



Official 2025-2026 Student Senate General Election Rules and Regulations

- **Candidates are only allowed to campaign beginning on Saturday, March 1st at 12:01 am.**
- No candidate may use any paid web advertisements or the GVSU Events Calendar to publicize their candidacy.
- No campaign materials may be displayed in classrooms for any candidate.
- No campaign materials may be circulated via Blackboard or in the classroom without the professor's prior approval.
- No candidate may use the official Student Senate or Grand Valley logos in campaign-related materials or activities.
- No outside entity, business, corporation, or political action committee (PAC) may fund or assist any campaign in any capacity.
- All campaign materials must be approved per the GVSU posting policy (i.e. campaign materials must display the appropriate stamp(s) and be posted **ONLY** in approved areas)
- No campaign materials may include the name of more than one candidate **unless** they are running for President and Vice President. Candidates must campaign individually **unless** they are running for President and Vice President.
- If there appears to be clear evidence of a joint campaign, or some sort of slate, **ALL** individuals involved may be disqualified immediately at the discretion of the Elections Commission **unless** they are running for President and Vice President.
- General Senator candidates are allowed to express support for their preferred Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. However, harmful or unprofessional behavior is not allowed.
- Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates are not allowed to express their support for any other candidate besides their running mate.
- Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates are prohibited from offering the Chief of Staff position to any other candidate while campaigning.

- **Candidates MUST review the Grounds and Facility Use Policy before campaigning:**
<https://www.gvsu.edu/policies/policy.htm?policyId=E1947CE1-9E1D-591B-752BE6372FB3DA26&search=flyers>

*****All campaigning must adhere to the campaign rules outlined in this list. Any infraction of these rules must be reported in writing to the Elections Commission by the third day after the election closes.**

If any candidate breaks one or more of the rules above, they will meet with the Elections Commission to review the violation. The Elections Commission will determine the appropriate course of action from there including, but not limited to:

- A written warning listing the violations
- Sanctions as determined by the Elections Commission
- Immediate disqualification of the candidate