

Appendix E

Declaration of Intent:

A “Declaration of Intent” (DOI) is a formal application for candidacy in RUSA Elections. It shall be the only recognized application by the Elections Committee. The DOI shall be reviewed to ensure that each potential candidate has the necessary qualifications for their chosen positions, if any such qualifications exist. All candidates will receive confirmation of whether or not they are eligible to run for the respective positions they each declared candidacy for. Please note that this form will authorize the RUSA staff advisor to check all candidates’ GPAs, which must be at least 2.5, and confirm full time. All personal information will be strictly confidential and only known by the RUSA advisor or Elections Chair.

Students seeking office will complete a Declaration of Intent that specifies the position they will be running for and affirms that they agree to carry out their campaigns in accordance with the established Elections Code and all other similar documents. The Declaration of Intent to Run will serve to verify the correct spelling of candidates’ names, and the names of tickets that they affiliate with. The information that they provide will be used to create the ballots that will be featured at online and at polling locations on Election Days.

The Declaration of Intent to Run will be made available on the Collegiate Link website and a link will be provided on the RUSA website. The form will be available to all interested candidates. Failure to complete the Declaration of Intent form by the deadline will result in a forfeiture of the right to run for a position within RUSA in the current election. Write-in votes will not be possible.

Candidates will be placed on the ballot in a randomized order, for each individual voter, with ticket affiliations appearing in parentheses next to names. Personal statements and photos, if provided to the Elections Committee, will be linked from the ballot.