

Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion 2022-001
(Issued: Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022)

Subject: Filing Deadline and Penalty

The Election Supervisory Board is issuing an advisory opinion regarding the end of the Spring 2022 Campus-Wide Election's filing period.

The Campus-Wide Election code defines Candidate (Section 2.7) and Filing Agreement (Section 6.7) as follows:

“CANDIDATE refers to any student consenting and/or endeavoring to be elected as expressed by filing to run for office in accordance with this and all applicable election codes.”

“FILING AGREEMENT. Each candidate must complete and submit a Campus-Wide Elections Filing Agreement for each race they are entering.”

With regards to the filing deadline, Section 6.7 of the Campus-Wide Election Code reads:

“The Filing period shall open at 9:00am on the first day of the spring semester and shall remain open until 12:00pm noon the day of the candidate seminar.”

Candidates running in the Spring 2022 Election cycle are required to complete filing by **Thursday, February 10 at 12:00 PM CST** (noon). As such, any candidate who completes filing past the deadline of 12:00 PM on February 10, 2022 will be deemed ineligible to run, regardless of the time they began the filing process.

For example: John Smith starts the online form to file for the 2022 Campus-Wide Elections two minutes before the deadline (11:58) and finishes the filing process three minutes later (12:01). John Smith was one minute late to complete filing and is ineligible from running in the Spring 2022 Campus-Wide Elections.

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