

# 2014 Election Supervisory Board

## Advisory Opinion 3

Subject: Graduate Student Assembly Spending Limits

Whereas due to the recent change in the election process for the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) President and Vice President was not updated in the GSA Specific Code, the 2014 Election Supervisory Board has decided to release an Advisory Opinion on the specifics of Spending Limits for the new President/Vice President Ticket System.

- The GSA specific election code explicitly states that the spending limit for both President and Vice President to be \$750 on a split ticket system.
- Post-adoption of the President/Vice President ticket system, campaign finance have not been reflected to account for this new system
- The 2014 Election Supervisory Board unanimously feels that \$1500 is an excessive amount to be spent on a student election, regardless of what position.

Therefore the 2014 Election Supervisory Board will be enforcing the same spending limit for the GSA President/Vice President race as is currently enforced in the Student Government Executive Alliance Race, as outlined in Chapter IV, Section 4.1a:

*SEC. 4.1 SPENDING LIMITS. Candidates in all Student Government campus-wide elections shall adhere to the following spending limits:*

*(a) Executive Alliance: \$1,020.00 in any general election or special election;*

and additionally the 2014 Election Supervisory Board will allow \$150 to be spent by each ticket in the event of a runoff takes place, outlined in the Student Government Election Code Chapter IV, Section 4.2:

*SEC. 4.2 RUNOFF EXPENSE LIMIT. Individual candidates and executive alliances each shall be allowed an extra \$150.00 for campaigning in a runoff election.*

The GSA candidates must adhere to all financial obligations outlined in the Common Code Section 7 and GSA Code Chapter IV, Subchapter A, 4.03-4.05.

Any candidate that does not follow these guidelines will be found in violation of campaign finance fraud, and may have a complaint filed against them.

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