidate or a member of his/her campaign staff to persuade members of the student body to vote for or against a candidate(s), initiatives, referendums.

Candidate: individual(s) running for office and those officially associated through Elections Department record with the respective campaign.

Chalking: the use of chalk, paint, or other medium to mark or otherwise alter Arizona State University property. [Chalking excludes the posting of signs or hanging of posters.]

Debate: a discussion between two or more candidates for the purpose of informing the electorate of their respective platform.

Defacing: spoiling or marring the appearance or surface of a sign or poster.

Defendant: the person against whom any complaints are filed with the elections department.

Destroying: irreparably defacing campaign material.

Donation: anything that is given to one who is campaigning from another party. All donations will be judged at fair market value by the elections department.

Door-to-door solicitation: going from residence to residence for the purpose of campaigning or encouraging the residents within to vote. Door-to-door solicitation applies to Residence Halls and Greek Life Houses beyond discussion during a formal meeting time.

Duration: the Election Period as determined by the Elections Department.

Endorsement: publicly expressed support or approval of a candidate or candidate ticket.

Fair market value: the cost of an item based on the average of three price estimates including the equivalent of Tempe and Arizona taxation rates. Fair market value shall be determined by the elections department.

Falsification: the act of making false by altering or adding to. Flyer shall mean any stationary or printed material up to the size of eight and one half inches by eleven inches (8.5" X 11") that is displayed or distributed anywhere on campus.

Fraudulent: marked by, constituting, or gained by fraud.

Leafleting: distributing stacks of campaign material to one establishment (e.g. leaving stacks of handbills in a departmental office or dropping handbills from the top of the student union).

Majority: fifty (50) percent plus one.

Negligence: not taking prudent care or failing to take due caution.

Obstruct: the covering of any poster that covers another over one-fourth of an inch (1/4").

On-campus: any property owned, operated, or recognized as University affiliated property.

Off-Campus: any property that is not defined as on-campus.

Plaintiff: the party that institutes a complaints before the elections department.

Poll Worker: any USG member assigned to work at a polling site.

Plurality: a receiving more votes than any other while not necessarily a majority

Poster: any stationary or printed material greater than the sizes of eight and one half inches by eleven inches (8.5" x 11").

Preponderance of Evidence: evidence showing that a party's version of facts, causes, damages, or fault, is more likely than not the correct version.

Proxy: one who acts as a substitute for another.

Public polling station: any voting location officially sponsored by the USG Elections Department.

Residential floor: a hall, floor, or common room/laundry room associated with a specific floor that students reside in. Note: This includes the actual residential halls (Cereus, Cottonwood, etc.) in Barrett but not the Honors Hall or the Dining Hall.

University building: any building both owned by the university and operated by university staff or faculty.

USG member: any undergraduate student enrolled in Arizona State University.

Violation: any infringement of the rules.

Voting cycle: the 48-hour period in which students cast their votes in the ASASU elections.