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Section 12 Campaign Sanctions

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- B. Major violations of the SA Elections Code shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Disregard of local, state, or federal law to any degree;
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 - 3. Operating any unsanctioned polling location;
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 - 5. Damage of or sabotage to other campaigns or campaign materials;
 - 6. A pattern of disregard for the SA Elections Code; and
 - 7. Violations of the MSU Code of Student Conduct.
- C. Minor violations of the SA Elections Code shall include, but not be limited to: 1. Campaigning for a preliminary candidate; 2. Campaigning less than twenty-five (25) feet from a university academic building; and 3. Producing, distributing, or displaying any QR code directly linking to the webpage for voting or any system for casting ballots 4. Other actions which may arise during the elections process as determined by the SA Elections Board.
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- A. The elections for SA President, SA Vice President, SA Secretary, and SA Treasurer shall be held on a Tuesday in the spring in conjunction with spring SA Senate elections.
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 - a. 1. All candidates must be classified as at least a sophomore; and
 - b. 2. All candidates must have spent the previous two (2) semesters at the Starkville campus of Mississippi State University; and
 - c. 3. All candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.
- C. In addition to the above requirements, candidates for specific SA Executive Officer positions must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. All candidates for SA President must be classified as at least a junior, and
 - b. All candidates for SA Treasurer must have completed or be enrolled in Principles of Financial Accounting (ACC 2013) or its equivalent.
- D. The election of the SA President and SA Vice President shall take place on a ticket. Each ticket must consist of a single candidate for SA President and a single candidate for SA Vice President. Tickets shall be subject to the following requirements:
 - a. Each ticket shall be treated as a single candidate for matters concerning qualification, campaign finance, and campaign violations.
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- E. SA Secretary, and SA Treasurer shall be allowed to spend a maximum of \$800.00 for campaign expenditures. In the case of a runoff, candidates shall be allowed to spend an additional \$300.00.
- F. Each student shall have one (1) vote for each Presidential Ticket.
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- H. To be elected SA President, SA Vice President, SA Secretary, or SA Treasurer, a candidate or candidate's ticket must receive a majority of votes cast. If no candidate or ticket for an office receives a majority of votes cast, the two candidates or tickets with the highest number of votes shall have a runoff election two (2) days after the initial election.

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- A. The elections for the twenty-two (22) SA Senate College seats and the eight (8) SA Senate campuswide seats shall be held on a Tuesday in the spring in conjunction with SA Executive Officer elections.
- B. All candidates running for an SA Senate College seat must have a declared major from that college at the time of the election. All candidates running for an Office of the Provost seat must have no declared major at the time of the election or in a college not represented by any other college seat.
- C. Candidates for SA Senate shall be allowed to spend \$200.00 for campaign expenditures. In the case of a runoff, candidates may be allowed to spend an additional \$100.00.
- D. In the elections for SA Senate college seats, each student will be allowed to cast as many votes as there are seats available for their College. Students may only cast one (1) vote per candidate. Seats will be filled by candidates with the most total votes in their respective College until all seats for that College are filled.
- E. In the elections for SA Senate campus-wide seats, each student will be allowed to cast four (4) votes. Students may only cast one (1) vote per candidate. The eight (8) highest vote-getters will fill the seats.
- F. In the case of a tie in any SA Senate election, a runoff shall be held two (2) days after the initial election.

Section 16 Fall SA Senate Elections

- A. The elections for the eighteen (18) SA Senate student organization seats, four (4) SA Senate freshmen seats, two (2) SA Senate graduate seats, two (2) SA Senate transfer seats, two (2) SA Senate International seats and two (2) SA Senate Shackouls Honors College seats shall be held on a Tuesday in the fall in conjunction with Homecoming elections.
- B. Candidates for specific SA Senate seats must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. All candidates running for an SA Senate Freshmen Seat must be enrolled in their first semester at Mississippi State University and their first semester as a full-time college student.
 - 2. All candidates running for an SA Graduate Seat must be enrolled as a graduate student, veterinary student, or professional student.
 - 3. All candidates running for an SA Transfer Seat must have transferred to Mississippi State University
 - 4. All candidates running for an SA International Seat must be enrolled as an international student.
 - 5. All candidates running for an SA Senate Organizational Seat must have been approved by the president or advisor of the organization they intend to represent.

6. All candidates running for an SA Senate Shackouls Honors College seat must be a member of the Shackouls Honors College at the time of election.
- C. Candidates for SA Senate shall be allowed to spend \$200.00 for campaign expenditures. In the case of a runoff, candidates may be allowed to spend an additional \$100.00
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 - E. In the elections for SA Senate graduate seats, students classified as graduate, veterinary, or professional students will be allowed to cast two (2) votes. Students may only cast one (1) vote per candidate. The two (2) highest vote-getters will fill the seats.
 - F. In the elections for SA Senate organizational seats, students will be allowed to cast two (2) votes to each organizational category. Students may only cast one (1) vote per candidate. Students are not required to be a member of an organization in an organizational category to vote for a candidate in said category. The two (2) highest vote-getters in each organizational category will fill the seats.
 - G. In the elections for SA Senate Transfer Seat, students who are Transfer Students will be allowed to cast two (2) votes. Students may only cast one (1) vote per candidate. The two (2) highest vote-getters will fill the seats.
 - H. In the elections for SA Senate Shackouls Honors College seats, students who are members of the Shackouls Honors College will be allowed to cast two (2) votes. Students may only cast one (1) vote per candidate. The two (2) highest vote-getters will fill the seats.
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Section 47 Homecoming Maid Selection and Queen and King Elections

- A. The elections for Homecoming Queen and King, as well as the selection of Homecoming Maids, shall be held on a Tuesday in the fall in conjunction with fall SA Senate elections.
- B. Candidates for Homecoming Queen and King must be classified as a senior and must not be a candidate for Homecoming Maid, Mr. MSU, or Miss MSU.
- C. All candidates for Homecoming Queen, King, and Maid must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.
- D. Any candidates running for both Homecoming Queen or King and a seat on the SA Senate in the same cycle will not be allowed to make any expenditures for their SA Senate race. This includes, but is not limited to, the purchase of campaign stickers, the purchase of advertisements, and the purchase of materials for use in banners.

- E. Candidates in their first year of college should run for Freshman Maid, candidates in their second year of college should run for Sophomore Maid, candidates in their third year of college should run for Junior Maid, and candidates in their fourth or final year of college should run for Senior Maid. Alternatively, in the case of extenuating circumstances that prevent a candidate's proper classification in the previously mentioned categories, candidates for Homecoming Maid may run to represent the class that represents their intended graduation year from Mississippi State University. No candidate may run for the same maid position in multiple years or re-run for Homecoming Maid if they have already served as a Homecoming Maid in previous years. This does not prohibit the candidate from applying for Miss MSU or running for Homecoming Queen.
- F. Homecoming Queen and King elections must precede the Homecoming week by a minimum of one (1) week.
- G. In addition to the required form of intent information outlined in Article V, Section 2-D of these SA Bylaws, candidates for Homecoming Maid, Homecoming Queen, and Homecoming King may be required to submit other materials deemed necessary by the Director of Homecoming. In such cases, these materials shall be due at the same time as the forms of intent.
- H. All organizations sponsoring a candidate for Homecoming Queen or King must allow the SA Elections Commissioner or a member of the SA Elections Board to attend an organizational meeting to clarify election rules and regulations. No candidates may display campaign material during such a meeting.
- I. The Thursday immediately preceding the fall SA election day shall be designated as Service Awareness Day. All candidates for Homecoming Queen and King must use this day to raise awareness or fundraise for a unique service-based cause. Failure to publicize a service-based cause on Service Awareness Day shall constitute a campaign violation.
- J. Each student shall have one (1) vote for Homecoming Queen and one (1) vote for Homecoming King.
- K. Candidates for Homecoming Queen and King shall be allowed to spend \$800.00 for campaign expenditures. In the case of a runoff, candidates may be allowed to spend an additional \$300.00.
- L. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each election shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie between the candidates with the highest number of votes, a runoff election shall be held two (2) days after the initial election. In the runoff election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be the winner.
- M. The Homecoming Maids for the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Classes shall be chosen through the following process:
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constitutionality of each interview process. The facilitator will not be inside the interview room.

2. No member of the Review Board may be a candidate for Homecoming Queen, King, or Maid or for Mr. or Miss MSU. Any member of the Judicial Council who is a candidate for these positions must temporarily recuse themselves from the council.
 3. Members of the SA President's Cabinet shall blind all submitted forms of intent and provide them to the Review Board.
 4. The Review Board shall review all submitted forms of intent and use their discretion to select between eight (8) and twelve (12) candidates per class.
 5. The candidates selected by the Review Board will interview before the Faculty Selection Committee. From these interviews, the Selection Committee will select two (2) maids per class.
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