

2013-14 Election Code, including Posting Guidelines

Regular Election Procedures

- A. Candidates are free to discuss and compare their platform with students; however, a candidate cannot commit libel which is to create, post or distribute false publications, as in writing, print, signs, or pictures, that damage a candidate's reputation, nor can the candidate participate in slander, which is to give oral testimony of false statements injurious to a person's reputation. Candidates must abide by the *Chabot College Student Code of Conduct*.
- B. The information provided in Executive Officer candidate position statements are public information and will be utilized in printed election information. Election packets must be filled out and submitted by the date determined by the Election Committee. If not submitted by the deadline, the candidate's name will not appear on the official ballots, nor be eligible for holding that position.
- C. No candidates will be reimbursed by the SSCC or the college for any election costs; candidates need to be aware that they are solely responsible for all campaign materials.
- D. A candidate is not to be prohibited from participating in oral or written campaigning at any time during the academic year. However, the posting of materials is to be regulated by the Office of Student Life, and any sign or flyer endorsing a candidate cannot be posted until after the specified campaigning period. No campaign materials appearing on campus can inhibit Chabot College personnel from performing their assigned tasks. All candidates are encouraged to be familiar with the District's Free Speech policy.
- E. All Executive candidates are expected to participate in a Meet The Candidates Event.
- F. No candidate or volunteer is allowed to campaign within 30 feet of any election table or scheduled SSCC Election Platform Event. Nor are candidates allowed to work at the SSCC election table.
- G. SSCC election tables are to be available for vote casting starting at 9:00 a.m. and are to close no earlier than 7:00 p.m. Elections will be scheduled on two consecutive days. The winners of all positions will be made available to candidates within one week of the election, reported to the college newspaper, and made official at the most subsequent official SSCC meeting.
- H. Names on the ballot will be grouped by position and listed in random order, which is to be determined by the Election Committee.
- I. Voting students have the right to add their own candidate's name on the election ballot.
- J. Any election rule or procedure broken could forfeit your candidacy and/or result in disciplinary measures.
- K. All student body members shall be eligible to vote in regular and special SSCC elections.
- L. In order to cast a vote in SSCC elections, one must be enrolled at Chabot College.
- M. All votes shall be counted within 48 hours of the closing of the polls. The Election Committee must count votes at least twice. Ballot verification/validity is at the discretion of the Election Committee.
- N. In order for a student to vote, a valid form of picture identification is required (i.e. driver's license, passport, student ID card).
- O. In the event of a tie, a one-day special election shall be held within five (5) school days of the

tie. The date of the special election shall be determined by the Election Committee.
P. There will be 10 representatives in the 2013-2014 academic year; 1 will serve as Representative At-Large per the SSCC bylaws.

Elections Poster/Flyer Guidelines (occurs during campaigning)

1. Candidates will be allowed to post and hand out 8½" x 11" flyers in accordance with campus rules (below). Approval of flyers for posting must be received from the Office of Student Life (OSL) before copies are made. OSL is located in room 2355 and is open from 9am to 5pm.

→The Office Student Life is responsible for posting of all materials on campus, in designated posting locations.

→Academic and administrative department bulletin boards (usually located in specific department buildings) are maintained by each department. Permission for posting at these locations must be obtained individually from each Area Dean.

→Flyers may not be placed on cars.

→General posting areas are in glass cases and marked bulletin boards.

→Classroom posting is limited to College sponsored materials.

→No profanity, no obscene language. No racists or offensive material allowed.

2. Candidates will be allowed to post THREE (3) poster boards (NOT to exceed 18" x 22" each) One will be posted in the lobby of the cafeteria, the other two in accordance with campus posting guidelines. Please submit your poster to the Office of Student Life (room 2355) prior to or during campaigning period. The Election Committee will approve all posters in advance of posting.

3. Candidates will be allowed to hand out flyers, and use online and social media as long as it is in compliance with the election code.

*Three 18 x 22" Poster boards will be provided and up to 100 flyers copied free for executive candidates who visit the Office of Student Life on April 22nd and 23rd between 9am and 5pm. They can be picked up from Professor Parker on April 24th between 9am and noon or by arrangement.