

## **Information for Class President Slates**

### **About the Position**

- The rising undergraduate sophomore, junior, and senior classes each elect a slate of Class Presidents to represent and lead their class.
- Class presidents work closely with Student Activities and Life (SAL) and/or the Stanford Alumni Association to plan programming, events, and contribute to student life for their class.
- In the election, all slates are named for their class position in the next school year. For instance, this year the Class of 2020 will elect sophomore class presidents.
- Each undergraduate will vote only for the class presidents of their class.
- The sophomore and senior slates contain exactly four candidates. The junior slate may contain five or six candidates; four candidates must be on-campus at all times during their term.
- There is no limit to the number of terms a student may serve as a class president.
- The Class President term begins after elections, and ends at the end of the next school year.

### **Campaigning Overview**

- Candidates for Class President run together as a “slate,” with four (possibly five to six for the junior slate) students on the slate. The slate together is considered the Class Presidents.
- All slates for Class President must register a Declaration of Intent with the Elections Commission to be eligible in the election. Write-in slates who have not registered a Declaration of Intent will not be considered in the election. See Declaration of Intent.
- Each class president slate will select a name for itself, and this name will appear on the ballot. The Elections Commission expects that slates will choose appropriate and inoffensive names, and reserves the right to re-name a slate whose name violates the boundaries of good taste.
- To appear as an option on the ballot, the slate must submit a petition demonstrating that at least 100 undergraduate students from their respective class support their campaign for office. See Petitioning.
- The Class President election uses Instant Run-off Voting (IRV); voters rank as many slates as they wish, and the election concludes when two slates exist and one slate has over 50% of the vote. See Voting Procedure.

### **Declaration of Intent**

- All Class President slates must register a Declaration of Intent with the Elections Commission to be eligible in the election. This is ordinarily the first step towards seeking office.
- Slates who have not submitted a Declaration of Intent, or whose Declaration of Intent has been declared invalid, are ineligible in the election.

### **Petitioning**

- To appear as an option on the ballot, a slate must submit a petition showing that at least 100 undergraduates from their respective class support their campaign.

- Graduate students are not eligible to sign the petitions of candidates for Class President.
- Please see the Petitioning Guidelines and Information document for important information on petitions, validity, and timeline.

### **Voting Procedure**

- Each undergraduate voter will be permitted to vote for Class President slates of their social class year (e.g., class of 2020 undergrads will vote for Sophomore Class presidents this year).
- The Class President election uses Instant Run-off Voting (IRV). In an instant run-off election, voters may rank as many slates as they wish, in order of their preferences. A voter need not indicate a preference for all slates.
- Voters' choices are tabulated in a number of "rounds," and at the end of each round, the slate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated; ballots that indicated that slate as their top choice are redistributed to slates according to their next-highest choice. If the ballot didn't have a next-highest choice, it is considered "expired."
- This procedure is repeated until two choices remain, and the choice with the most votes is considered the winner.

**Please Note:** This document is a summary of the ASSU Constitution, Joint Bylaws, GSC Bylaws, UGS Bylaws, and the Elections Appendix. Those documents are the final authority on any elections issues. This document is provided as a convenient reference, and does not necessarily contain all the regulations that may apply to you.

Please read the Governing Documents at [http://assu.stanford.edu/governing\\_docs/](http://assu.stanford.edu/governing_docs/) and e-mail the Elections Commission, [elections@elections.stanford.edu](mailto:elections@elections.stanford.edu), if you have questions.