



2022 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS

I. CAMPAIGNING and VOTING REGULATIONS

- A. The Dean of Students Office, in conjunction with SGA, will determine the voting medium and procedure based on available technology and other resources. Clayton State University works to cultivate a hospitable campus environment in which all members of the University can work together and learn from each other in a climate of mutual respect. Students should practice personal integrity during the election, including campaigning, to preserve the dignity, rights, and property of all members of the University community.
- B. In order for a student to be an approved candidate for election, student must complete election application process and receive a **Candidate Confirmation Email** from the Dean of Students Office. Campaigning may only occur by approved candidates during the indicated Campaign Period, as stipulated in the SGA Election Information document.
- C. Campaigning by approved candidates (and candidate supporters) may occur **only through the following approved campus modalities:**

- Use of a candidate's (or candidate's supporters) Clayton State email account to send individual campaign announcements, notifications, or advertisements to other student email accounts for the sole purpose of promoting student's candidacy.
- Use of a candidate's (or candidate's supporters) personal social media accounts (facebook, Instagram, twitter, etc) for campaign promotion purposes.

If, at any time, a student requests to be excluded from a candidate's campaign distribution list for any platform, the candidate (and candidate's supporters) must remove student immediately from candidate's campaign distribution list and refrain from directing any campaign promotion to that individual.

- Flyers, posters, and chalking in accordance with the [Campus Posting Policy](#).
- Use of reserved University Center Mainstreet tables (*on first-come, first-served basis*) during designated campaign period (March 28-April 8). Approved SGA candidates may staff a table display/exhibit for their individual campaign on Main Street in the University Center during building operating hours, utilizing one (1) provided table in the area.

D. Candidates for election may be disqualified for any of the following actions:

- Violation of the Election and Campaign Regulations.
- Candidate or candidate's representatives found to be submitting another student's vote on candidate's or candidate's representatives' electronic device.
- Campaigning before his/her application has been approved.

- Creation/dissemination of campaign information that demeans other candidates (this includes internet postings via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) or is otherwise inappropriate.
- Submitting a vote on behalf of another student in any capacity (i.e. using another's laptop, tablet, etc).

E. **On-line voting:** Campaigning by the candidate, or any candidate's supporters, may occur during the indicated campaign period. The candidate (and supporters), so as not to encroach on the rights of students to be able to vote in a private and uninhibited manner, should exercise care when campaigning directly to students during the voting period.

II. VIOLATION OF ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS

- A. Candidates (and their supporters) are expected to abide by all election regulations as well as the *Student Conduct Code* contained in the *Student Handbook*. The Dean of Students Office shall monitor all elections and shall investigate any observed and/or written, signed notifications of alleged violations of campaign regulations.
- B. All allegations must be made in writing and submitted within **two business days of the occurrence**. As evidence warrants, the candidate (and the supporter(s), if appropriate) will be informed in writing of the alleged violation and of any actions being taken by the Dean of Students Office. A hearing may be scheduled with the involved parties in accordance with the procedure outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct*.
- C. Recognizing that some violations of campaign and/or election rules do not merit traditional adjudication through the Student Conduct process, alleged violation of election rules will be adjudicated by the Dean of Students; alleged infractions of the *Student Code of Conduct* will be adjudicated through the Office of Community Standards.

Actions which may be taken by the Dean of Students Office if a candidate (or his/her supporters) is found in violation of election regulations:

1. **First Offense:** A written warning will be issued to the candidate (and supporter(s), if appropriate). This written notification may include, but is not limited to, stating that any further violation of any regulations will result in disqualification of the candidate and the candidate's votes not being counted.
2. **Second Offense:** A written notification will be given that the candidate (and supporter(s), if appropriate) has been disqualified and the candidate's votes will not be counted.

Students found in violation of the *Student Code of Conduct* are subject to disciplinary sanctions as described in the *Student Handbook*.

Questions regarding the above campaign regulations should be directed to the Dean of Students, email jeffjacobs@clayton.edu.