



SPRING 2021 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS PACKET

Student Government is excited to **announce the spring election season for the Student Government Board of 2021-2022!** SG commits to representing, empowering, and serving students of all backgrounds through active listening, direct dialogue, and enduring advocacy in order to promote our communal edification. This involves the pursuit of diversity, inclusion, justice, and unity in our event planning, policy initiatives, and service.

If you are at all interested in running or just want to learn more, please send an email to [Daniel Ju](#), who is serving as your Election Commissioner.

SPRING 2021 ELECTIONS TIMELINE

The following election timetable lists the key events of the spring election season:

- March 9 - Virtual information night
- March 10 - Approved candidates are allowed to publicly announce candidacy and begin campaigning
- March 23 - Candidate speech night
- March 24 - Election Day (from 8:00 am Wednesday until 8:00 am Thursday)
- March 25 - Results are announced

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The following SG board members have been appointed to the Election Committee to oversee the fairness of the election and adjudicate in instances of ethical dispute. Please reach out to any member of the Election Committee with questions, comments, or complaints pertaining to election and campaigning rules: [Brett Bauman](#), [Laurel Kruse](#), and [Jacob Elsen](#).

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

The positions on Student Government for which you can run are the following (click on links to view job descriptions):

Executive Officers (run as a ticket): [Student Body President](#) & [Vice President](#)

Executive Vice Presidents (run individually)

[EVP of Student Life and Engagement](#) | [EVP of Community Diversity](#) | [EVP of Academic Affairs](#) | [EVP of Global Engagement](#) | [EVP of Student Wellness](#) | [EVP of Tech & Campus Services](#) | [EVP of Campus Sustainability](#)

Class Co-Presidents (run as a ticket): [Sophomore](#) | [Junior](#) | [Senior](#)

BECOMING A CANDIDATE

In order to be approved to run for a position on Student Government, you will need confirmation that you are not on chapel, academic, or disciplinary probation. To get this confirmation, please email Kim Fair in the Student Activities Office (student.activities@wheaton.edu), and she will work with these offices to ensure you are not on any type of probation. We recommend that you reach out to Kim as soon as possible, to allow for response time from these offices.

Due to the pandemic, you no longer need to solicit signatures to appear on the ballot, but SG has instituted a **5-ticket limit for each race**, meaning no more than 5 candidates or tickets will be allowed to run for one role. The first five candidates/tickets approved by the Election Commissioner will be placed on the ballot. Official petitions for candidacy should be emailed to Daniel Ju, after you have emailed Kim Fair to ensure you are not on any type of probation. Once you have sent both these emails and Daniel Ju gets the confirmation that you are not on probation, he will email you to let you know that you have been fully approved and can begin campaigning. You are not allowed to announce candidacy nor campaign until March 10 has begun *and* the Election Commissioner has approved your candidacy.

CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

Please refer to the following documents available on the SG Website for a full description of election procedure and regulations:

- Wheaton College Student Government [Constitution](#) Article IX
- [Student Government Bylaws](#) Article II and Article XIV
- Proposal [11R16](#) (passed on March 3, 2021)

COVID-Specific Regulations:

- Abide by all COVID Safe, Thunder Strong guidelines throughout the campaign
- No door-to-door campaigning
- No print advertisements

- No distributing food
- Avoid holding prolonged conversations
- No gatherings inside of campus buildings
- Social distancing and mask regulations when in conversation with potential constituents
- You CANNOT campaign before being confirmed as a candidate
- Campaigning begins on 3/10; No campaigning is allowed before this date
- The spending limit for each ticket is \$50
- You cannot ask for the endorsement of campus organizations
- Get approval from SAO before using chalk anywhere on campus
- Contact Daniel Ju (daniel.ju@wheaton.edu) for issues of equity and fairness

Campaign Strategies:

- Social media - best way to reach a large audience
 - Use canva to make your posts professional
 - Introduce you/your running mate, your platform and ideas
 - Encourage interaction: use polls/question boxes
 - Don't go overboard: too many posts may cause people to unfollow
 - You can even create a website!
 - Take a look at past instagram accounts (votestefyandaniel; vote.amberandjacob; amelia.miller.student.care)
- Use your network
 - Talk to your friends about your campaign, and encourage them to share with others
 - Don't go door to door: not everyone is comfortable with others in their space
- Be gracious to your competitors
 - If you do this right, you should end your campaign with more friends than you started with
 - Being a good competitor gives you a better chance of having other candidates want to be on your class council/want you on theirs

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you missed the Student Government Elections Info Night, reach out to a member of the elections committee who can get you the recording of the event. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to student.government@my.wheaton.edu or to daniel.ju@my.wheaton.edu.

For Christ and His Kingdom,
Daniel Ju

Election Commissioner, Student Body Vice President
Student Government Board 2020-2021