

**NYU Tandon School of Engineering**  
**Election Policies – Fall 2020**

Article I: Election Administration

**Section A:** The annual election of Student Council officers will occur in the spring semester. Any vacancies will be filled during the semester in which they become vacant.

**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 **Spring 2021 semester**.
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. 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 11:59pm on Sunday, November 29, 2020.

**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 (December 7-11, 2020).

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 November 30, 2020, 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 formal non-verbal, non-written, spoken word, or dialogue

promoting one's candidacy or political position. Examples of this include speaking in front of student clubs or classrooms, campaigning to groups of students you do not personally know, etc.

2. Formal campaigning may begin on November 30, 2020. Formal campaigning is defined as any written or printed statement supporting any candidate including but not limited to emails, flyers and text messages.
3. Digital campaigning may begin on November 30, 2020. Technological campaigning includes but is not limited to the usage of Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, Twitter, the development of websites, and e-mail for the purpose of promoting one's candidacy.

#### **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 verbal campaigning is allowed in the library or any classroom (while class is in progress) without prior consent of the professor.

**Section E:** Campaign materials cannot be placed anywhere prohibited by University policy. A copy of the University Posting Policy and Chalking Policy can be found online.

1. All campaigning content, including digital content, 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 campaigning materials must be approved by 4pm on Friday, December 4, 2020.

**Section F:** All candidates are responsible for removing their campaign materials by Monday, December 14, 2020.

**Section G:** 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 L of this policy.

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

#### **Section I: 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, December 11, 2020. 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](mailto:bab14@nyu.edu). Failure to turn in a Financial Report may result in termination of candidacy.

**Section L: 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.