

Article II. Election and Appointment of Student Government Officials

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Section 1. Governance

A. If the ECC Commissioner is a candidate in the election or affiliated with any campaign, the ECC shall select the Election Marshal by a simple majority vote preferably from within the ECC thereby disqualifying the Election Marshal from affiliating with a campaign.

B. The ECC will create, approve, and publish an election rules packet, the Campaign and Election Handbook. The rules shall become binding unless they are found in violation of the Student Government Association Constitution or By-Laws.

C. The ECC will decide all rules for the election.

Section 2. Elected Members Timeline

A. Before March 1

- a. President/Vice President
- b. Senior Class Representatives
- c. Junior Class Representatives
- d. Sophomore Class Representatives

B. Before October 1

- a. First Year Class Representatives

Section 3. Election Process

A. The Election Marshal shall supervise all elections.

B. Candidates must be members of the Concordia Student Association, as defined by the Constitution, and in good disciplinary standing both as verified by the Student Affairs adviser of the ECC.

C. An official petition stating the person and office the person is seeking shall be filed with the Election Marshal before the filing deadline.

1. For the Office of President/Vice President 300 signatures from members of the Concordia Student Association, as defined by the Constitution are needed.

2. For the Office of Class Representative 75 signatures from members of the Concordia Student Association, as defined by the Constitution, are needed from the Class Representative's academic class the candidate intends to represent.

3. No person may file for more than one office in the same election.

4. A valid petition including the student's name, current class, and intended position will place a candidate's name on the official ballot.

D. Ballots

1. Ballots shall be designed so that members of the Concordia Student Association, as defined by the Constitution, are able to vote for one President/Vice-President and two Class Representatives from within their respective class.

2. The position of names on the ballot shall alternate.

3. Ballots will be electronic and voting shall be done electronically over a secure connection on the internet.

4. The ECC may provide an alternative to electronic voting if it is determined that electronic voting is not sufficient.

5. The Student Government Ballots shall not provide a space for write-in candidates.

6. If voting is unavailable to a student on Election Day, absentee voting may take place by informing the Election Marshal of the intent to vote absentee prior to the election date.

7. In order to be removed from the ballot, the candidate(s) must submit a letter of withdrawal to the Election Marshal by the date set in the Campaign and Election Handbook.

E. Elections for all Offices will be decided by a simple majority of votes.

F. In the event of a tie, a run-off election will be held within one week if possible.

1. The run-off election is only for those candidates who have tied in the original election.

2. If a tie remains after the run-off election, the position will be determined by a coin flip.

a. The Election Marshal shall flip the coin. This shall apply only to the top President/Vice President candidates as well as the two top Class Representative candidates.

b. The Candidate whose birthday is the closest to January 1 shall call the toss before the flip.