



Aesculapian Society Elections Document

This document is meant only to fill in gaps where the Aesculapian Society (ASoc) Constitution guidelines are non-prescriptive. This document is meant to compliment the guidelines outlined in the Constitution and only adds to the already established rules and regulations.

General ASoc Elections Timeline

- 1) Notification to general student body sent 3 weeks in advance of the nomination period
 - a) Email notification will include position descriptions, nomination requirements, campaign guidelines and rules (see below), and exact election timeline/deadlines for that year
- 2) Nomination period opens at the end of the last week of March and will last one week
 - a) Once the nomination period is over, all candidates will receive a confirmation email with a copy of the election timeline and campaign guidelines and rules (see below)
- 3) Town Hall with ASoc executives will occur on the most suitable date during the nomination period (dependent on first and second year student schedules)
- 4) The deadline for platform submission will be set as 2-3 days following the start of the campaign period
- 5) The electoral campaign will last for one week following the end of the nomination period
- 6) Speeches will occur in the evening of the last day of the electoral campaign
- 7) All campaign material must be taken down the night of the campaign speeches
- 8) Online voting will begin in the late evening following the campaign speeches and will be open for a period of 2 days (48 hours exactly)
- 9) Voting results will be announced within 24 hours of voting closure

Campaign Guidelines and Rules

A) Campaign Platforms

- Must be submitted in the form of a Word document
- One headshot photo is allowed, NO graphics or other photos
- Maximum 500 words
- To be submitted to the Election Convener by the deadline specified
- Candidate platforms will be posted on the ASoc website by the Election Convener once all have been collected
- Platforms will remain on the ASoc website until voting closes
- Campaign platform guidelines will also apply to all Class President Elections

B) Social Media Use/Campaign Advertisements

- Candidates shall not spend ANY money for the purpose of campaigning
- NO posters, leaflets, or any other paper material shall be allowed to be distributed or posted in RGN or on any other Faculty of Medicine premises
- Candidates will be limited to ONE single Facebook event/page (if they choose to create one) to promote their platforms
 - There will be absolutely no posting allowed in official MD Facebook groups or associated Francophone MD groups for the purpose of promoting candidates running in the elections
 - There will be absolutely no use of the MD listservs for the purpose of promoting candidates running in the elections
 - Exception: the ASoc President and/or the Election Council (election convener and two committee members) may make posts in official MD Facebook groups and use listservs to promote the elections as a whole
 - Candidates may include their platform on their Facebook event/page
 - Candidates may remind students of upcoming election deadlines on their Facebook event/page
 - Candidates may make posts in their Facebook event/page that consist of text, photos, infographics or short videos
 - NO links to other sites/videos may be posted that if clicked, take the viewer away from the Facebook event/page
 - Candidates may NOT create other social media platform pages to promote themselves (ie. NO websites, Twitter pages, Instagram or Snapchat accounts, etc)
 - Candidates may not make ANY posts on their personal Facebook pages, Twitter pages, Instagram or Snapchat accounts asking students to join their campaign Facebook event/page
 - In order to promote all candidates fairly, the links to each candidate's Facebook event/page will be posted on the ASoc website so that all students may access them
 - Candidates may NOT ask their colleagues/friends/family to promote campaign Facebook events/pages by having the colleague/friend/family post on their own Facebook page or any other social media platform pages such as Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, personal websites, etc.
- Candidates must remove their Facebook event/page prior to the specified deadline
- Facebook event/page links will remain on the ASoc Website for the duration of the electoral campaign period and will be taken down prior to the above specified deadline
- Social media use and campaign advertisement guidelines will also apply to Class President Elections

C) Speeches



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- Speeches will be recorded and posted on the ASoc Website immediately following the evening of speeches
 - If any issues with recorded speeches occur (i.e. uploading problems, camera problems), candidates will have an option to upload their speech in text
- MAXIMUM 2 min for each candidate's speech
- MAXIMUM 5 min for questions at the end of each candidate's speech
 - Even if a candidate's speech is less than 2 min, all candidates will have their question period capped at 5 min
- All recorded speeches posted on the ASoc website will be immediately taken down following announcement of the voting results
- Please refer to the Constitution for Class President Election Speeches details

D) Election Council

- As per the Constitution, the Elections Council is composed of the Election Convener (traditionally the VP Administration if they are not running for a position) and the Election Committee (two other volunteers from the ASoc executive who are not running for positions)
- The Election convener will oversee all electoral proceedings and ensure the proper implementation of the election guidelines and rules with the help of his/her election committee members
- Candidates or students may ask the Election Council questions pertaining to the electoral proceedings or rules and regulations
 - Candidates may NOT ask for help with advertising other than supplying the link to their Facebook page/event and platform to be posted on the ASoc website
- If candidates or students approach the Election Council to report another candidate for their behaviour/inability to comply with the election rules and regulations, the Election Council will deliberate and vote on the validity/outcome of said complaint
 - The ASoc President will have final say over all decisions made by the Election Council should there be a disagreement
- Please refer to the Constitution for Class President Election organization details

E) Violations of Regulations and Rules

- If a candidate is found to be in violation of any of the rules written in this document, the candidate may be disqualified or issued a warning by the Election Council depending on the severity of the violation
- Candidates who receive more than two warnings will be immediately disqualified
- Consequences of violations of the rules and regulations indicated in this document will also apply to the Class President Elections

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