



The RUSA Elections Act of 2018

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Whereas, the Assembly believes that Election Procedures and Guidelines should put all candidates on an equal playing field,

Whereas, an Elections Code exists as a static document that will serve to make all candidates on an equal playing field,

Be it Hereby Resolved that:

I. Article II, Section 6 of the Standing Rules is amended to read:

A quorum must be present in order to conduct any official business at any General Body or Executive Board meeting.

a. A quorum for General Body meetings is defined as one-third of voting members of the Assembly. For the Executive Board and Committee, quorum shall be defined as fifty percent plus one (50%+1) of the number of voting members. There shall be no quorum requirement for other committees; however, the Assembly may resolve to impose quorum requirements on specific committees, which shall not exceed the majority of the members of the committee.

b. Neither the President, nor unfilled seats count for either the total number of members or the number of members present when establishing a quorum.

II. Article XXI of the Standing Standing Rules is amended to read:

1. The Committees Constitutional Amendments will be formed as an ad-hoc Committee(s) of RUSA at least two months prior to the scheduled first day of polling at least two weeks prior to the scheduled first day of polling for referenda.

2. Committee on Elections

- a. The Committee on Elections shall coordinate election of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Campus Caucus and Off-campus Caucus seats, as well as any other representative seats directly elected under the RUSA Constitution or requested to be elected by a Professional School or Residential College Council.
 - b. No candidate may serve on the Committee on Elections for an election in which they are participating. The RUSA Internal Affairs Chairperson or co-chairpersons shall serve on the Committee as Elections Chairperson unless prevented by candidacy in the same elections, declining the position, or otherwise moved by the Assembly.
 - c. The Elections Committee will be responsible for drawing up appropriate election specific documents and a cover letter for the election not inconsistent with the Constitution, these Standing Rules, and the Elections Code.
 3. Committee on Constitutional Amendments
 - a. The Internal Affairs Chairperson or co-chairpersons shall serve as the Committee on Constitutional Amendments Chairperson unless the position is declined or as otherwise moved by the Assembly.
 - b. The Constitutional Amendments Committee will be responsible for drawing up guidelines for the RUSA constitutional amendment ratification process and a constitutional amendment cover letter and having them approved by the RUSA Assembly with a two-thirds majority vote.
 4. The Committee on Elections Appeals
 - a. The Committee on Appeals shall work in conjunction with the Committee on Elections prior to scheduled first day of polling for elections.
 - b. No candidate may serve on the Committee on Appeals for an election in which they are participating.
 - c. The RUSA President will appoint the Chairperson of the Committee on Appeals. Members of the Committee on Appeals may not also serve on the Committee on Elections.
- III. The Assembly strikes Article I, Section 9 of the Standing Rules.
- IV. The Assembly enacts the attached Elections Code to serve as the Election Guidelines for future elections.