



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Body Elections- 2018

Electoral Filing Information

Date: February 27, 2018

Time: 9:00 PM

Location: SGA Office, Memorial Student Center

All candidates must be present in order to file for Student Body Elections.

Voting Information

Date: March 13-14, 2018

Method: Electronic through HerdLink

Time: Electronic polling will open on March 13th at 8am and will close on March 14th at 4:00PM

Senators - Open Positions per College

Election	Positions per college
College of Arts and Media	3
College of Business	4
College of Informational Technology and Engineering (CITE)	3
College of Education and Professional Development (COEPD)	6
Graduate College	2
College of Health Professions (COHP)	7
Honors College	3
INTO	2
College of Liberal Arts (COLA)	4
School of Medicine	2
School of Pharmacy	2
Regents	2
College of Science	5
University College	4
Total	49

Student Government Important Dates 2018

Debate 1: Monday, March 5th Lobby, Memorial Student Center 7-8 PM

Debate 2: Monday, March 12th Shawkey Dining 12:00 PM

Online voting Tuesday March 13th & Wednesday March 14th

Voting ends Wednesday March 14th at 4:00 PM

Election Results Wednesday March 14th 6:30 PM

Student Body President and Vice President Inauguration TBD

First Senate Meeting April 24th, Shawkey Dining Room, 4:00PM – Start of Session 76

Student Government Executive Cabinet Summer Requirements

Jackson's Mill Leadership Conference May 14-16th- **Mandatory for Executive Cabinet**

New Student Orientation June 19-22, July 17-20, July 31-August 4th –**Mandatory for Student Body President and Vice President**

ELECTION RULES
OF
THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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PREFACE

These election rules are subject to the authority of the Constitution of the Marshall University Student Government Association. In cases of conflict, the Constitution of the Marshall University Student Government Association shall take precedence. All matters not directed by these election rules or Student Senate legislation shall be governed by the authority of the Election Commission or, in the case of no standing Election Commission, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

SECTION I: ELECTION COMMISSION

- A) The Election Commission shall be comprised of the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and those appointed by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs including: Student Government Association advisors, Election Commissioner(s), and a faculty member appointed by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

SECTION II: FILING RULES

- A) Filing for Student Government Association elections shall take place at one filing meeting for which the day, time, and location shall be set by a majority vote of the Student Senate.
 - i. Information regarding these election rules shall be distributed and covered in depth at the time of filing.
 - ii. The placement of candidate's names on the ballot shall take place at the meeting and be determined by a random drawing.
- B) Filing with the Election Commission shall be considered complete at such a time when the candidate's qualifications are verified by a Student Government Association advisor and when the candidate signs their agreement to accept and comply with all election rules.
 - i. The agreement must be signed by the conclusion of the filing meeting for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot.
- C) When filing, a candidate shall announce their constituency on the application form.
- D) Filing shall grant the candidate the right to post flyers, signs, and other publications on campus in accordance with these election rules, applicable laws, and with Marshall University policy.
- E) Candidates who file after the filing date shall be considered write-in candidates.
- F) Write-in candidates must comply with these election rules and other standards as set forth by the Election Commission, as all candidates are required to do.
 - i. Write-in candidates may campaign/advertise upon filing for candidacy.
- G) Elections shall be held from March 13, 2018 to March 14, 2018.
 - i. Exact times on these days shall be determined by the Election Commission.
 - ii. The deadline for withdrawing from an election is forty-eight (48) hours prior to the opening of the polls on the first scheduled day of the election.
- H) Failure to file shall negate a candidate's eligibility for election.
- I) All write-in votes cast for persons failing to file for candidacy shall be null and void.
- J) Filing violations shall be handled by the Election Commission. Any candidate found to have intentionally falsified information on his/her application form shall be immediately disqualified from the election and removed from the ballot.

SECTION III: QUALIFICATIONS

- A) Any undergraduate candidate for the office of Senator must be enrolled for at least twelve (12) credit hours of classes and, at the time of application, have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher. Candidates must not be under judicial sanction and must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at Marshall University prior to the semester in which they file for candidacy.
- B) Any graduate candidate for the office of Senator must be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours of classes and, at the time of application, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Candidates must not be under judicial sanction at Marshall University prior to the semester in which they file for candidacy.
- C) Each candidate running on a President/Vice President ticket must have completed a minimum of 40 credit hours at Marshall University, and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher. President/Vice President candidates must retain undergraduate status for the entirety of their prospective term, in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the Marshall University Student Government Association Constitution.
- D) Each Presidential ticket must retain the same running mate throughout the entire election process except in cases of emergency, as approved by any member of the Election Commission.
- E) All candidates, declared or write-in, must sign a verification form stating that they have read and completely understand these election rules. All candidates, declared or write-in, are subject to these rules.

SECTION IV: CAMPAIGN RULES

- A) Public campaigning rights shall begin after the information/filing meeting held on filing day.
- B) The dean of a college must approve any mass emails sent to that academic college.
- C) A candidate can contact groups to schedule a meeting before official campaigning begins, however meetings cannot take place until the conclusion of the filing day meeting. If these rules are violated, candidates shall be disqualified from the election.
- D) President/Vice President tickets may, prior to the filing meeting, establish their campaign staff/prospective cabinet members.
- E) President/Vice President candidate teams shall not spend more than \$1,000.00 per team on their campaigns. Candidate teams shall be required to submit a complete expenditure report to the Election Commission 24 hours before the polls open. Failure to submit this report shall result in disqualification.
- F) Student Senate candidates shall not spend more than \$100.00 each on their campaigns. Student Senate candidates shall be required to submit a complete expenditure report at the request of any member of the Election Commission.
- G) The campaign sign policy shall be as follows:

- i. Signs shall not be obscene, offensive, or obstructive.
 - ii. Signs shall not leave any residue on the surface on which they are placed.
 - iii. Signs shall be easily removable and not damage the surface on which they are displayed.
 - iv. Signs shall follow all Marshall University guidelines for display and placement
- H) The residence hall policy is as follows (taken from the 2018 Residence Hall Policy webpage at www.marshall.edu/housing/residence-hall-policies-new/):
- i. Door-to-door solicitation, sales, surveys, and canvassing are not permitted in any area within the residential community. Door-to-door distribution of flyers or leaflets or the placement of these items on doors or cars is prohibited. The exception to this policy is for Housing and Residence Life staff in carrying out the duties of their position. Flyers and other forms of publicity may not be distributed without the consent of the Director of Housing and Residence Life, or their designee. Students may not engage in any sales or business activities within any public area of the residential community.
 - a. All advertising in the residential community must be pre-approved, including student groups, events, or sale of personal items that may benefit others in the community (such as textbooks). Approval can be sought at the Housing and Residence Life office.
- I) Any defacement or destruction of property by the posting of campaign material is unlawful and any candidate or affiliate found to be guilty of this shall be eligible to be immediately disqualified from the election and reported to a member of the Election Commission for action.
- J) Campaigning shall not be allowed in the Drinko Library.
- K) Campaigning shall not be allowed in the Memorial Student Center building.

SECTION V: COMPLAINTS AND IRREGULARITIES

- A) All complaints shall be reported according to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.
- i. Anyone may notify the Election Commission of a violation and may file a complaint to the Election Commission for action.
 - ii. Complaints must be filed with the Election Commission immediately following knowledge of the alleged violation.
 - iii. Complaints must be filed before election results are announced.
 - iv. The Election Commission shall investigate the complaint and render a decision within 24 hours.
 - v. The decision can be appealed, in writing, to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The decision of the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs shall be considered supreme and final.

SECTION VI: VOTING REGULATIONS

- A) All students currently enrolled at Marshall University shall have the right to vote in all elections presented to the Student Body in accordance with the Constitution of the Marshall University Student Government Association.
- B) The following voting procedures shall govern manual elections:
 - i. The Election Commission shall determine the hours and location of polling.
 - ii. Spaces shall be provided on all ballots for write-in votes.
- C) In the event of a tie for a position, a run-off election shall be held within seven (7) days. The Election Commission shall determine the mode of voting.

SECTION VII: THE ELECTION COMMISSION

- A) The Election Commissioner shall be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Marshall University Student Government Association and shall not be a candidate, or campaigning for any candidate.
- B) The Election Commission shall have the following authority:
 - i. The Election Commission shall ensure that the elections are conducted in a fair, impartial, and open manner.
 - ii. The Election Commission shall not have authority to abridge these rules in any manner without approval from the Senate.
 - iii. The Election Commission shall arrange, promote, and schedule a public forum for the President/Vice President tickets.
 - iv. The Election Commission shall direct the spending of any money appropriated in the Senate budget for elections.
 - v. The Election Commission shall be responsible for promoting the elections to the Student Body, and encouraging participation in the electoral process.
 - vi. Each Election Commissioner must be nominated by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs or their designee and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

SECTION VIII: VOTING TABULATIONS

- A) Votes shall be counted on the last polling day, immediately following the close of the polls. The results shall be announced within 24 hours of the close of the polls.
- B) The Election Commission shall determine all parties responsible for tabulating the votes.
- C) The winner of any election shall be the candidate or ticket with the most votes at the end of the polling for that election, provided that they have adhered to these election rules.
- D) Ongoing vote totals and/or estimations of totals for any candidate/ticket shall not be disclosed by any member of the Election Commission to anyone outside of the Election Commission.

