

## 2012 SGA Senate Elections

### Information for Candidates

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Thank you for your interest in running for Class Senator position on the Student Government Association. This document contains important information about the campaign and your role in the process. If you have any questions, please contact Spencer Hughes, Election Commissioner ([shughes3@babson.edu](mailto:shughes3@babson.edu)) or Shannon Finning, SGA Advisor ([sfinning@babson.edu](mailto:sfinning@babson.edu)).

### **Constitutional requirements**

All persons seeking elected office as a Class Senator must meet the following preliminary requirements taken from the SGA Constitution:

#### **ARTICLE III – SENATE**

The Senate shall be composed of four (4) students from each class directly elected by the members of their respective year and one (1) Senator from each class appointed by the SGA President.

**SECTION 1.** Senators shall be elected by and will serve as representatives of their class. Each Senator will possess the authority to vote on behalf of their respective class. Students are eligible to run for a Senate position in their respective class year only.

**SECTION 2.** A full time undergraduate student is eligible to pursue a Senate seat provided that the following requirements are satisfied:

1. The student has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 at the time of candidacy; this requirement is waived for students pursuing a Senate seat in the fall semester of their first year who do not have a collegiate GPA.
2. The student will be able to fulfill his or her term at Babson as a full-time undergraduate student for at least one academic year immediately following his or her election to office.
3. The student must be in good academic and conduct standing with Babson College.

**SECTION 4.** Election of Executive Board and Senators

- (A) The persons charged with executing the SGA Elections Rules and Procedures shall be the Election Commissioner and the Assistant Election Commissioners, to be appointed by the President of the Student Body and approved by the Senate by the last SGA meeting of the fall semester preceding the spring election.
- (B) All persons seeking nominations to any office must submit to the Election Commissioner, a petition endorsed by fifty (50) of the eligible voters of Babson College. Eligible voters are defined as currently enrolled members of the Student Body articulated in Article II Section 2 of the bylaws.
- (C) In the event that a misrepresentation of signatures is detected, the petition shall be returned to the candidate and must be resubmitted corrected within twenty-four (24) hours.
- (D) All candidates must submit their qualifications, as set forth in Article II Section 2 of the Constitution, to the Election Commissioner for final approval for eligibility for office.
- (E) All candidates for Executive positions are required to give a short speech before the Government outlining their qualifications and their reasons for seeking office.
- (F) The names of all candidates who have been approved by the Election Committee will be entered on the ballot alphabetically.
- (G) In the event that any controversy evolves proceeding, during, or following the election, the matter is to be resolved by the Election Committee.
- (H) No campaigning shall be permitted by or for any candidate during the 48 hour voting period. The Election Committee is empowered to impose sanctions it sees fit upon those found in violation of election guidelines.
- (I) Candidates found in violation of any of the election policies/procedures will be deemed ineligible and his or her name will be removed from the ballot.

- (J) A tie shall be defined as such when and only when the number of votes that separates two candidates is zero; that is, a tie occurs only when two or more candidates have the same number of votes. In the event of a tie, a revote shall occur between the candidates who tied. This revote shall begin no later than ninety-six (96) hours after the close of the previous election.
- (K) The limit on campaign spending shall be determined by the Election Committee and made known to candidates via the application. Campaigners are required to maintain an accurate statement of dollars spent. Candidates must keep all campaign related expense receipts and make them available to the Election Committee on the first day of voting.

### **Election Regulations**

All candidates who have been verified by the Election Commission have been found to be in compliance with the SGA Constitution By-Laws.

**The spending limit for the 2012 election is \$150.** This includes any and all items purchased, or the equivalent monetary value of any donated items, used during the course of the campaign (fliers, posters, facebook ads, stickers, buttons, etc.). **Receipts for all transactions are due to the SGA advisor in Reynolds 211 by 9am on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.**

No posters, fliers, or any other campaign materials may be affixed to walls, windows, or doors in the Reynolds Campus Center. Candidates wishing to hang materials from ceilings, railings, or the bridge between Reynolds and Sorenson **MUST** obtain prior approval from the Director of Student Activities and Leadership.

No student (candidate or otherwise) may campaign past the scheduled deadline given by the election commission. **For the 2012 Senator election, this deadline is SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012 at 11:59am EST.**

Candidates are responsible for all individuals acting on their behalf during the election period.

Any disputes that arise during the course of the election will be resolved by the Election Commission in conjunction with the SGA Advisor.

Candidates found in violation of any of the election policies/procedures will be deemed ineligible and his or her name will be removed from the ballot.

**Any reports of election violations must be submitted in writing to the Election Commissioner within 24 hours of the incident or 12 hours of the results being posted.**

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

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Monday, March 26	5:00 pm	E-Board and Senate Candidate Information Session (Horn 159)
Wednesday, April 11	11:59pm	Candidate Interest Form due on Life@Babson AND Hard-Copy Signatures due to 211 Reynolds
Thursday, April 12	11:59pm	Candidates notified of eligibility to run for Senator position
Friday, April 13	8:30am	Campaigning begins
Sunday, April 15	11:59 am	Campaigning ends
Sunday, April 15	12:00 pm	Voting begins
Tuesday, April 17	12:00 pm	Voting ends

### **All newly elected Senators must attend the following events:**

- Tuesday, April 17, 6:30-8:30pm, Beaver Bowl (new Senators will be announced) (Pub)
- Thursday, April 19, 5-7pm, Student Leader Awards (Knight Auditorium)
- Sunday, April 22, 11am-3pm, Shared Student Leader Training (Needham Wellesley Room)
- Wednesday, April 25, 6:30pm, SGA Meeting (swearing in)
- Wednesday, May 2, 6:30pm, 1st SGA Meeting for newly elected Government (E-Board and Senate)