



Student Government Association  
Election Commission

# 2008 SGA Election Interest Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

# Welcome!

## ■ Information Cards

- Fill out one of the information cards with your name, phone number, email, party, and position you are wanting to run for
- Don't have a party?
  - We will give your information to registered parties

# SGA Structure

- Student Senate
  - 46 Residential and 32 Academic Seats
  - Meets every other Tuesday at 5:15 pm
  - Required to present 1 bill each semester



# Important Dates

- Thursday, February 21 (8:00-9:00 pm)
  - Mandatory Meeting for all Student Body President, Vice-President, GSS President, GSS Vice-President, Student Services Director, *Independent* Senatorial Candidates, and Executive Committee members for each party
  - Valid excuses for missing will be due to [votesqa@utk.edu](mailto:votesqa@utk.edu) by 5:00 pm

## ■ Monday, February 25

- Petitions, Qualifying Statements, Statement of Financial Agreement, Clean-up Bond Agreement and Referendum Forms (Appendices A, B, C, J, K, L and N) are due by candidates in the SGA Elections Petitions Room (315D) in the UC by 5:00 pm
- Also, at 5:00 pm, candidates may begin speaking engagements

## ■ Friday, March 7

- At 5:00 pm, ballot posted on 2008 SGA Election website (<http://votesga.utk.edu>) and in the SGA Office (315E UC)
- Also, at 5:00 pm, Interest Meetings Finalized
  - Information regarding “Interest Meetings” by candidates or political parties must be received electronically via e-mail to [votesga@utk.edu](mailto:votesga@utk.edu) in order to be advertised.
- Candidates will be notified of any discrepancies via email after verification is complete

- Friday, March 14
  - 5:00 pm—deadline for any changes to ballot
- Tuesday, April 1—Wednesday, April 2
  - ELECTION DAYS
- Note: A timetable is posted on the 2008 SGA Election website

# Ethics Committee

- Committee Responsibility: responding to reported election packet violations as they deem necessary to maintain a fair election between all parties
- To report a violation of the election packet rules and regulations submit Appendix M at [votesga.utk.edu](http://votesga.utk.edu)

# Ethics Helpful Hints

- Do not send out mass emails until March 25th at 5:00pm
- Do not begin campaigning in any form until March 25th at 5:00pm
- Use Facebook and Myspace for any campaign activities until then
  - Ethics will not be policing these sites

# Required Appendices for Senators

## ■ Appendix A

- Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, Student Services Director, Graduate Student Senate President, Graduate Student Senate Vice-President, and *Student Senate* Qualifying Statement

## ■ Appendix B

- Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, Student Services Director, Graduate Student Senate President, Graduate Student Senate Vice President, and *Student Senate* Petition

## ■ Appendix C

- Statement of Financial Agreement

## ■ Appendix L

- 2008 Student Government Association Election Petition Form

# Campaign Finances

- Spending Limits
  - Parties= \$10,000
  - Independent Senators= \$200
  - Independent Executive Candidates= \$2,000
- Campaign Value Reports (CVRs)
  - Appendices D, F, and H
  - Must be submitted with Statement of Donations (Appendices E, G, and I)
  - New for 2008: CVRs can be completed online at <http://votesqa.utk.edu> under “Interactive Appendices”
  - Should be turned-in at UC Room 315B

# Mandatory Meeting (2/21/08)

- Campaign Finances and ethics issues will be discussed in detail
- Attendance is required (Exception is for senatorial candidates with party affiliation)
  - Party executive candidates and committee members are expected to inform their senate candidates
- Excuses for absence are due by 5:00 pm on the day of the meeting
  - [votesqa@utk.edu](mailto:votesqa@utk.edu)

# Questions/ Concerns

- All complaints should be sent to [votesga@utk.edu](mailto:votesga@utk.edu)
- Election Website= [votesga.utk.edu](http://votesga.utk.edu)
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