Fall 2011 Election Packet: UA Senate Candidates

The Undergraduate Association Fall 2011 elections will be held from 12:01AM, Wednesday, September 14, 2011 to 4PM Friday, September 16, 2011. This packet contains all the information and forms required to run for UA Senate during these elections. These forms are due on the listed dates to the UA Office (W20-401).

The timeline and required steps to file for candidacy are:

- **STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY AND RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**—Due Monday, September 12 at 5PM
  - You must sign the two statements and return them to the UA Office in order to be added to the ua-candidates mailing list and appear on the official ballot.

- **PLATFORM STATEMENTS**—Due Monday, September 12 at 5PM:
  - Platform statements explain the principles on which you appeal to voters. There is no set formula for a platform; feel free to be creative. All platforms must be sent electronically to ua-elect@mit.edu. You will not be included in the online Voter’s Guide if your platform isn’t turned in on time.

- **PHOTOS**—Due Monday, September 12 at 5PM:
  - If you have a picture that you would like us to use in the Voter’s Guide, please include it with your platform statement in a web-friendly format. If you do not have a photo or digital camera available, you can get your picture taken in the UA Office when you turn in your paperwork on September 12.

- **PROOF OF REGISTRATION**—Due Friday, October 7 at 5PM:
  - All candidates must be registered students according to the MIT Registrar’s Office in order to be eligible to run and serve. Each candidate must obtain a proof of registration from the Student Services Center (11-120) by Add Date. Winning candidates that fail to do so will be automatically removed from office at this time. It is highly recommended that this form is turned in with your other paperwork by September 12.

- **FUNDING AND EXPENSES**—Due Friday, October 7 at 5PM:
  - Campaign Expenses are limited to $400 per Article V, Section 3B of the Election Code but you shouldn’t have to spend anywhere near that amount to win. Included in this packet is a form on which you should list all your expenses. The form is due in the Election Commission’s mailbox (in the UA office) by Add Date. Please note that you will NOT be reimbursed for campaign expenses. This form cannot be turned in until elections have ended.
Summary of the Election Code and Campaign Rules

Registration Requirement

- All members of the Class Councils, UA Senate, and any other body that the UA oversees with democratic, open elections must be provably registered MIT students. Proof of your registration must be provided to the UA by Add Date of the term the elections are held in.
- If proof of registration is not provided by Add Date and you win your election you will be immediately removed from office.

ASA Postering Infractions

- Do not break the ASA postering rules. You are responsible for any penalties the ASA hands down to your campaign for breaking these rules. The most relevant rules are that you may only place one poster per public board, that posters can be at most 11”x17” in size, and that you may not poster over other current fliers (i.e., fliers that advertise events that haven’t happened yet.)

Campaign Rules Document Violations

- The full Campaign Rules are available at [http://web.mit.edu/elections/current/Election_Code.doc](http://web.mit.edu/elections/current/Election_Code.doc). Violations of these rules will result in a penalty handed down to your campaign from the UA ElectComm. These violations and associated penalties are:
  - Level I Violations (those that don't give your campaign an significantly unfair advantage)
    - These violations include, but are not limited to: Breaking the ASA postering rules (some of which are noted above.)
    - The penalties for a Level I Violation can include an official warning from the UA ElectComm and a possible restriction of your campaigning rights.
  - Level II Violations (those that violate the spirit of the elections and present a noticeably unfair advantage to your campaign)
    - These violations include, but are not limited to: Campaigning without an approved petition, using large drop posters, sending a campaign email to a list that you are not a member of, or chalkimg on walls.
    - The penalties for a Level II Violation can include revocation of certain campaigning forums (no posterimg in the Infinite, no campaign emails, etc.), suspension of your campaign, and placing “Violated Election Rules” next to your name on the ballot.
  - Level III Violations (those that present a grossly unfair advantage to your campaign)
    - These violations include, but are not limited to: Tampering with paper or electronic voting systems, Campaigning in Lobby 10 or in Athena clusters on Election Day, or intentionally sabotaging another candidate’s campaign.
    - The penalties for a Level III Violation can include placing “Violated Election Rules” next to your name on the ballot, complete revocation of campaigning rights, or removal from the ballot.

Disqualification

- Any candidate that commits a severe violation of these elections or the democratic process under which these elections are held may be disqualified if they cannot be sanctioned through the above violations.
- Disqualification will be used only as a last resort.
- In the event of disqualification, any votes you receive will be the first to be redistributed in the preferential voting system.

Funding Violations

- All candidates must submit a funding form whether they spent any money or not. Candidates that fail to do so and win will be removed from office and replaced by their runner-up.
• Any complaints regarding campaign finance will be directed to the Campaign Rules Board subcommittee of ElectComm. They will hand down any sanctions stemming from a complaint.
• If you go over the funding limit for your campaign you will be fined the amount you went over the limit. UA JudBoard and the Campaign Rules Board will then hand down additional sanctions if necessary.
Statement of Candidacy for UA Senate Candidates
Due Monday, September 12 at 5PM in the UA Office (W20-401)

Pursuant to Section III.2.A.3a of the Election Code of the Undergraduate Association, the following statement must be signed before a candidate’s name may be placed on the ballot.

If elected to the office of Senator of the Undergraduate Association for the constituency of __________________________, I, ___________________________ hereby promise to fulfill all responsibilities of my office enumerated in the Undergraduate Association Constitution, other bylaws of the Undergraduate Association, Uniform Class Constitution, and the Undergraduate Association Election Code. I fully understand that failure to do so will result in my removal from office by the Undergraduate Association Council.

I also agree to follow all campaign rules and procedures as laid out in the Campaign Rules Document, Election Code, and candidate packet. I understand that failure to do so may result in sanctions ranging from an official warning to disqualification.

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Acknowledgement of Campaign Rules
Due Monday, September 12 at 5PM in the UA Office (W20-401)

Pursuant to Section V.3 of the Election Code of the Undergraduate Association, the following statement must be signed before a candidate’s name may be placed on the ballot:

I, __________________________, hereby promise that I have read the Campaign Rules Document in its entirety and will fulfill any fines placed upon me for any campaign violations I commit.

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________