

Carnegie Mellon University  
**Student Senate Election Rules**

I. Application of rules

- A. These rules shall apply for all Undergraduate referenda and elections for Undergraduate Student Senate.
- B. When there is any contradiction between these rules and the bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Senate, these rules shall supersede those bylaws.
- C. When there is any contradiction between these rules and Constitution of the Student Body, the Constitution shall supersede these rules.
- D. When there is any contradiction between these rules and the Student Government Election Rules, the Student Government Election Rules shall supersede these rules.
- E. Any questions regarding the Student Senate Election Rules, their meaning, their application, and their enforcement shall be decided by a majority vote of the Elections Board.

II. Definitions

- A. All definitions from the Student Government Election Rules shall apply for all Undergraduate referenda and elections for Undergraduate Student Senate, except those defined here.
- B. Eligible Voter
  - 1. An eligible voter shall be defined as an Undergraduate student enrolled for 19 units or more at Carnegie Mellon University, who has paid the Activities Fee for the current semester.
  - 2. The final test for eligibility shall be the list provided by Enrollment Services, subject to appeal.
- C. Candidate for office
  - 1. A candidate for office shall be defined as any person seeking an office in Student Senate. Eligibility is defined below.

III. Candidate Eligibility

- A.
  - 1. Only activities-fee paying students of Carnegie Mellon University registered for at least nineteen (19) units shall be eligible to run for office.

2. Only Undergraduate students may run for Undergraduate Student Senate.
3. Only members of the college or category that they wish to represent may run for a seat in that college.

#### B. Petitions

1. To be listed on the election ballot for Student Senate, each qualified candidate must submit a petition with at least 25 signatures from members of their college to the Elections Board.
2.
  - a) Any eligible voter may sign more than one election petition.
  - b) No person may sign a single petition multiple times.
  - c) A candidate may run for multiple offices.
3. If a candidate receives sufficient votes to be elected to more than one office, that candidate may only accept one office.
4. Election petitions must be turned in during the semester that the election will take place, no later than 10 days before the election, at a time determined by the Elections Board.
5. The Elections Board shall validate all election petitions and notify the candidates within twenty-four (24) hours if their petition is invalid.

#### C. Write-in candidates

1. Any eligible candidate can run as a write-in candidate. Their name will not appear on the ballot, but may be entered manually by voters.
2. Write-in candidate shall be subject to all rules of campaigning.
3. No member of the Elections Board may run as a write-in candidate.

#### IV. Campaigning

- A. The rules for campaigning shall be those outlined in the Student Government Election Rules.

#### V. Balloting Procedures

- A. Balloting procedures shall be those outlined in the Student Government Election Rules.

## VI. Timeline

A. The timeline shall be that outlined in the Student Government Election Rules, except where noted here.

B. Elections for Undergraduate Student Senate shall occur once per year, during the Spring Semester.

## VII. Election procedures

A. Election procedures shall be those outlined in the Student Government Election Rules.

## VIII. Vote Counting

A. The procedures for vote counting shall be those outlined in the Student Government Election Rules, except those defined here.

B. The results of shall not be final until ratified by a majority of the Undergraduate Student Senate, at the meeting following immediately after the Elections Board's approval of these results. Said results will be enacted upon completion of the final Student Senate meeting of the term.

## IX. Amendment

A. Amendment of these rules shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Undergraduate Student Senate.

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