



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Body Elections - 2016

Electoral Filing Information

Date: March 1, 2016

Time: 9:15 PM

Location: SGA Office, Memorial Student Center

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

Voting Information

Date: March 15, 2016

Method: Electronic

Time: TBD

Election Commissioner

Commissioners: Gates Campbell and Alicia Kingery

Electoral Information

Election	District Magnitude	Electoral Formula	Ballot Composition
Student Body President/ Student Body Vice-President	1	Single-member plurality	Categorical; randomized, determined at filing date. See pp. 3-6
College of Arts and Media	3	Multi-member plurality (Block)	
College of Business	5		
College of Informational Technology and Engineering (CITE)	3		

College of Education and Professional Development (COEPD)	6	Multi-member plurality (Block)	Categorical; randomized, determined at filing date. See pp. 3-6
Graduate College	2		
College of Health Professions (COHP)	7		
Honors College	3		
INTO	2		
College of Liberal Arts (COLA)	5		
School of Medicine	2		
School of Pharmacy	2		
Regents	2		
College of Science	5		
University College	5		
Total	53		

Table 1 Derived from SGA Constitution, SGA Election Rules, and the Fall 2015 Institutional Research Census

Definitions

- District magnitude – the amount of seats per jurisdiction
- Electoral formula – how winners of an election are selected
 - Single-member plurality – the winner will win with a plurality of votes casted (i.e. first place wins)
 - Multi-member plurality (block) – the winners will win with a plurality of votes casted until all seats are filled
- Ballot formula – how students will vote for electors
 - Categorical – there is no ranking of candidates

Interest Meetings

Interest Meeting 1: February 24, 2016 at 6:30PM in the SGA Office

Interest Meeting 2: February 25, 2016 at 11:30AM in the SGA Office

Additional Information

This document will be updated as new information is released. For immediate questions, please contact Alex O'Donnell at odonnell18@live.marshall.edu.

- SGA Constitution: <http://www.marshall.edu/sga2011/files/SGA-Student-Government-Constitution-UPDATED-JUNE-101.doc>
- SGA Election Rules: <http://www.marshall.edu/sga2011/files/OFFICIAL-ELECTION-RULES1.doc>
- Fall 2015 Institutional Research Census: http://www.marshall.edu/irp/srs/stansurv15_MU_early_publish.pdf

Ballot Structure

There will be three sections to each ballot: a universal presidential ballot, a referendum ballot and a senator ballot that is specific to your college.

Presidential Ballot

Choose **ONE** President/Vice President:

- Matt Jarvis/Emily Kinner
- Leif Olsen/Collin Stipetich
- Nate Micklas/Amos Parlock

Referendum One

REFERENDUM 1: The Marshall University Student Government Association and the Tri-State Transportation Authority (TTA) have proposed a Marshall University bus route. This route will include stops to places including, but not limited to: the Visual Arts Center/Pullman Square, Cabell Huntington Hospital, the Keith-Albee Theater, Walmart and Kroger. Please see the attached map of the route for more information. In addition, the TTA will provide each student with unlimited access to other bus routes that the TTA offers. The cost per student will be \$16.00 per semester. Please select from the following responses:

- **YES, I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUS ROUTE AND THE ASSOCIATED FEE INCREASE.**
- **NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUS ROUTE AND THE ASSOCIATED FEE INCREASE.**

College of Arts and Media

Choose **THREE** candidates for Senator:

- Darius Booker
- _____ (write-in candidate)
- _____ (write-in candidate)

College of Business

Choose **FIVE** candidates for Senator:

- Alex Parlock
- Mya Linden
- Alyce Crist
- Jacob Manoni
- Kelli Polling
- Gretchen Kalar
- Jessica Parrish
- Alexandra Pfost

- Eli Dudit
- Joseph Byard
- _____ (write-in candidate)

College of Informational Technology and Engineering (CITE)

Choose **THREE** candidates for Senator:

- Morgan Griffith
- Elijah Ford
- _____ (write-in candidate)

College of Education and Professional Development (COEPD)

Choose **FIVE** candidates for Senator:

- Sydney Wibberg
- Tanner Drown
- Chase Jarrell
- David Crawley
- Chase Chapman
- _____ (write-in candidate)

Graduate College

Choose **TWO** candidates for Senator:

- Cody Hatten
- Reid Palmer
- Dillon Neace
- _____ (write-in candidate)

College of Health Professions (COHP)

Choose **SEVEN** candidates for Senator:

- Emma Nelson
- Autumn Booten
- Tré Staples
- Samantha Graffius
- Killian Ellis
- Jacob Lovejoy
- Shelby McCracken
- Drew Hughes
- Stephen Holland
- Corbin McGhee
- _____ (write-in candidate)

Honors College

Choose **THREE** candidates for Senator:

- Jesse Townsend
- Steven Straley
- Alex O'Donnell
- Ashley DeMoss
- Rachel Rohrbach
- Elizabeth Ann Slade
- _____ (write-in candidate)

INTO

Choose **TWO** candidates for Senator:

- Bujie Wu
- Chouyu Zheng
- Rakesh Bangaru
- _____ (write-in candidate)

College of Liberal Arts (COLA)

Choose **FIVE** candidates for Senators:

- Akeem Curenton
- Nick Uliana
- Samantha Cain
- Collin Castillo
- Dana Deardorff
- Whitney Ramey
- Elijah Stevens
- Jada Williams
- Sophia Mills
- _____ (write-in candidate)

School of Medicine

Choose **TWO** candidates for Senators:

- Travis Parkulo
- Jeremy Adkins
- _____ (write-in candidate)

School of Pharmacy

Choose **TWO** candidates for Senators:

- Taylor Mills
- _____ (write-in candidate)

Regents

Choose **TWO** candidates for Senators:

- _____ (write-in candidate)
- _____ (write-in candidate)

College of Science (CoS)

Choose **FIVE** candidates for Senators:

- David Oye
- Ethan Higginbotham
- Shaylin Reid
- Katie Johnson
- Tony Jernigan II
- John Sowards
- Sheyenne Keith
- Storm Edens
- _____ (write-in candidate)

University College

Choose **FIVE** candidates for Senators:

- Connor Nelson
- Elise Gooding
- _____ (write-in candidate)
- _____ (write-in candidate)
- _____ (write-in candidate)



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

MANDATORY DATES FOR 2016

THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE MANDATORY FOR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT:

- President & VP Debates/Town Hall Forums
March 8th @ 9:00pm in Playhouse
March 14th@ Noon in MSC Lobby
- Inauguration
April 17th @ 2:00pm (Pres. Gilbert's)
- New Student Orientation Days
June 14th - 17th @ 8:00am
July 12th - 15th @ 8:00am
August 4th - 5th @ 8:00am
- 1st Student Senate Meeting of Session #74
April 19th @ 4:00pm (MSC Shawkey)
- 2015-2016 SGA Leadership Recognition Banquet
April 21st @ 6:30pm at Wedge

THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE MANDATORY FOR THE SBP, VP, AND EXECUTIVE STAFF MEMBERS:

- WV Student Leadership Conference (Jacksons Mill, WV)
(SBP, VP, plus three selected executive staff) May 16th - 18th
- Officer Training Retreat Weekend (Location TBA)
(SBP, VP, all executive staff, all senate officers/chairs) July 8th - 10th
- Student Government Association Retreat (Location TBA)
(ALL Members of Student Government Association) TBA (September 2016)
- Homecoming Parade (Downtown Huntington)
(ALL Members of Student Government Association) TBA (October 2016)
- Memorial Fountain Ceremony (Plaza)
(ALL Members of Student Government Association) November 14th, 2016 @ 12:00pm

SGA OFFICE HOURS REQUIREMENTS:

All SGA members are required to complete office hours and community service hours.

- Executive Staff & Senate President Pro-Tempore
4 office hours/week for Executives
12 office hours/week for SBP/VP
Service hours per request of SBP
- Senators
20 office hours/semester
8 service hours/semester

If you have any questions, please contact the Election Commissioners Gates Campbell (304.544.8568) & Alicia Kingery (330.933.3077). Matt James, Assistant Dean of Students/Executive Advisor (681.203.4114); or, Michelle Barbour, Senate Advisor (304.633.3283).

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION RULES

SECTION I Election Commission

- A. The Election Commission is comprised of the Dean of Students and those appointed by the Dean of Students including: Student Government Association advisors, both senate and executive, election commissioner, and a faculty member appointed by the Dean of Students.

SECTION II Filing Rules

- A. Filing for Student Government Association elections will take place at one filing meeting for which, the day, time, and location will be set by a majority vote of the Student Senate, and at which information regarding election rules, in the form of this set of rules, will be distributed and covered in depth. The placement of candidate's names on the ballot will 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 his/her agreement to accept and comply with the election rules. The agreement must be signed by the conclusion of the filing meeting for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot. When filing, a candidate shall announce the college in which he/she is enrolled on the application form.
- C. Filing shall grant the candidate the right to post flyers, signs, and other publications on campus, in accordance with these election rules, and with applicable laws and Marshall University policy. Failure to file will negate a candidate's eligibility for election. Candidates who wish to file after the filing date shall be considered write-in candidates. They must comply with the election rules and other standards as set forth by the Election Commission, as all candidates are required to do. Candidates who do not complete an application by the deadline may campaign/advertise upon filing for candidacy. All write-in votes cast for persons failing to file for candidacy will be null and void.
- D. Elections shall be held the first Tuesday after the second Monday of March.
- E. 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.
- F. Filing violations will 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 3.0 or higher. Candidates must not be under judicial sanction at Marshall University prior to the semester in which they file for candidacy.
 - C. A 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 3.0 or higher. President/Vice President candidates must retain Undergraduate status for the entirety of their prospective term, in accordance with Article III, Section 3A of the Student Government Association Constitution. Each Presidential ticket must retain the same running mate throughout the entire election process, except in cases of emergency, as approved by any Student Government Association Advisor.
 - D. All declared candidates must sign a verification form, stating that they have read and completely understand the election rules. All candidates, declared or write-in, are subject to these rules.

SECTION IV Campaign Rules

- A. Public-campaigning shall begin after the information/filing meeting held on filing day. Dean of a college must approve any mass emails sent to that academic college. 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 may be disqualified from the election.
- B. President/Vice President tickets may, prior to the filing meeting, establish their campaign staff/prospective cabinet members.
- C. President/Vice President candidate teams shall not spend more than \$800.00, per team, on their campaigns. Candidate teams will be required to submit a complete expenditure report to the Dean of Students 24 hours before the polls open.
- D. Student Senate candidates shall not spend more than \$100.00 each on their campaigns.
- E. The campaign sign policy shall be as follows:
 - a. Refer to the University sign policy.
- F. The residence hall policy is as follows:
 - a. Refer to the Residence Hall policy.
- G. 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 may be immediately disqualified from the election and reported to the Dean of Students for action.

H. Campaigning is not allowed in the Drinko Library.

SECTION V Complaints and Irregularities

- A. All complaints shall be reported according to the Dean of Students
 - a. Anyone may notify the Election Commission of a violation, and may file a complaint to the Election Commission for action.
 - b. Complaints must be filed with the Election Commission immediately following knowledge of the alleged violation. Complaints must be filed before election results are announced. The Election Commission will investigate the complaint and render a decision within 24 hours. The decision can be appealed, in writing, to the Dean of Student Affairs. The decision of the Dean of Students is 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. University records, if needed, can verify a student's enrollment status.
- B. The following voting procedures shall govern manual elections:
 - a. The Election Commission will determine the hours and location of polling.
 - b. 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, and shall be considered a special election. The Election Commission shall determine the mode of voting for special elections.

SECTION VII Poll Worker Regulations

- A. Poll workers cannot be candidates and are not permitted to campaign for any candidate.
- B. Poll workers cannot be candidates in the election.
- C. Poll workers will be assigned at the discretion of the Election Commission and must operate within the authority of these election rules.
- D. There shall be no more than two (2) poll workers at each polling place at all times.
- E. All poll workers must attend a meeting to be determined by the Election Commission. Anyone not attending these meetings will not be permitted to work the polls.

SECTION VIII The Election Commission

- A. The Election Commissioner shall be appointed in accordance with the Student Government Association Constitution, and shall not be a candidate, or campaigning for any candidate.

- B. The Election Commission shall have the following authority:
- a. The Election Commission shall ensure that the elections are conducted in a fair, impartial, and open manner.
 - b. The Election Commission shall not have authority to abridge these rules in any manner without approval from the Senate.
 - c. The Election Commission shall arrange, promote, and schedule a public forum- for the President/Vice President tickets.
 - d. The Election Commission shall direct the spending of any money appropriated in the Senate budget for Elections.
 - e. The Election Commission shall be responsible for promoting the elections to the Student Body, and encouraging participation in the electoral process.
 - f. All Election Commissioners must be nominated by the Student Body President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

SECTION IX Voting Tabulations

- A. Votes shall be counted on the last polling day, immediately following the close of the polls. The results shall be announced immediately thereafter.
- B. The Dean of Students and Election Commissioner 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.