

Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion 2021-003
(Issued: Friday, February 12, 2021)
(Updated: Wednesday, February 24, 2021)

Subject: Extended Filing-Candidate Seminar Date and Financial Disclosures Amended Timeline

The 2021 Election Supervisory Board is issuing an advisory opinion to announce the amendments concerning the extended filing period for the Student Government Representative positions listed below. As indicated in Section 3.9 of the Student Government Election Code, positions for which no student files by the initial deadline may be granted extended filing by the Election Supervisory Board by up to three (3) class days. This Opinion includes all information pertaining to the filing process, candidate seminar, and financial disclosures for extended filing.

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

- (2) At-Large Graduate
- (1) Fine Arts
- (1) GeoSciences
- (1) Law
- (1) Medical School
- (1) Pharmacy
- (1) Public Affairs
- (1) Social Work
- (1) Undergraduate Studies

Extended filing began February 12, 2021 and was intended to close on February 16, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. CST. However, because the University closed due to inclement weather, extended will reopen at **February 24, 2021 at 8:01 a.m. CST** and will close **February 25, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. CST**.

Section 6.10 of the Campus-Wide Election Code requires the Election Supervisory Board to publish the date of the Candidate Seminar. Section 6.6 of the Campus-Wide Election code requires that the Candidate Seminar will be held on the final day of the filing period, after filing closes. The filing period ends on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. CST. As such, the Extended Filing Candidate Seminar will be held on **Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. CST via Zoom**.

Candidate Seminar

Thursday, February 25, 2021
9:00 p.m. CST

<https://utexas.zoom.us/j/96012704203>

Meeting ID: 960 1270 4203

(Must sign in and join from your UTexas Zoom account)

The 2021 ESB is providing the following rules regarding Candidate Seminar attendance:

1. All candidates, or an authorized agent, must attend the Candidate Seminar.
2. Those unable to attend due to valid conflict (e.g. family emergency, illness) must notify the ESB by **Wednesday, February 24, 2021 by 9:00 p.m. CST** (24 hours before the Candidate Seminar) and must send an authorized agent in their place. The agent's name, phone number, UTEID, and email must be emailed to esb@austin.utexas.edu no later than **9:00 p.m. CST Wednesday, February 24, 2021** in these cases.

3. 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.
4. To verify attendance, candidates and agents must use the rename function in Zoom. This will also ensure that ESB members can call on you by name.
 - a. Candidates: Firstname Lastname – name of position
 - b. Agents: Firstname Lastname [agent] – name of position

Additionally, as per Section 6.10(a-d), the ESB would like to inform candidates of the following:

- By attending the candidate seminar, candidates will have the opportunity to meet members of the Election Supervisory Board, learn about election rules, important dates and times, campus resources, training on Institutional Rules and Policies, and ask questions related to the elections.
- Candidates who attend the candidate seminar and are present for the Institutional Rules and Policy training are eligible to become a member of temporary campus elections organization.
- The purpose of the campus elections organization is to simplify candidate organizing and ensure that candidates understand their responsibilities according to the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities. Eligible candidates who join the organization are able to reserve space, banners, a-frames and tables on campus in accordance with university policy and guidelines. Members of the organization may also use and display certain protected marks on campaign materials. To learn more, visit the Campus Elections organization on HornsLink and follow the directions outlined on the page.

Finally, per this extension, the candidates who file during this period will have their first financial disclosure due by **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. CST**. Please refer to the [Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion 2021-002](#) 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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