



**SPRING ELECTIONS INFORMATION PACKET**

**SPRING 2026**

Fisher Student Center 2029-L

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## Message from the Senior Class President

Dear Candidates,

I am so excited that you have decided to run for a position within a student organization that serves to represent the voice and vision of the student body. Being a part of the Student Government Association (SGA) requires commitment and dedication. This commitment rewards knowledge, leadership skills, personal experiences, and countless memories for every individual.

The SGA Elections Board runs the election process. This committee is composed of seven (7) students, three (3) off-body members, and four (4) on-body members. I will serve as the Elections Board chair and, therefore, will oversee the election process and serve as your contact throughout the process. The Elections Board created this packet to help you understand the rules and regulations of the SGA Elections.

The Elections Board will need to verify your eligibility to run for your desired position within SGA. The Student Leadership and Involvement staff, Office of the Dean of Students, and Registrar's Office will be used to verify your eligibility as a student in good judicial standing with the university.

All candidates should be aware that, if elected, they will be required to attend all Senate meetings during their term in office. Weekly Senate meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in both the fall and spring semesters. Further expectations for the Senate are outlined in our constitution and statutes, including completing two (2) office hours a week, becoming a member of two (2) SGA committees, attending those committee meetings weekly, and attending required training sessions. These requirements can be accessed via our website: [www.uncw.edu/sga](http://www.uncw.edu/sga).

I hope you will find the Elections Board helpful and the election process straightforward. The committee is thrilled about working with all of you to ensure your campaigning experience is enjoyable! This packet contains all of the information you need to know regarding your campaigning efforts and the election process. If you need further explanation or have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime by email at [ldo8077@uncw.edu](mailto:ldo8077@uncw.edu).

Best of luck!

*Lilli-Anne Ogaard*

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Senior Class President, 2025-2026

## Charge for Candidacy – The Spirit of Running for Office

Dear UNCW Student Leader and Fellow Seahawk,

Representing your peers in the UNCW Student Government Association is an opportunity of distinction and honor!

This experience will be fulfilling and challenging in so many ways, and you will build competencies and memories that will benefit you throughout your life. For some of you, it will be the first of many experiences in public service, civic engagement, and democratic governance (many former SGA leaders advance to continue their passions in political science, municipal/state/national government, law, non-profits, and various other successful careers).

While being elected by popular vote by your peers is a thrilling and ego-gratifying experience, the opportunity to serve and represent the needs of fellow Seahawks should be the primary motivation for your ambition to be elected to an SGA office. The decisions you make and work you do will have a direct impact on the satisfaction of your fellow students' college experiences, and on the quality of the broader UNCW campus. As is the case in politics and other offices of public service, the work requires the highest ethical standards, and may often be thankless, complicated, and exhausting; and, the number of things you seek to accomplish during your term may exceed the time you have to complete them.

The University expects that students honor the [Seahawk Respect Compact](#), our guiding philosophy for membership to the UNCW community. More than just words on paper, this mantra distinguishes UNCW students, faculty, and staff from any other campus in the United States. Applying this philosophy to SGA elections and SGA membership means being respectful of other candidates while campaigning (not engaging in “dirty politics”), speaking to key issues versus personally attacking opponents during debates, doing sufficient research before formulating an opinion and position (“doing your homework” and mining for facts), taking into consideration your peer’s input on various campus issues, supporting the University on decisions made for the welfare of the whole, and relying on advisors and the university administration for support and critical feedback relative to your role in office.

We are confident that whether you are elected or not, your campaign experience will prove beneficial to your broader UNCW experience. Thank you for your ambition and interest, and good luck!

Sincerely,

*Dr. Mike Walker*

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Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

## 2026 Spring Elections Timeline

Classes resume Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

<b>Wed Jan 21, 2026</b>	Elections packet is available online ( <a href="http://www.uncw.edu/sga">www.uncw.edu/sga</a> ).
<b>Thurs Jan 22, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #1 at 9 am (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Jan 27, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #2 at 5 pm (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Jan 27, 2026</b>	SGA Senate Meeting at 6:00 pm (Azalea Coast Room, FUU)
<b>Wed Jan 28, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #3 at 4 pm (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Feb 3, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #4 at 5 pm (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Feb 3, 2026</b>	SGA Senate Meeting at 6:00 pm (Azalea Coast Room, FUU)
<b>Tues Feb 10, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #5 at 5 pm (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Feb 10, 2026</b>	SGA Senate Meeting at 6:00 pm (Azalea Coast Room, FUU)
<b>Wed Feb 11, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #6 at 4 pm (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Feb 17, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #7 at 5 pm (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Feb 17, 2026</b>	SGA Senate Meeting at 6:00 pm (Azalea Coast Room, FUU)
<b>Tues Feb 24, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #8 at 5 pm. (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Tues Feb 24, 2026</b>	SGA Senate Meeting at 6:00 pm (Azalea Coast Room, FUU)
<b>Wed Feb 25, 2026</b>	Candidate's Information Session #9 at 11 am (In SGA Office, CAIC FSC 2029)
<b>Wed Feb 25, 2026</b>	Complete the Statement of Qualifications by 5:00 pm on WaveLink. <b>LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.</b>
<b>Sat Feb 28, 2026</b>	Spring break begins
<b>Sun Mar 8, 2026</b>	Spring break ends
<b>Mon Mar 9, 2026</b>	Campaigning begins at 12:01 am
<b>Tues Mar 10, 2026</b>	SGA Senate meeting at 6:00 pm
<b>Mon Mar 16, 2026</b>	Election polls open at 9:00 am
<b>Tues Mar 17, 2026</b>	SGA senate meeting at 6:00 pm
<b>Thurs Mar 19, 2026</b>	Election polls close at 3:00 pm. Expenditure Report Forms and any Violation Forms are due by 3:00 pm on WaveLink.

### Candidate's Information Sessions

Each candidate must attend at least one (1) of the **Candidate's Information Sessions** scheduled for the following dates:

**Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 9 am**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 5 pm**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 4 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 5 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5 pm**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 4 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5 pm**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 11 am**

Late arrival and/or early departure will constitute an absence. If you cannot make any of the dates, you must schedule a one-on-one meeting with the Senior Class President by contacting them at [ldo8077@uncw.edu](mailto:ldo8077@uncw.edu) before **5:00 pm on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Absences, late arrivals, and/or early departures will only be excused by the Elections Board if proper documentation and reasoning are presented to the Elections Board Chair at least forty-eight (48) hours before the start of the meeting.

- Failure to submit all required forms on time will lead to immediate disqualification from appearing on the

ballot.

- All dates, times, and locations are subject to change at any time. Changes will be communicated by the Elections Board Chair (Lilli-Anne Ogaard) via email (ldo8077@uncw.edu) and/or the SGA website. No other communication is accepted.
- If a date and day do not align on the timeline, the numerical date will supersede the day of the week.

### **Senate Meetings**

- Each candidate must attend at least two (2) entire Senate Meetings scheduled for the following dates:

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm**

Candidates must attend the Senate Meetings from 6:00 pm until the Student Body Vice-President adjourns the meeting. Late arrival and/or early departure will constitute an absence. Absences, late arrivals, and/or early departures will only be excused by the Elections Board if proper documentation and reasoning are presented to the Elections Board Chair via email at least forty-eight (48) hours before the start of the meeting. Emergencies that arise less than forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting time will only be considered by the Elections Board if proper documentation is provided within twenty-four (24) hours following the incident and the Senate meeting. The Elections Board reserves the right in its discretion to excuse a candidate from a meeting.

**Reasons such as studying, work, class, or any other commitments that can be foreseen and planned ahead of time will not be excused by the Elections Board. Acceptable reasons include illness (must provide documentation from a doctor or a hospital visit within twenty-four (24) hours before or after the meeting) and family emergency (must receive an email from the Office of the Dean of Students as documentation). Other circumstances will be reviewed at the discretion of the Elections Board.**

**Calendar of Key Dates**

# January

# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	21 Elections packet is available	22 -Candidate Info Session @ 9 am	23	24
25	26	27 -Candidate Info Session @ 5 pm -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	28 -Candidate Info Session @ 4 pm	29	30	31

# February

# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 -Candidate Info Session @ 5 pm -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 -Candidate Info Session @ 5 pm -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	11 -Candidate Info Session @ 4 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 -Candidate Info Session @ 5 pm -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 -Candidate Info Session @ 5 pm -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	25 -Candidate Info Session @ 11 am -Statement of Qualifications due @ 5 pm	26	27	28

# March

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	<b>Spring Break</b>			6	7
8	9 -Campaigning starts @ 12:01 am	10 -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	11		13	14
15	16 -Elections Polls open @ 9 am	17 -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	18	19 -Elections Polls close @ 3 pm -Expenditure Report & Violation Form due @ 3 pm	20	21
22	23	24 -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 -Senate Meeting @ 6 pm				

## **Requirements and Qualifications**

### **Qualifications:**

1. All candidates must be registered as a full-time student at the time of candidacy with the exception of graduate and non-traditional students.
2. All candidates must be able to attend weekly Senate meetings on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM for the duration of the 2026-2027 school year.
3. All candidates must have a current **or** cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5, except in the case of students running for the positions of Student Body President or Student Body Vice-President, which requires a current **and** cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
4. Candidates cannot currently be on disciplinary probation.
5. All candidates must agree to allow appointed faculty/staff members to verify grades, disciplinary history, selected major, and hours earned.
6. Candidates and write-in candidates must be classified as members of their respective class by the beginning of the fall semester of their term in office.
7. Any candidate who runs for an office representing the Cameron School of Business, the College of Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts, the College of Science and Engineering, the College of Health and Human Services, or the Watson School of Education must have been officially accepted by that respective school, as confirmed by grade and conduct checks.
8. Candidates must run with their real name or their preferred name as listed in university systems. All applications and write-in votes must be submitted by registered UNCW students.
9. Candidates for Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President must have a running mate pursuant to the joint-ticket policy outlined below.

### **Requirements to Appear in the Ballot:**

1. Complete and submit the Statement of Qualifications on WaveLink by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.
  - o The answers on the Statement of Qualifications will also serve as your platform statement for use with the online ballot links. Forms submitted after **5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, will not be accepted for candidacy, and your name will not appear officially on the elections ballot, regardless of any possible extenuating circumstance.
2. Attend one (1) Candidate's Information Session
3. Attend two (2) Senate Meetings

### **Joint Ticket Policy for Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President**

1. For the purposes of the election, Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President shall be considered one candidacy, hereby known as the "joint ticket", with one individual running each position thereof.
2. The Joint Ticket shall submit **one** statement of qualifications and one expense report as a unified candidacy.
3. Each member of the joint ticket shall remain bound by all other requirements listed in this election packet.
4. If one of the Student Body President or Vice-President candidates on a single joint ticket is ineligible based on the qualifications in this election packet or the Student Government Association statutes, the eligible candidate shall have until Friday at 5 pm prior to campaign start to find a new candidate to fill the vacant seat.
5. The joint ticket shall be considered as one unit for election violations.
6. To be eligible to appear on the ballot for the office of Student Body Vice President, a student must have previously served at least one (1) academic semester as a member of the Student Government Association Senate or Executive Branch.

## Candidate Expectations/Campaigning Policy

1. Students are required to remain in good standing with the University Conduct system as well as adhere to the [Student Code of Conduct](#), [Academic Honor Code](#), all [UNCW Housing and Residence Life policies](#), and all policies contained within those documents/areas. Students are further expected to adhere to all local, state, and federal laws. Any pending investigation against a candidate by the University, or outside Government entity, may be grounds to remove a candidate from the process under the Election Board's discretion.
2. Campaigning begins at **12:01 am on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Campaigning of any kind (including but not limited to posting flyers, word of mouth, t-shirts, chalking, social networking sites, etc.) before this time will be deemed a violation and will be addressed accordingly by the Election Board.
3. Social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., are not controlled by the Election Board. No violations may be filed regarding these matters except as stated in #2 (above) pertaining to the start time of campaigning.
4. Campaigning, including the distribution of campaign materials, must be done in accordance with university policy (found in the "[Code of Student Life](#)") and the rules outlined in this packet. Conduct for mass emails must align with the UNCW Mass Email Policy, stating that no mass emails must be sent out to a group of students unless said group has "opted in" to emails of that nature or the authority of said group determines that the message is appropriate for the group ([07.200.14 UNCW Mass Email Policy](#)).
5. No one besides the candidate, or one of their designees, may remove their own material. If the material is in violation per the determination of the Elections Board Chair or the Elections Board Committee, the material may be removed by either the Elections Board Chair or the candidate's designee.
6. Candidates may not solicit the use of laptop computers, university-maintained or personal computers, or any other electronic devices (i.e., iPod touch, smartphones, tablets, etc.) as a means of voting.
7. Neither candidates nor their representatives may "go door to door" to campaign and/or solicit votes on campus, including residence halls, as well as off-campus residences.
8. Candidates may contact an organization at any time during the campaigning and polling period. They may visit only after they are invited by the president or the leader of the organization. A laptop or portable device may be used to display the candidate's platform or show the UNCW elections site, but not to vote or to specifically click the candidate's name.
9. Chalking must abide by the policies laid out by [the Code of Student Life](#), Section V-3-V.
10. All campaign material is subject to regulations under United States Copyright and Trademark Law and the trademark policies of the University of North Carolina Wilmington. For more information, see: <https://uncw.edu/licensing/>.
11. Use of the Student Government and Campus Activities & Involvement Center (CAIC) offices for campaign purposes is prohibited. This includes the use of supplies (including promotional) and/or facilities in relation to their campaigns. During elections, candidates may only conduct business of the Student Government Association while in the Student Government and CAIC offices.
12. If a candidate has election or campaigning questions, they should contact the Election Board Chair via email at [ldo8077@uncw.edu](mailto:ldo8077@uncw.edu).
13. If a candidate is disqualified from the election, they are then ineligible to run for the remainder of that term and may not run as a write-in candidate; (i.e., if the candidate is disqualified in this Spring Election, the next time they can run for office is in the Spring Election of the following election term.) For more information about disqualification, refer to the Disqualification section on page 12.
14. Write-In candidates, or those seeking write-in candidacies, will be held responsible for Candidate Expectations/Policies 1-11 and 13-14 as outlined above.
15. Should an updated SGA Elections Packet fail to receive Senate approval in accordance with Title VI statute 605.2, the last approved update to elections policies for the previous term, these Statutes, and/or the SGA Constitution shall govern all election proceedings for that semester.
16. According to Title VI statute 605.4.1, should any information provided in the SGA Elections Packet be contradictory, the Elections Statutes shall supersede the Elections Packet.

### **Student Government Election Poster/Painting Policy**

1. The Election Board adopts the posting policy as outlined in the [Code of Student Life](#). Please see section V-3 of the Code of Student Life, which outlines the full policy on displays.
2. Posters may not be hung with any adhesive backs or stickers of any kind unless that is the requirement of the particular building (i.e., residence halls). Except for in residence halls, all materials must be mounted with pushpins or staples to allow removal from the surface without defacement.
3. Handbills/handouts/campaigning materials may not include coupons.
4. All campaign materials must clearly identify who they are posted by and for what purpose. For banner policy, see [Code of Student Life](#) Section V-3-III.
5. If a candidate has a specific posting need or request not addressed above, they should contact the Elections Board chair.

### **Reporting of Election Violations**

The Elections Board holds all responsibility for hearing and interpreting all facts relevant to any incident. **Based on their discretion, they hold the right to remove any candidate from the election process based on any upheld violation against the candidate.** During the process, the Elections Board will adjudicate all incidents fairly, considering any prior violations that were upheld and any repeat incidents.

Any candidate who is found in violation of any three (3) upheld infractions, regardless of severity, will be immediately removed from the election process and will no longer be eligible to run for a position either on the ballot or as a write-in candidate.

In line with SGA's goal to be transparent to the student body, all violations that are upheld will have the Elections Board summary posted online for students to view. In the event of an appeal to the upheld decision, the current status of any violation will be kept current on the website, including a summary of the Elections Appeal Board decision if necessary.

In order to report violations, students must acquire and submit an Elections Violation Form via WaveLink. This form can be found online on [WaveLink](#) under SGA Forms. For a violation to be considered, the person filing the Elections Violation Form must be willing and able to appear before the Elections Board to present their claim. The person filing the Elections Violation Form will be notified within twenty-four (24) business hours of the reported claim of the date and time of the Elections Board and/or Appeal Board. Elections Violation Forms must be submitted to WaveLink no later than **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, by 3:00 pm.**

### **Election Policy Enforcement**

Interpretation and enforcement of the election rules shall be the responsibility of the Elections Board. If the Elections Board is not in operation, the responsibility falls to the Elections Board Chair. The Elections Board shall be responsible for interpreting a candidate's eligibility to run. ***The Student Government Constitution and any applicable SGA Statutes govern the Student Government Elections.***

### **Elections Appeal Board**

Any violation that is upheld by the Elections Board may be appealed for reconsideration by the Elections Appeal Board. The Elections Appeal Board is composed of five (5) students (two (2) off-body members and three (3) on-body members). The Elections Appeal Board will nominate and elect its Elections Appeal Board Chair. Appeals must be submitted on a Student Government Election Appeals Form, which can be obtained online at [www.uncw.edu/sga](http://www.uncw.edu/sga) or on WaveLink. There are two types of appeals:

1. Candidates and write-in candidates may appeal an upheld violation decision made by the Elections Board, including but not limited to rulings on election policy violations, rulings on the appropriateness of campaign material, rulings on candidate and write-in candidate eligibility, and sanctions imposed for election policy violations.
2. Candidates and write-in candidates may appeal election results announced by the Elections Board for reasons directly related to the tabulation/reception of votes.

The person submitting an appeal must submit the Student Government Election Appeals Form via WaveLink within three (3) business days of the decision made by the Elections Board. Upon receiving an appeal, the Elections Appeal Board will be called to address the appeal. This committee shall consist of five (5) members (three (3) on-body members and two (2) off-body members). All decisions made by the Appeal Board are final. Elections Board members are ineligible for membership on the Appeal Board.

### **Required Votes**

Candidates and write-in candidates for Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President must receive a *simple majority* of votes (50% + 1). Candidates for all other senate positions must receive a *plurality of votes* (more votes than all other candidates). Write-in candidates for all other senate positions must receive a **minimum of seven (7)** write-in votes.

### **Run-Off Election**

In the case that no joint ticket for Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President wins a simple majority, a Run-Off Election will be held between only the candidates or write-in candidates (write-in or official) tied for the most votes received. If only one candidate remains on the ballot, the election will be open to any eligible students to run as write-in candidates. Run-Off Elections will be held within seven (7) calendar days to determine the winning candidate or write-in candidate. The winning candidate must receive a majority of the votes (50% +1). The Election Board will publicize the candidate's initial platform statement during the Run-Off Elections. If any other position experiences a tie, a Run-Off Election will also be held within seven (7) calendar days to determine the winning candidate or write-in candidate. The winning candidate for positions other than Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President must receive a plurality of votes.

### **Study Abroad Elections Process**

1. The study abroad elections process pertains to individuals actively participating in a study abroad program who wish to participate in the Elections process.
2. Study Abroad Candidates will be held responsible for Candidate Expectations/Policies 1-14 as outlined above.
3. Candidates must Zoom in to participate in the entirety of at least one (1) Candidate's Information Session and two (2) Senate Meetings. **Zoom accommodations can be made by emailing the Senior Class President 48 hours in advance of the Senate meeting (ldo8077@uncw.edu).**
4. The Statement of Qualifications must be submitted to WaveLink by **5:00 pm EST on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**
5. An Expenditure Report Form must be submitted to WaveLink with an uploaded digital or scanned copy of all receipts and donations by **3:00 pm EST Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**
  - a. If no campaign expenditures have been used, the candidate will *still* be required to submit an Expenditure Report Form via WaveLink by **3:00 pm EST Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

### **Class Standing**

Check to ensure that your class standing by credit hours aligns with the class position you wish to run for (i.e., freshman/sophomore/junior/senior). If your credit hours do not align with the class you wish to represent, please submit an explanation within the Statement of Qualifications on WaveLink with why you wish to represent a different class by **5:00 pm EST on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** The explanation is subject to review by the Election Board, and the student will be informed of a decision within forty-eight (48) business hours.

### **Campaign Finance**

- All candidates running for office and write-in candidates in the Student Government Association shall be limited to spending \$400.00 in total expenditure. This includes all donations and personal expenses. If the expenditure exceeds \$400.00, the candidate will be disqualified.
- Candidates and write-in candidates are required to verify their spending by providing receipts for all campaign expenses and detailed documentation of all donations received via the Expenditure Report.
- In the event of a Run-Off Election, each candidate may use an additional \$100.00.
- **Even if campaign expenditures equal \$0.00, an expenditure report is still required.**

- Failure to provide an accurate expenditure report to the Elections Board shall result in the disqualification of a candidate and write-in candidates.
- Write-in candidates will be required to submit an Expenditure Report Form within twenty-four (24) hours of being notified by the Elections Board of the election results.
- Each candidate must turn in a separate financial form showing their expenses, even if they combined their allotted amounts.
- Items that are purchased for the purpose of the elections process must be declared, including but not limited to chalk, t-shirts, posters, and promotional items.
- Items that are pre-owned and are incidental in nature, according to the discretion of the Election Board Chair, do not need to be declared. Written confirmation must be obtained from the Election Board Chair via e-mail for any pre-owned items.

### **Disqualification**

A candidate can be disqualified **from appearing on the ballot** for committing any one (1) of the following, or any combination of the following:

- Failure to submit a completed Statement of Qualifications via WaveLink by **5:00 pm EST on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**
- Failure to attend at least two (2) Senate Meetings
- Failure to attend at least one (1) Candidate's Information Session

A candidate who is on the ballot may be disqualified from elections by committing any one (1) of the following, or any combination of the following:

- Failure to submit a completed Expenditure Report Form via WaveLink by **3:00 pm EDT Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**
- Receiving three (3) violations that are upheld by the Elections Board
- Receiving one (1) violation deemed worthy of disqualification by the Elections Board

### **Write-In Candidacy**

Write-in candidates are allowed in all general SGA elections. Write-in candidates will be held accountable for policies 1-14 outlined in this packet. Write-in candidates may not have their classification changed to accommodate altered credit hours. They may only be written in for the class that applies to their class standing by credit hours. Write-in candidates for Student Body President or Student Body Vice-President must have a running mate per the joint-ticket policy. Write-in candidacies that do not reflect the same two individuals on the joint ticket will not be considered toward the overall vote total of the ticket. Those individuals elected via the write-in process must submit a completed Statement of Qualifications and Expenditure Report Form via WaveLink within twenty-four (24) hours of being notified by the Elections Board of the election results if they wish to accept the position.

### **Election Certification**

The Elections Board Chair and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, or their designee, must certify all election results.

### **Posting of Election Results**

The Elections Board shall post the total number of votes cast in the general election in the SGA office (Fisher Student Center, Room 2029-L) within twenty-four (24) business hours of the closing of the voting period, assuming no Run-Off Election is necessary.