Welcome Spring 2019 Candidates!

SGA Candidates’ Meeting
February 26th, 2019
Introduction:

Please address all questions and concerns regarding elections to Brea.

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SGA Website:

➢ Home > Student Body Documents > Chapter 6
  ○ **Elections Act** (policies and procedures)
➢ Elections > Election Compliance
  ○ Expense Reports
  ○ Spending Limit Modification Form (+ example)
  ○ Donation Receipt Form (+ example)
➢ Elections > Spring2019 Elections Candidates
  ○ Coming soon!
Campaign Period:

Begins: February 26th (following this meeting)

Ends: March 25th at 11:59 p.m.
Voting Period:

March 26th at 12 a.m.
through
March 27th at 11:59 p.m.

**Winners announced**
in the Popp Martin Student Union Rotunda

VOTE.UNCC.EDU
Runoff Elections:

➢ If a candidate for Class President or a President/VP ticket is not elected by simple majority, there will be a runoff between the top 2 candidates/tickets.

Voting period
April 3rd and 4th
**Winner announced**
in the Popp Martin Student Union Rotunda
Expense Reports:

Candidates are required to submit expense reports on a biweekly basis during the campaign period. All expense reports MUST include receipts for money spent and/or materials purchased!

**EVEN IF YOU DID NOT SPEND ANY MONEY!**

Each candidate cannot spend more than $500 during their candidacy (unless Spending Limit Modification Form submitted).

*Donations count towards this $500 limit!*  
*A $250 additional spending limit is allotted for runoff elections*
Expense Report Due Date:

- Report *due on* Niner Engage - March 27th at 11:59 p.m.
- due via Niner Engage or the SGA ballot box

*Additional reports will be due in the case of a runoff election*
Receipts:

- Niner Engage Expense Reports must be submitted with copies of receipts (including Donation Receipts)
- Receipts must be provided for ALL expenses and donations (including posters, scissors, paper, pencils, cost to print, buttons/stickers/koozies, etc.)
- Receipts must contain an accurate name, phone number, and email for the business or individual where the items were purchased or donated from
Campaigning Rules:

You, your friends, family and any other person participating in your campaign must abide by the following regulations outlined in the Elections Act. Any violation of the Elections Act, even by those committed not by the candidates themselves, can result in removal from candidacy upon review of the violation by the Board of Elections!

*(6-3.2) All candidates and campaigns shall be responsible for knowing the regulations of campaigning.*

A link to the Elections Act will be sent to you immediately following this presentation
Violations:

- (6-3.3) No candidate shall use supplies paid for by the University or Student Activity Fees for the purposes of campaigning...whether made available through SORC or any other subsidiary of the University.

- (6-3.4) Candidates and their staffs must follow University policy on posters. No candidate or campaign may remove another candidate’s posters.

- (6-3.5) Familiarize yourself with University policies around posting fliers. Candidates must follow Student Union posting policy and the Student Union Digital Signage Policy.
➢ (6-3.6) No candidate or campaign shall chalk on any brick surface, vertical surface, building or bench.

➢ (6-3.7) All campaigns shall be responsible for knowing and complying with University email policy as well as the regulations set forth concerning social networking.

➢ (6-3.8) There is NO door-to-door campaigning allowed in the UNC Charlotte residence halls.
➢ (6-3.11) Do NOT campaign in the J. Murrey Atkins library at any time.

➢ (6-3.12) Do NOT campaign within 50 ft. of official polling stations (you will be emailed a list of polling stations prior to the voting period).

➢ (6-3.13) No campaign shall establish an unofficial polling station. Unofficial is any polling station not officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

➢ (6-3.14) No campaign, campaign staff or candidate shall destroy the campaign materials of another campaign.
(6-3.15) Candidates or campaign staff shall be responsible for removing and disposing of any and all campaign materials they dispense throughout campus over the course of any given election cycle no later than one week following the close of elections.

(6-3.20) Receipts must be provided for all purchases and donations as supporting documentation.

(6-3.22) Failure to submit expense reports on time shall be a violation of this Act and shall result in a direct disqualification hearing.
Board of Elections:

➢ Elections review committee responsible for:
  ○ Ensuring Elections Act compliance
  ○ Publicizing election period
  ○ Conducting violation hearings
  ○ Reviewing expense reports
What to do if a campaign violation is suspected:

- Email the Secretary for Internal Affairs **no later** than two full class days after the alleged violation.
- Include time, date, and location (if applicable) of the alleged violation.
Notifications for alleged violations?

- Candidate(s) accused of a violation shall be notified of their alleged violation(s) by the Board of Elections within 24 hours of violation hearing.

- (6-4.5) Violation hearings:
  - Conducted no later than 3 class days following receipt of alleged violation.
  - If unavailable at designated hearing time, candidate can send a representative or hearing will be held in absentia.
  - Accuser and accused have opportunity to present case.
Possible Violation
Repercussions:

- **Warning** - written notice to candidate
  - 2 warnings = disqualification hearing
- **Probation** - prohibited from certain activities
- **Loss of privilege** - (ex. Debate)
- **Restitution** - payment for items defaced or destroyed
- **Disqualification**
Before you leave

➢ Get your headshot!

➢ Confirm the spelling of your name as it’ll appear on the website and ballot

➢ Headshots, personal statements, and/or platforms will be published on the SGA website.
Things to Remember

➢ We will be doing two test votes prior to elections vote.uncc.edu
   ○ March 12th and 19th

➢ Review this powerpoint and the Student Body documents as needed
Have a clean, fun and fair campaign.

Good luck!