

**NYU Tandon School of Engineering
Election Policies – Spring 2026**

Article I: Election Administration and Eligibility

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. All applicants must:
 - a. Not be currently on academic probation and/or disciplinary probation or suspension.
 - b. Be able to fulfill all constitutional requirements for the position they are seeking.
 - c. 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
 - d. Enrolled as an on-campus student for the **full** 2026-2027 academic year. Students serving on Student Council may not take a leave of absence or study away while retaining their position.
 - e. Be available to attend the Student Council Retreat on April 24-26, 2026. Participation in the Student Council Retreat is mandatory.
2. Additionally, all 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.
3. Students are considered applicants until all paperwork is completed and approved. At that time, they become candidates.
4. **For Graduate Student Council Applicants ONLY:**
 - a. Any person seeking an Graduate Student Council (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. Applicants **MUST** be able to attend the GSC Meet the Candidates event on Wednesday, April 1st from 1-2:30pm in the MakerSpace Event Space.
 - c. Any student elected to the Executive Board of the Graduate Student Council cannot simultaneously serve on the Executive Board of any graduate student club/organization recognized by the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.
 - d. Additional Experience Requirements (by position):
 - i. President: Candidates for President must have at least one (1) academic term (semester) of prior service on the Executive Board of an undergraduate or graduate club at New York University or Active service on a GSC committee for 1 semester.
 - ii. Vice Presidents and Senator: Candidates for Vice President and Senator positions must have served at least one (1) academic term as an officer/official of any student club or organization (undergraduate or graduate) at New York University or Active service on a GSC committee for 1 semester.
 - iii. Waiver Provision (to ensure positions can be filled): If, by the close of the candidacy filing deadline set by the applicable election policies, no candidate for a given position meets the experience requirement for that position, then the additional experience requirements for that position shall be waived for that election cycle.
5. **For Undergraduate Student Council Applicants ONLY:**
 - a. Any person seeking a Tandon Undergraduate Student Council (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.

- b. Applicants **MUST** be available for weekly TUSC Meetings on Thursdays from 12:30-2PM.
- c. Applicants **MUST** be able to attend the TUSC Meet the Candidates event on Thursday, April 2 from 12:30PM - 2:00PM (Makerspace Foyer).
- d. Additional Experience Requirements (by position):
 - i. President: Candidates for President **MUST** have completed TWO semesters at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering and served on the Tandon Undergraduate Student Council for at least TWO semesters.
 - ii. Vice President: Applicants for Vice President **MUST** have served for a minimum of ONE semester in any capacity as a member of the Tandon Undergraduate Student Council.
 - iii. Senator and Director of Programming: Candidates for Senator and Director of Programming **MUST** have had at least ONE semester of involvement in a recognized club or organization.
 - iv. *If a vacancy cannot be filled, a person without these additional requirements will be considered.*

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

- 1. The nominee applications are due by 11:59pm on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

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 (March 30-April 3).

Article II: Campaign Regulations

Section A: All candidates are responsible for adhering to election policies of both the NYU Tandon School of Engineering and the NYU Student Government Assembly.

Section B: Three avenues of campaigning are allowed and defined to be used as mediums to promote candidates. Digital campaigning may begin on Saturday, March 21, 2026 once candidates have been notified by the Senior Director of Student Leadership and Engagement via email that their application has been approved. Verbal and formal campaigning may begin on Monday, March 23, 2026.

- 1. 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 is defined as any written or printed statement supporting or criticizing any candidate including but not limited to emails, flyers and text messages.
 - a. Tabling spots outside of Jasper Kane Cafe are available for candidates to campaign during Elections Week (March 30-April 3) for a max of three (3) total hours that week. Candidates may table together, but all hours will be counted for all candidates that are present. Spots are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis through the Office of Student Leadership & Engagement via email at engagement.tandonstudentlife@nyu.edu. Candidates may only table in these spots with approval from OSL&E.
- 3. Digital campaigning includes but is not limited to the usage of Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, X (formerly known as Twitter), TikTok, websites, and e-mail for the purpose of promoting one's candidacy.

Section C: If in-person restrictions regarding in-person campaigning change at any point prior to or during the campaign period, all candidates will be notified and must comply with the updated guidelines given at that time.

Section D: University Support

1. Any individual, organization, residence hall, department, or recognized student organization endorsing a candidate will be subject to all applicable Election Policies, both of the NYU Tandon School of Engineering and of the Student Government Assembly.
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 E: No verbal campaigning is allowed in the Library or any classroom, while class is in progress, without prior consent of the professor.

Section F: Campaign materials cannot be placed anywhere prohibited by University policy.

1. Posters up to 8 ½" by 11" are allowed on classroom and hallway bulletin boards in accordance with the regulations of each bulletin board and/or academic building.
2. Posters are not permitted to be placed on walls, in stairwells, on doors, in restrooms, or on any other surfaces other than University provided bulletin and posting boards.
3. All poster content must be approved via the Office of Student Leadership & Engagement in LC 223, per the posting policy.

Section G: All candidates are responsible for removing their campaign materials by Monday, April 6, 2026.

Section H: 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 I: No campaigning or providing campaign materials may take place in student common spaces operated by the Office of Student Life and Services, including LC223 (The HUB), LC221/215, the Commuter Lounge (2MTC, #1053), or the Student Engagement Suite (2MTC #1054).

Section J: During Election Week (March 31-April 3), there will be no physical campaigning within the marked 20 feet of public voting sites sponsored by NYU (i.e. laptops set up for voting outside Jasper Kane Cafe). The Office of Student Leadership & Engagement reserves the right to prohibit election materials from polling stations located in buildings to minimize bias that could be caused from campaigning.

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

Section L: Finances

1. Expenditures for candidates are limited to \$50 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. Candidates may not provide goods or services in exchange for votes. While candidates may distribute goods (flyers, food, giveaways, etc.) as part of their campaign efforts, these items may not be offered or implied as an incentive for receiving a vote.
5. A Financial Report must be submitted by 4pm on Friday, April 3, 2026. 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 OSL&E staff. The report must be turned in via the official NYU Tandon Student Council Election Expense Form, which will be sent to all approved candidates with their candidacy approval notice on March 20. If no expenses were made, candidates must still complete the form and indicate that they do not have any expenses to report. Failure to turn in a Financial Report may result in termination of candidacy.
 - a. Candidates for Graduate Student Council ONLY are eligible for reimbursement up to \$50. Instructions for reimbursement will be provided to all approved candidates with their candidacy approval notice on March 24.

Section M: Violations

1. The violation of any of these policies will result in a required meeting with the Senior Director of Student Leadership & Engagement. 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 School of Engineering Election Policies and the Student Government Assembly Election Commission Policies, Tandon reserves the right to either defer to the Election Commission for a decision or hold the candidate accountable under both policies, depending on the severity of the issue and response time.