ASOC | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASOC Elections Guidelines

The candidate receiving the most number of votes shall be elected, even in the event of a plurality.

In the event of a tie for a position, a run-off election will be held. Run-off elections shall follow the regular procedure and will begin within one week following the conclusion of the regular election.

Anyone working or volunteering for the candidate will be held to the same rules that apply to the candidate.

Eligibility

A. All students running for office must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student during the respective term of office or appointment.
B. Students running for office must not be currently on academic or disciplinary probation.
C. Those running for office must have a minimum GPA requirement of 2.0.
D. Students running for Class Senator positions must be registered in their respective class. Should candidates disagree with their class standing, they should contact the Senate Advisor as soon as possible.
E. Those running for the office of President must have served at least one (1) semester on any ASOC branch
F. Those running for the office of Vice President must have served at least one (1) semester on any ASOC branch
G. Students may run for one ASOC position at a time in the same election. Students holding ASOC positions in which they applied for (i.e. current members of DEB or Sustainability Fund) must vacate their position at the end of the year. Those students may be eligible to reapply for their branch, should they not win. Students holding ASOC positions in which they are elected must vacate their current position at the end of their term, should they choose to run for another position or lose the election for their position.
H. Elected members may not simultaneously serve in more than one elected position, nor in an appointed position, and as a Student Services Department Manager.
I. To be eligible for an election, Class Senator candidates must present a nominating petition with 20 signatures of their current class. Officials elected at large must present a nominating petition with 40 signatures of members of the student body. All candidates must attend the mandatory candidate meeting. Absences can only be excused by the Elections Chair.
J. Upon receipt of the sign-up sheets and petitions, the Senate Advisor will verify the eligibility of the candidates.
K. Officer eligibility requirements may be appealed to Honor Board.

Campaigning

A. Campaigning begins immediately after the candidate meeting.
B. Posting material that could be considered defamatory or offensive is explicitly forbidden. Also please do not post any campaign material that is deemed to reflect negatively upon any other candidate. Candidates may file an election complaint to the elections chair regarding the investigation of defamatory claims in any form.
C. Only 10-15 posters are permitted in the JSC Quad and surrounding area (including academic buildings, Bookstore, Cooler, and Mailroom). Posters in these areas must have a SLICE stamp or be subject to removal (go to SAC desk for the stamp).
D. Posters in residence halls must be stamped by the office of Residence Education and Housing Services, located in Berkus Hall.
E. Key Posting Policies:
    a. Banners and posters may not be affixed on windows (including windows on exterior doors), campus street signs, trees, or the ground;
    b. Use of duct tape, packing tape, nails, glue or staples to affix publicity materials on campus is prohibited. Any individual/group publicizing on campus will be held responsible for damages caused by improper posting;
    c. Chalk must be designated as appropriate for use on sidewalks. Chalk must be checked out from the SLICE Office. Use of Chalk shall be allowed in the front of the Cooler, front and back of the Marketplace, quad sidewalk, and steps near library. Final designation of spaces where chalk can be used shall be determined by the SLICE Office. Official approval for usage of chalk must be given by the SLICE Office, and a letter of approval must be sent to the elections chair.
    d. Chalk is not permitted on vertical surfaces (e.g., no walls or buildings) or any other sidewalk areas, or areas not specified above.
    e. Chalk is removed each Tuesday morning.
F. Candidates may not destroy or remove other candidates' publicity. Additionally, no candidate may cover another candidate's publicity with their own. If a candidate believes another candidate took down their publicity, or if a candidate believes another candidate's publicity is against the rules, file an elections complaint and contact the elections chair. The elections chair, or a member appointed by the elections chair, has the sole responsibility to take down publicity.
G. Improper behavior by anyone working for the candidate will be construed as sanctioned by the candidate.
H. Knocking on students' dorm room doors, sliding pamphlets, posters, or other publicity under doors, or leaving campaign materials on the floor is forbidden
I. Anonymous publicity is not allowed. All publicity must clearly state the candidate the publicity promotes, even if the publicity references another candidate.
J. Groups or clubs may support candidates if the entire group supports the candidate.
K. Candidates may not send material promoting the candidate via Occidental College listservs.
L. Candidates may spend no more than $20 per campaign. Candidates are forbidden from using funds from friends, family, teammates, or anyone else other than themselves. An exception to this rule shall be made if a candidate receives external funding from a club in

which they are officially endorsed by. Members of a club, if they wish to provide funding for a candidate, must vote unanimously to provide such funding. Receipts regarding all campaign expenses must be kept and presented to the elections chair, if requested. If a club provides funding to a candidate, receipts must be submitted to the elections chair by the club.

M. No anonymous publicity against other candidates or their team are permitted
N. Anonymous or public defamatory statements against the character of other candidates or their team is explicitly prohibited

Voting

A. All voting shall occur on-line via MyOxy. Each voter must log in using their login name and password. This will ensure that each person will only be able to vote once. Students will be able to access the ballot from the Student Services/Student Elections page. The Candidates may include the voting instructions in their campaign materials to encourage voting.
B. Since voting is a personal decision, and since students have the right to vote for whomever they choose, candidates will not do anything on or off-campus that prevents students from voting for whomever they choose. This includes, but is not limited to:
    a. Candidates may not coerce others for votes, bribe others for votes, or force others to vote.
    b. Candidates may not actively solicit votes by using personal wireless devices, such as laptops or PDAs. For example, a candidate may not physically obtain votes by soliciting students to vote in their presence.

Infractions

A. Any member of the ASOC who reasonably believes that an election rule established in these guidelines, the ASOC Constitution, or by the Elections Chair may submit a complaint to the Honor Board.
B. Violations must be filed with the Elections Chair no later than 48 hours of results being announced. The Elections Chair will forward the complaint to the Honor Board for review.
C. The Honor Board shall hear the case in accordance with their bylaws.