



The Elections Bylaws

The Associated Students of Lewis & Clark

Article I: Purpose and Scope

1. These bylaws establish the regulations, procedures, and structures of elections for the Director of Elections and their Committee, along with ASLC and the student body at-large,
 - a. The oversight of the aforementioned shall be the duty of the Director of Elections and the responsibility of the Chief Justice and/or Auditor, as is appropriate,
 - b. These bylaws cannot be constructed to contain any implied rules, powers, or abilities not explicitly stated,
 - c. The Elections Committee will be referred to here-within as Elections Committee or the Committee,

Article II: Senate Elections

1. Senate elections shall be held in each year, within the first month of the Fall Semester,
2. Candidate eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials (hereafter: election packets) shall be made available starting in the first (1st) week of Fall Semester,
 - a. Eligible elections packets for Senators must include the signatures of twenty-five (25) students of the College of Arts and Sciences,
 - b. Elections will open within forty-eight (48) hours of the deadline set for the submission of eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials,
 - c. Elections shall be open for seven (7) days,
 - d. The dissemination of voter information pamphlets shall coincide with the announcement of open elections,
 - e. Students may also submit Senate applications outside of election periods to be considered for a Senate position in the event of a vacancy,

Article III: Cabinet Elections

1. Cabinet elections shall be held each year during the Spring Semester in the month of March,
2. Candidate eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials (hereafter: election packets) shall be made available no later than the eighth (8th) week of the Spring Semester,
 - a. Elections will open within forty-eight (48) hours of the deadline set for the submission of eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials,
 - b. Eligible elections packets for Cabinet positions must include a specified number of signatures from the enrolled student body of the College of Arts and Sciences, to be set as follows:
 - i. Candidates for President must have one hundred (100) signatures,

- ii. Candidates for Vice President must have one hundred (100) signatures,
- iii. Candidates for Chief Justice must have fifty (50) signatures,
- iv. Candidates for all other Cabinet positions must have fifty (50) signatures,
- c. Elections shall be open for seven (7) days,
- d. The dissemination of voter information pamphlets shall coincide with the announcement of open elections,

Article IV: Election Rules and Regulations

1. No candidate shall:
 - a. Convey false information pertaining to the election, other candidates, or themselves,
 - b. Coerce, intimidate, harass, or threaten other candidates or voters,
2. Candidates are encouraged to limit campaign expenditures to fifty dollars (\$50 USD),
 - a. If a candidate spends more than fifty dollars (\$50 USD) on campaign expenditures, then they must report it to the Elections Committee who may make the information public,
 - b. Literature, media, and all other printed promotional materials shall not be included in the campaign expenditure limit suggestion,
3. Candidates may use literature and media to campaign, subject to the following regulations,
 - a. All literature and media must abide by the Student Code of Conduct,
 - b. The destruction, defacement, covering, or removal by one candidate of another candidate's literature and/or media is expressly prohibited,
4. All literature and media must abide by the Student Code of Conduct,
 - a. Campaign literature and media cannot be within ten (10) feet of a designated polling station,
5. All candidates shall be granted equal access to any and all election forums and events hosted or organized by Elections Committee,
 - a. Within the designated week of voting, Elections Committee must oversee the organization of a candidates' debate with open attendance to any and all members of the College of Arts and Sciences, and held at a time of great convenience,
 - b. The Elections Committee shall make public the time, date, and location of the aforementioned debate within the election packet,
6. Violation of these rules are subject to review and enforcement by the Committee,
 - a. Enforcement powers include, but are not limited to:
 - i. The removal of campaign literature and media in violation of the Elections Bylaws,
 - ii. The issuance of warnings to candidates for any violations,
 1. Upon the third (3rd) warning, the offending candidate shall be immediately and automatically recommended for disqualification,
 - iii. A recommendation for disqualification,
 - b. Any complaints about a violation of elections rules may be submitted to the Elections Committee,
 - c. The Committee must follow-up on any and all filed complaints with due diligence,

- d. The Committee must respond to the complaints with a written or verbal affirmation of investigation and a report of the investigation's results upon its conclusion,
- 7. The disqualification of a candidate from any election requires the unanimous approval of the Director of Elections, the Chief Justice, and the Auditor,
 - a. In the event the Elections Committee feels an offense warrants disqualification the Director of Elections shall, within twelve (12) hours of the investigation's conclusion, submit a recommendation for disqualification and a report of their investigation to the Chief Justice and the Auditor,

Article V: The Elections Committee

1. The Elections Committee shall see to the execution of all enumerated elections requirements within Article V of the ASLC Constitution and within the Elections Bylaws,
2. The Director of Elections shall act as Chief Executive of the Elections Committee,
 - a. The Director of Elections may delegate responsibilities to Associate Directors of Elections of the Committee as they see fit,
 - b. The Director of Elections is ultimately accountable for the fulfillment of all elections requirements and the enforcement of all regulations,
3. The Director of Elections shall be responsible for initiating and overseeing applications for Associate Directors of Elections and other members of the Elections Committee,
4. Committee Members:
 - a. Shall be selected by the Director of Elections,
 - i. Applications for the position of committee members shall be distributed within the first month of the academic year,
 - b. Shall serve as voting members of the Elections Committee,
 - i. Shall have one (1) vote each,
 - c. Shall perform tasks as delegated by the Director of Elections or the Committee,
 - d. Shall attend all Elections Committee meetings as set by the Director of Elections,
 - i. Any and all absences must be reported to the Director of Elections,
 - e. Removal of Committee Members:
 - i. Voting Members may be removed from the Elections Committee by a two-thirds (⅔) vote of the committee,
 - ii. Members may be removed via voting due to failure to complete assigned tasks as listed in these bylaws or assigned by the committee or failure to attend committee meetings without notice to the Director of Elections,

Article VI: Vacancies and Special Elections

1. Special elections are to be held as prescribed by the ASLC Constitution,
2. All special elections shall follow the standard elections rules and regulations as stipulated within the ASLC Constitution and within these bylaws,
3. In the event of a Senate seat vacancy:
 - a. A Senate seat shall be considered vacant in the event:
 - i. A senator submits a formal resignation to the ASLC Senate,

- ii. A senator is no longer taking courses at the College of Arts and Sciences,
 - iii. A senator is recalled by the student body as provided for within the Student Policy Advisory Committee Bylaws,
- b. In the event of the vacancies of one (1) or two (2) Senate seats,
- i. The President shall notify the student body of the existence of open seats and available applications with twenty-four (24) hours unless,
 - 1. The Elections Committee unanimously votes to extend the timeframe,
 - ii. All applications shall be submitted to the Elections Committee,
 - iii. All senators must assist the Elections Committee in circulating applications and publicizing the vacancy,
 - iv. Applicants who have submitted an application earlier in the same academic year may opt to reuse that application instead of submitting a new one,
 - v. Applicants shall present themselves to the Senate and will be elected by a plurality of the Senate,
- c. In the event of the vacancies of three (3) or more Senate seats, a Special Election is the means by which these seats are filled,
- i. The Director of Elections will initiate a special election any time:
 - 1. Three (3) or more Senate seats are vacant,
 - 2. Excepting the recall of a Senate seat, in which case a special election is automatically initiated for one (1) vacancy,
 - ii. The Director of Elections is not required to fill three (3) or more Senate seats via Special Election if both:
 - 1. The Elections Committee (Including Director of Elections) unanimously votes to abstain from a Special Election,
 - 2. The Senate concurs with a four-fifths ($\frac{4}{5}$) vote to abstain from a Special Election,
 - iii. In the event that a Special Election is abstained from, Elections Committee will fill the vacancies as enumerated in Article IV, subsection 1, sub-section b of these bylaws,

Article VII: ISLC Elections

1. The Director of Elections and Elections Committee shall be responsible for putting together and sending out ballots for ISLC Executive Board Elections during the Spring Semester,
2. The ISLC Election shall follow all rules and regulations outlined in the ISLC Charter.

Article VIII - Amendments

1. These bylaws may be amended by an initial two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Elections Committee followed by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the ASLC Senate.