SPRING 2012 ELECTION
CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Prospective Candidate,

Congratulations on choosing to run for Student Government! Student Government at the University of Miami has a long and rich history of working for and with the students to make UM a better place to learn, live, and have an amazing college experience. On a personal level, Student Government is an excellent opportunity for developing leadership potential, networking with peers and administrators, and making a contribution to the UM community. Participation in Student Government is incredibly rewarding and provides skills useful in the real world.

Elections at UM are quite an experience, and the role of the Elections Commission is to facilitate the elections process and make sure that all Elections Codes are enforced. Along those lines, over the past year the Elections Commission has been transitioning to an entirely online system for filing for candidacy, both streamlining the process and helping to ensure that all necessary materials are submitted in a timely manner, as per the Codes. Since some of the processes are new, it is possible that some technological error will occur, so it is important that if any problem arises you immediately contact the Elections Commission so the problem can be rectified.

It is without further ado that you proceed to the relevant information found within this packet. **Please be sure to read all information found in this packet!!** Good luck with your campaign!!

Sincerely,

Nikita Gurudas
Elections Commission Chair, 2011-2012

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Executive Board:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Senate:

College of Arts and Sciences Senator (2 positions)

School of Business Senator

College of Engineering Senator

School of Communication Senator

Commuter Senator (3 positions)

Spring 2012 Election Calendar

Tuesday, January 17th

Filing for candidacy begins. Information packets available in UC 214 at 9 a.m.
Applications available on-line at www.miami.edu/sg under the "Get Involved" tab.

Monday, January 30th &
Tuesday, January 31st

Mandatory Referenda Writing Workshop if submitting referenda,
8:30 p.m. Location: UC211

Informational Meeting about application and positions,
9:00 p.m. Location: UC211

Friday, February 3th

Filing for candidacy and referenda ends. Applications due online by 5:00pm.

Wednesday, February 8th

Mandatory Candidates' and Referenda Sponsors' meeting,
9:15 p.m. Location: UC Ballroom D

Monday, February 13th

Graphic campaigning begins, 8:00 a.m.

Meet the Candidates
5:00-7:00 p.m. Location: Stanford Hecht Dining Hall

Tuesday, February 14th

Meet the Candidates
12:00-1:00 p.m. Location: Food Court

Vice-Presidential Debate
7:00 p.m. Location: UC Lower Lounge

Wednesday, February 15th

Meet the Candidates
5:00-7:00 p.m. Location: Mahoney Pearson Dining Hall

Thursday, February 16th

Presidential Debate
7:00 p.m. Location: UC Lower Lounge

Monday, February 20th

Elections - Day 1
Hearings, TBA, UC 211 (if necessary)

Tuesday, February 21st

Elections - Day 2
Hearings, TBA, UC 211 (if necessary)

Wednesday, February 22nd

Elections - Day 3
Hearings, TBA, UC 211 (if necessary)

Financial Reports and supporting documents must be submitted at www.miami.edu/sg
under the "Get Involved" tab by 10:00 a.m.

Results announced, 5:30 p.m. Location: the Rock.
Graphic campaigning for Run-off begins (if necessary).

Monday, February 27th

Run-off Election Day 1 (if necessary)
Hearings, TBA, UC 211(if necessary)

Tuesday, February 28th

Run-off Election Day 2 (if necessary)
Hearings, TBA, UC 211(if necessary)

Wednesday, February 29th

Run-off Election Day 3 (if necessary)
Hearings, TBA, UC 211(if necessary)

Financial Reports and supporting documents must be submitted at www.miami.edu/sg
under the "Get Involved" tab by 10:00 a.m.

Run-off Election Results announced, 5:30 p.m. Location: the Rock.

Online Application Instructions

Application Process:

- To apply as a candidate for any of the available positions, visit www.miami.edu/sg and follow the instructions under the "Get Involved" section. Paper applications for candidacy will not be made available or accepted. Please note that although all student government positions are listed on the electronic application form, **ONLY THOSE LISTED IN THIS APPLICATION** packet are available. **FILING FOR CANDIDACY ENDS AT 5PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

- The Mandatory Referenda Writing Workshop and optional Candidate Informational Meetings are scheduled for **Monday, January 30, 2012 and Tuesday, January 31 at 8:30pm and 9:00pm respectively** in room UC211 on the second floor of the University Center. Anyone submitting referenda MUST attend the workshop.

- The Mandatory Candidates' and Referenda Sponsors' meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 8th, 2012 at 9:15pm** in the University Center, Flamingo Ballroom D. **FAILURE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WITHOUT A PRIOR APPROVAL BY DR. BRIAN OREFICE, DIRECTOR OF ORIENTATION AND COMMUTER STUDENT INVOLVEMENT, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR (UC 236) WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**

- It is important that all candidates frequently check their email and immediately respond to inquiries made by the Elections Commission. The Commission will use email as the primary source of communicating elections updates, hearing information etc. to all candidates.

- All forms referenced on the Fall Election Calendar (the **Graphic Campaign Approval From**, the **General Election Financial Reports**, and the **Request for Review Form**) are also available on-line through the MyUM Groups system (system used for filing for candidacy).

- Candidates may withdraw their names at any time prior to the announcement of the official results of the election. This must be done in written form and submitted, in person or via email, to the Student Government Advisor, Dr. Brian Orefice, at borefice@miami.edu. Any candidacy withdrawn after the application deadline may not be re-instated. However, the candidate may be eligible to run as a write-in candidate.

For more information or to obtain Election forms please call email umelectionscommission@gmail.com, stop by UC 214 or visit our website at www.miami.edu/sg.

Good Luck in your campaign!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Come out and meet your candidates for Student Government

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Stanford-Hecht Dining Hall: 5-7pm

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