

**Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion 2025-001**  
**(Issued: 12/10/2024)**

Subject: Filing Deadline and Penalty

The Election Supervisory Board is issuing an advisory opinion regarding the end of the Spring 2025 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 6.6 of the Campus-Wide Election Code reads:

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

Candidates running in the Spring 2025 Election cycle are required to complete filing by **Monday, February 10, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. CST** (noon). As such, any candidate who completes filing past the deadline of 12:00 P.M. on February 10, 2025, 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 2025 Campus-Wide Elections two minutes before the deadline (11:58 A.M.) and finishes the filing process three minutes later (12:01 P.M.). John Smith was one minute late to complete filing and is ineligible from running in the Spring 2025 Campus-Wide Elections.

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