

Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion 2020-008

Subject: Extended Filing-Candidate Seminar Date and Financial Disclosures

The 2020 Election Supervisory Board is issuing an advisory opinion to announce the extended filing period for the Student Government Representative positions listed below. As indicated in section 3.9 of the Student Government Election Code and section 3.03 of the Graduate Student Assembly Specific Election Code, positions for which no student files by the initial deadline may be granted extended filing by the Election Supervisory Board. This Opinion includes all information pertaining to the filing process, candidate seminar, and financial disclosures for extended filing.

The following Graduate Student Assembly positions did not have any initial candidate filings:

- President/Vice President Executive Alliance (1)

The following Student Government positions did not have any initial candidate filings:

- At-Large Graduate (2)
- Education (1)
- Graduate (5)
- Law School (1)
- Medical School (1)
- Public Affairs (1)

Extended filing begins at **February 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM** and closes on **February 18, 2020 at 12:00 PM**. Candidates must file in the Student Government Office located in the **William C. Powers, Jr. Student Activity Center, 2.102**. Candidates can file between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, on February 14th and February 17th, and 9:00 AM to noon on February 18th. Per ESB Advisory Opinion 2020-002, any candidate who completes filing past the deadline of 12:00 PM on February 18, 2020 will be disqualified, regardless of the time they began the filing process.

Section 7.8 of the Campus-Wide Election Code requires the Election Supervisory Board to publish the date of the Candidate Seminar. Section 7.5 specifies the seminar is to be held on the same day filing closes. Given extended filing ends on **Tuesday, February 18th at 12:00 PM**, the candidate seminar will be held on **Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30 PM in SAC 3.106**.

Per ESB AO 2020-001, the 2020 ESB is providing the following rules regarding candidate seminar attendance:

1. All candidates must attend the candidate seminar.
2. Those unable to attend due to a valid conflict (e.g. family emergency, illness) must notify the ESB by **February 17th at 5:30PM** (24 hours before the seminar) and send an authorized agent in their place.
3. Those failing to meet the above requirements will be subject to a Class A Violation (referenced from Sec. 4.13 of the Campus-Wide Election Code “DEFINING CLASSES OF VIOLATIONS”) –a 20% decrease of your campaign spending limit.

4. Any candidate encountering an extenuating circumstance (e.g. emergency, illness) within the 24-hour window should notify the ESB as soon as possible. The board will grant exceptions at their discretion. An agent should still be sent in place of the candidate where possible.

Per this extension, the candidates who file during this period will have their first financial disclosure due by **Wednesday, February 20, 2020 at 4:30 PM.**

Please refer to the Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion 2020-004 for the second financial disclosure deadline and more details regarding how to submit a financial disclosure and the penalties resulting from the failure in doing so.

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