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OMSGA ELECTION STANDING RULES VERSION 1.1

General Information

The Vice President of Student Affairs is the Chair of the Election Committee and under the direction of the Dean of Students and the OMSGA Executive Cabinet oversees all election procedures.

The size and scope of the Elections Committee is under the discretion of the Vice President of Student Affairs. The Elections Committee shall consist of members of the Student Body who are not running for office during the subsequent election period.

The annual spring elections are to be held at least one month prior to the end of the spring semester, in order to facilitate a smooth transition of office. The exact date for all election dates and deadlines is at the discretion of the Vice President of Student Affairs, under the direction of the OMSGA Executive Cabinet

OMSGA spring elections shall be tiered with the order of elections being: Executive Cabinet and Student Directors concurrently, followed by Class Officers. The Class Officer elections shall be held no more than two (2) weeks after the Executive Cabinet elections.

Candidacy

Students shall declare their intention to run for a specific position approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Executive Cabinet and Student Program Director election. This declaration shall be made to the Vice President of Student Affairs in writing. After the candidates have been approved, the candidates' names shall be made public by means to be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs, under the direction of the OMSGA Executive Cabinet. After the Executive Cabinet and Student Program Director election, any candidate who is not elected to office may declare their candidacy for a Class Officer position.

Eligibility

All matriculated students of the Student Body may be eligible for all seats on OMSGA. All candidates must be in good academic standing and not on any probation. No member may hold two seats, voting or non-voting, on the OMSGA.

At the end of the Candidacy period, a list of all candidates will be taken to the Dean of Students to determine the academic standing and probation status on each candidate. If any candidate is not in good academic standing or on probation, then that individual will not be permitted to run for office and their name will be removed from the candidacy list. This information is private and must be kept confidential by all parties privy to the information.

Campaigning

Once the Candidacy list is approved by the Dean of Students and released by the Vice President of Student Affairs, campaigning may begin. The length of the campaigning period is at the discretion of the Vice President of Student Affairs, but should be at least three (3) days. During this time the Candidates may promote themselves to the voting constituency in any manor approved by the Executive Cabinet. The candidates should state their qualifications and goals for their respective position during the subsequent elective term.

Executive Cabinet/Student Program Director

Constituency

All matriculated students of the TUNCOM.

Election Procedure

Executive Cabinet Members shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting student body. This requires that the winning candidate receive 50% plus one (1) vote of the voting constituency.

If only two candidates are running for a position, then the candidate with the most votes shall prevail.

If more than two candidates are running for the same position and the winning candidate receives 50% plus (1) vote of the voting constituency, then they shall prevail. If the winning candidate receives less than 50% plus one (1) vote of the voting constituency, then the top two (2) vote receiving candidates shall have a run-off election. In a run-off election, the candidate with the most votes shall prevail

In the event of a run-off election, the date and time shall be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs under the direction of the Executive Cabinet and should occur within one (1) week of the initial election, corresponding to the Class Officer election.

Election Location and Process

The Vice President of Student Affairs shall designate an Election Official to oversee the balloting procedure and to maintain the integrity of the voting process. This should typically be the Dean of Students, but a delegate who is not biased toward any candidate in the election may be selected if the Dean is not available.

Ballots will be cast in a blind format at a time and location to be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs. The constituent will give the Election Official their name which will be marked on a list and a ballot will be distributed. The Ballot should then be returned to the Election Official who will mark the ballot and place it in the ballot box.

The Vice President of Student Affairs shall be responsible to prepare a list of the voting constituency in a check list format to be used by the Election Officer for use in maintaining the integrity of the voting process.

The Election Official shall be responsible for tabulating the ballots and informing the Vice President of Student Affairs of the results. The Vice President of Student Affairs shall then announce the results to the constituents.

Election Time

The annual spring election for the OMSGA shall be held at a time to be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs. Elections should take place approximately two weeks following the beginning of the candidacy period, one week following the beginning of the campaigning period and at least one month before the beginning of the final exam block. It should not be held on the week of an exam block, or conflict with the Jewish Sabbath or any Jewish holiday.

Class Council Elections

Constituency

All matriculated students of each class of the TUNCOM.

Pro-tem Class Representatives

Three OMS-I class representatives will be elected pro-tempore during orientation. The details of this process shall be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs. OMS-I Pro-tem Representatives shall be elected by popularity vote; meaning, the top three vote receiving candidates shall prevail.

Class Council Election Procedure

Class Officers shall be elected by popularity vote of the voting constituency. The candidate who receives the most votes shall prevail. In the event of a tie there shall be a run-off between the tied individuals.

In the event of a run-off election, the date and time shall be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs under the direction of the OMSGA Executive Cabinet and should occur within one (1) week of the initial election.

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Special arrangements may be made for OMS-III and OMS-IV election procedures due to the nature of the clinical curriculum. These special arrangements may include absentee ballots or electronic voting.

Election Time

The annual spring election for Class Officers shall be held at a time to be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs. Elections should take place approximately three (3) weeks following the beginning of the candidacy period, two (2) weeks following the beginning of the campaigning period, one (1) week after the Executive Cabinet/ Student Program Director elections and approximately one month before the beginning of the final exam block. It should not be held on the week of an exam block, or conflict with the Jewish Sabbath or any Jewish holiday.