

GPSA Elections Code 2020

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 a list of rules to follow during the election, 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 Candidates for GPSA Executive positions may not serve as an ASASU staff member after the election if the candidate is awarded an executive position.*
 - 3.1.4.2.2 Candidates for GPSA Assembly positions must have completed one semester of enrollment at the graduate or professional level prior*

to the close of nominations.

3.1.4.3 Potential candidates must submit their self-nomination in writing or through the online form to the Elections Director.

3.1.4.4 Individuals must complete the appropriate forms from the Elections Department, as well as submit a curriculum vitae or resume.

3.1.4.5 Candidates shall have their names recorded by the ASASU Elections Commissioner to be placed on the Ballot, pursuant to confirmation by the Elections Department that conditions for eligibility are met, as outlined in the GPSA Constitution.

3.1.4.6 The Nominations Period shall last no less than two full calendar weeks and conclude before the end of February.

3.1.4.7 The Candidate Application form shall be made available no later than the first Monday in February.

3.1.5 In the event of unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, GPSA elections procedures may be modified at any time, provided such changes do not conflict with the ASASU Constitution, by the GPSA Assembly Leadership on behalf of the Assembly.

3.1.5.1 These modifications must be presented in writing to the Elections Department and must be signed or otherwise verifiably endorsed by the Assembly President, the Assembly President pro tempore, and the chair of the Assembly Government Operation Committee.

3.1.5.2 These modifications must be presented to the full Assembly for ratification at the next regularly scheduled Assembly meeting. If the modifications fail the ratification process, they shall be considered null and void from that point onward, and the Assembly Leadership shall not re-present the modification in question to the Elections Department without Assembly consent.

3.1.6 Campaign Spending Limitations

3.1.6.1 Campaign costs for any candidate running for any GPSA position may not exceed three-hundred (300) dollars.

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 Tuesday after the conclusion of spring break.

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.

3.1.11.4 Campaigning cannot begin before the dates set by the Elections Department.