

NYU Tandon School of Engineering
Election Policies – Spring 2021

Article I: Election Administration

Section A: The annual election of Student Council officers will occur in the spring semester.

Section B: In order to be a candidate for the elections, the following qualifications must be met:

1. GPA Requirements:
 - a. Any person seeking a GSC elected office must be a fee-paying graduate student who has at least a 3.000 cumulative grade point average at the time of submitting the nominee application.
 - b. Any person seeking a TUSC elected office must be a fee-paying undergraduate student who has at least a 2.500 cumulative grade point average at the time of submitting the nominee application. All Executive Board candidates must have at least a 2.800 cumulative grade point average at the time of submitting the nominee application.
2. Any person seeking a position must not be currently on University Probation for either academic or disciplinary purposes.
3. Any person seeking an elected office must be able to fulfill all constitutional requirements for the position they are seeking.
4. All applicants must have completed at least one semester at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. Applicants for President must have completed TWO semesters at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.
5. Applicants for all positions must be enrolled for the **full 2021-2022 academic year. (Both Semesters)**
6. Applicants for President and Senator must be available for mandatory meetings for the Student Government Assembly which will be weekly on Thursdays from 9AM-11AM.
7. Any person seeking a position must be available to attend the summer and winter retreats, barring extenuating circumstances.
8. Persons are considered applicants until all paperwork is completed and approved. At that time, they become candidates.

Section C: All campaign rules are applicable to applicants upon submitting the nominee application.

1. The nominee applications are due by 11:45pm on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

Section D: Elections are conducted on the system provided by the NYU Student Government Assembly where students must login to vote and are only eligible to vote once. All NYU Tandon fee-paying students are eligible to vote for candidates of their respective Council (undergraduate or graduate) and voting can take place at their convenience during the Election Week (April 12-16, 2021).

Article II: Campaign Regulations

Section A: All candidates are responsible for adhering to BOTH the Tandon Election Policies and the Student Government Assembly Election Commission Policies.

Section B: Three avenues of campaigning are allowed and defined to be used as mediums to promote candidates.

1. Verbal campaigning may begin on April 5, 2021, once candidates have been notified by the Director of Student Activities and Resource Center via email that their application has been approved. Verbal campaigning is defined as any communication, including but not limited to texts, calls, interpersonal

interactions, speaking at club events, etc. to promote one's candidacy or the candidacy of another student. **All verbal campaigning must be virtual/remote for Spring 2021 due to COVID-19.**

2. Physical campaigning is **prohibited for the Spring 2021 elections due to COVID-19**. Physical campaigning includes but is not limited to tabling, speaking in physical classrooms, hosting a campaign event, etc for the purpose of promoting one's candidacy or the candidacy of another student. **No in-person campaigning is permitted.**
3. Digital campaigning may begin on April 5, 2021. Digital campaigning includes but is not limited to the usage of Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, Twitter, websites, and emails for the purpose of promoting one's candidacy or the candidacy of another student.

Section C: University Support

1. Any individual, organization, residence hall, department, or recognized student organization endorsing a candidate will be subject to all applicable Election Policy rules.
2. No faculty or staff member can utilize University resources to support candidates; this shall include but is not limited to:
 - a. Printing or copying
 - b. Marketing (i.e. social media, websites, listservs, tabling, etc.)
 - c. Financial support
3. No candidate may abuse the powers of their position in any organization, including but not limited to, financial and physical resources to facilitate their campaign. This includes, but is not limited to, student club leadership positions, on-campus jobs, advisory boards, work study positions, etc.
4. Student organizations that are recognized by the University are permitted to support or endorse a candidate and communicate that via their events, social media, listservs, etc. However, they may not use financial (i.e. initial allocations, supplemental allocations, revenue funds, etc. or physical resources (i.e. rooms they are assigned for events, tabling hours, etc.) to support a candidate.

Section D: No campaigning is allowed in the library or any classroom while class is in progress, including virtual classrooms, without prior consent of the professor.

Section E: Campaign materials:

1. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the production and/or dissemination of physical materials in order to promote a candidacy will not be allowed. This includes, but it is not limited to, posting flyers on campus.
2. All digital campaign materials must be approved via the Office of Student Activities in LC 223 via email to the Director of Student Activities & Resource Center at bab14@nyu.edu. All content must be approved by 4pm on Friday, April 9, 2021.

Section F: It is the expectation that all candidates will run a positive campaign in which all candidates are treated with respect. Campaigning materials, verbal, physical, or digital, that reference or target another candidate will not be tolerated and will be subject to sanctions under Section I of this policy.

Section G: Current Council members shall not be absent from or leave mandatory Council meetings for purposes of campaigning.

Section H: Finances

1. Expenditures for candidates are limited to \$150 per campaign.
2. Any printing expenses that are charged to the semester "printing allocation" provided by NYU, must be recorded on the financial report.

3. Any items that are donated or provided at no cost by an individual, organization, residence hall, department, or recognized student organization must be recorded on the financial report with their original value.
4. A Financial Report must be submitted by 4pm on Friday, April 16, 2021. The report must include the retail value of all goods and services used in the campaign, all income sources, expenditure receipts and any other information deemed necessary by OSARC staff. The Report must be turned in via email to bab14@nyu.edu. Failure to turn in a Financial Report may result in termination of candidacy.

Section I: Violations

1. The violation of any of these policies will result in a required meeting with the Director of Student Activities and Resource Center. Failure to schedule and/or attend the required meeting will result in immediate termination of candidacy.
2. Sanctions for violations are dependent on the level of the offense and may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Reduction in expenditure limit
 - b. Removal of advertising materials from specific locations
 - c. Suspension of campaigning (verbal, formal, and/or digital) for a set period of time
 - d. Termination of candidacy
3. If candidates violate both the Tandon Election Policies and the Student Government Assembly Election Commission Policies, Tandon reserves the right to either defer to the Student Government Assembly Election Commission for a decision or hold the candidate accountable under both policies, depending on the severity of the issue and response time.