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SGA Senate Application Packet

Application packets are due to Evan Karanovich, SGA Vice President by August 27, 2010 by 5 p.m. The SGA Offices are located in room 105 in the Student Activities Center.

August 16, 2010

Dear Potential Candidate,

As the Student Government Association of Georgia College & State University, our job is to serve the student body. I am excited that you are interested in becoming a Senator in the Student Government Association. The time and energy required of an SGA Senator is considerable but the experience is great and worthwhile. As a Senator, it is your job to listen and bring forth issues that concern the student body of Georgia College. Senators are required to have three (3) hours a week to dedicate, but further time may be necessary. These hours consist of senate meetings, committee meetings, various tasks/meetings, and on-campus events.

The Student Government Association is the primary policy-making body for students of Georgia College. Our mission statement confirms that all students of GCSU are members of the Student Government Association; however, we are the *elected* few who represent all students. As a Senator, it will be your job to speak with students and listen to their ideas on how to make our campus even better.

All Senatorial Applications are due back to the SGA Executive Office (first floor of the Student Activities Center) no later than Friday, August 27th at 5 PM. Elections will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 9th. Elections results will be posted on the SGA website promptly at 5 PM on Friday, September 10, 2010.

Good luck and best wishes on your campaign. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns during this time.

In Bobcat Pride,

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Enclosures

**HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ELECTION?
WANT TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT?**

If you have, any questions feel free to contact the SGA Committee on Senate Elections. Additionally if you would like to file a formal complaint of election violation or have problems with the elections contact the SGA Committee on Senate Elections.

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Election Procedures

Length of Elections

The elections will take place over 2 days from Wednesday, September 8, 2010 – Thursday, September 9, 2010.

Time of Elections

Students able to vote once, and can vote anytime of the day, via the online voting portal in myCats beginning at 12:00 midnight on Wednesday, September 8 and ending on Thursday, September 9 at 11:59 PM.

Polling Station

The Student Government Association will not permit the creation of mass voting stations.

Examples of this include, but not limited to, the following:

- Going door to door with a computer in the halls or any housing complex to get votes for a candidate
- Setting up a table with a personal computer at an event *or* on campus to get votes for a candidate
- Selecting a computer on campus to serve as a polling location for a particular candidate

Any candidate or their representatives caught setting up or creating a situation that will result in a mass vote will result in a disqualification for the candidate. For more information on this policy, please contact Vice President Evan Karanovich at sga.vicepresident@gcsu.edu.

Violation of GCSU Policies

Any candidate or representative found violating the *Chalking Policy*, *Posting Guidelines* and *Advertising Guidelines* will be in direct violation of election procedures and will result in the consequences outlined below. Excess violations of election procedures will result in disqualification.

The First Violation of any policy will result in a phone call and/or email warning. You will be asked to take down and remove the material that violates either the *Chalking or Posting Policies*. Additionally you may be subject to any fines sanctioned by the Campus Life Office.

For more information on the Chalking and Posting Policies visit the Campus Life Office in Room 314 of the Student Activities Center.

Upon your ***Second Violation***, you will be contacted that you have to remove all campaign materials on campus and will not be allowed to campaign on campus until the elections. Not complying with these instructions from the elections committee in the allotted time period, you will be automatically removed from the election.

In the event of a ***Third Violation*** you will be disqualified from the election.

If there are any questions to the above procedures, please contact the Student Government Association or the Vice President Evan Karanovich.

Important Dates

August 23	<i>SGA Senatorial Applications Released</i>
August 25	<i>Information Session at 7:30 PM in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium</i>
August 27	<i>Completed applications for SGA Senate Elections due by 5 PM</i>
August 30	<i>Campaigning begins on Campus</i>
September 8-9	<i>SGA Senate Elections</i>
September 10	<i>Results Posted</i>
September 11	<i>Senate Retreat</i>

Qualifications and Duties

*As stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the
Student Government Association of Georgia College & State University*

Constitution, Article III, Section 3

Qualifications

To be qualified for the Senate, any enrolled student at Georgia College & State University with a grade point average of 2.30 or higher, and in good academic standing, shall be eligible to run for election or be appointed to the Senate.

Bylaws, Section I, H

Duties

- Attends all Senate meetings
- Serves on SGA Committees and ad hoc Committees
- Attends all committee meetings
- Serves one office hour a week
- Acts as a liaison between students and SGA
- Represents students at University events
- Assists in Mr. & Ms. GCSU Elections
- Informs officer of conflicts
- Assists in fundraising and publicity activities
- Attends organizational fairs and orientations
- Prepares Bills and Resolutions for the Senate
- Assists in Executive Officer Elections
- Gives excuse forms to Secretary
- Gives Bill and Resolutions to Secretary

Posting Guidelines

ANY CANDIDATE POSTING ILLEGALLY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$25.00 FINE PER INCIDENT

The following guidelines were developed to assist individuals posting flyers, banners and other type of materials on the campus of GCSU. In order to make sure your items are posted in the correct location, please adhere to the information listed below. Items found in the wrong location will be removed; therefore it is imperative that you follow these guidelines carefully. Remember, all signs and flyers must be stamped and approved by the Department of Campus Life. Please see the Advertising Policy on the GCSU website for more detail.

Maxwell Student Union:

- Flyers, banners and posters must be given to the Department of Campus Life. In most cases, flyers and posters will be posted on the bulletin board next to the elevators.
- Flyers and posters cannot be posted on boards belonging to any organization. Organization's boards should only have that organization's information posted.
- Special request for posting Items in MSU must be approved by the Director of Campus Life.

Sodexo Dining Room:

- Items should be posted on the two large bulletin boards in the east and west entrances, or any other board in Sodexo dining room.
- Special requests to post items on dining room tables must be approved by the Director of Food Service.

Atkinson Hall:

- Signs can only be posted on the bulletin boards located in the building. No other locations are permissible.
- No literature, table tents, etc. will be allowed in the building.
- Signs posted in locations other than the bulletin board will be removed.

Lanier Hall and Arts & Science Building:

- Signs, posters and other items are not permitted on doors, walls, windows or any other location.
- Signs and posters should only be hung on bulletin boards.

University Housing:

- All signs should be taken to the University Housing office in Sanford Hall for posting in Resident Halls. (Flyers for apartment rentals cannot be posted in residence halls)

Front campus and grounds:

- Do not staple/tape or post items on tree, light poles, telephone poles, trash cans, bus shelters, bike racks, and exterior walls of buildings.
- Signs and flyers that exceed the listed deadline will be removed.

Library:

- No signs or posters should be hung on any glass surfaces or walls. Use bulletin boards in Atrium, computer labs and board near circulation desk ONLY.

Advertising Guidelines

All advertising must be approved and stamped by the Department of Campus Life Prior to distribution on campus. Advertising which has not been approved will be Removed and the individual(s) or organization will be liable for Disciplinary Action.

Please note the following:

1. The steps in receiving approval for signs or posters are as follows:
 - a. Construct sign or poster to the proper specifications (See “3a.”)
 - b. Have the poster approved at the Department of Campus Life on the third floor of the Student Activities Center.
 - c. Place the posters in approved areas only.
2. Stipulations regarding the placement of posters and signs are as follows:
 - a. All signs or posters used by approved student organizations shall be approved by the Department of Campus Life.
 - b. All signs or posters may be placed on bulletin boards located in specific areas on Campus.
 - c. Sodexo services approve all signs or posters for the dining hall after initial approval by the Department of Campus Life.
 - d. Bulletin boards in academic areas should not be used unless approved by the academic dean or department chairpersons.
 - e. **No signs or posters are to be placed on glass doors or glass areas. No signs or posters are to be placed on painted walls.** Specific permission is needed to put signs on any brick-walled building.
 - f. Signs or posters shall be placed on bulletin boards by thumb tacks only, and not by staples, tapes or adhesives.
 - g. Only approved student organizations can advertise on Georgia College & State University campus. Exceptions involving events of community interest shall be approved specifically by the Vice President of Student Affairs.
3. Limitations on the size, content, and length of time poster may be displayed are as follows:
 - a. Signs or posters are not to exceed 22” by 28” (poster size) unless approved by the building manager.
 - b. “Refreshments” shall be used in place of words denoting alcoholic beverages on all organization social function signs.
 - c. No signs or posters encouraging excessive use of alcohol or containing obscene material will be approved.
 - d. All signs or posters may be advertised a maximum of 10 days prior to an event.
 - e. Signs or posters must refer to a specific event and have the name of the organization sponsoring the event.
 - f. Outdated signs or posters shall be removed by the advertising organization Within 48 hours after an event. Any organization not adhering to this guideline may face advertising restrictions.
 - g. A maximum of 25 signs or posters will be approved for placement under this policy.

Chalking Policy

Chalking can be done only on flat concrete surfaces, thereby prohibiting chalking on steps, brick surfaces, benches, fountains, private property, trash cans, and any other object or area that is not a flat sidewalk concrete surface. **LIQUID CHALK SHOULD NOT BE USED!**

The following forms of speech are strictly prohibited without exception:

- chalking making reference to the use, sale, consumption, or distribution of Alcohol or illegal drugs.
- hate speech-herein defined as speech attacking or disparaging an individual or group based on sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap, or sexual orientation.
- sexually explicit or obscene materials

Commercial speech, defined as chalking on campus dealing with the sale and solicitation of goods and services, is prohibited. Any requested exceptions involving groups, organizations, or businesses not affiliated with students, staff, or faculty of the University are to be dealt with according to the Sales and Solicitation Policy of the GCSU handbook.

Each Recognized Student Organization is required to read and sign a copy of the written Chalking policy upon each year's re-registration. This will be kept on file with the contact information for the RSO attached. A second copy will be given to the organization.

The chalking policy will be published in the Student Handbook that will be distributed to Residence Halls and off-campus students, as well as published in the Faculty Handbook. The policy will also be posted in the Residence Halls, and copies are to be kept on record in the Office of Student Activities and made available to the public.

Violation of the Chalking policy by Recognized Student Organizations, university departments, or individuals will result in the organization, departments, or individual being warned, through written and electronic notification, per first offense, by the Department of Campus Life. Any further violation will be dealt with as a violation of the GCSU Honor Code, under the classification of "Vandalism."

Please Read Chalking Policy and Posting Guidelines CAREFULLY, if there are any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact the executive office at 478.445.2795.

Posting Guidelines:

All filers must be stamped by Student Activities prior to posting ANYWHERE. Posting on glass is PROHIBITED. (This includes glass on doors).

Posting anything in the Residence Halls requires the approval of Student Activities and the Housing office, located in the basement of Sanford Hall.

All Academic Halls including Arts & Sciences, Lanier, Atkinson, Kilpatrick, Herty, Chappell, Parks, Max Noah, and Ennis **only allow posting on designated bulletin boards**. MSU also allows posting on designated bulletin boards. The dining hall, World of Wings, Sandella's and Chick-fil-la may allow fliers on tables with approval by the establishments' manager.

Special Stipulations for the following halls:

- Max Noah only three bulletin boards allow posting of fliers.
- Lanier does not allow posting on office bulletin boards.
- Arts & Sciences does not allow posting on departments bulletin boards.
- Atkinson does not allow posting on organization or departmental bulletin boards.

Election Law Agreement

I do hereby affirm that I have read that I have read and fully comprehend the above laws and guidelines regarding the Executive Officer election for the Student Government Association of Georgia College & State University. I do further affirm that I will abide by the laws and guidelines set forth in the Constitution and By-Lays of the Student Government Association as set forth above.

Candidate Signature Date

Advertising Policy Agreement

I do hereby affirm that I have read and fully comprehend the included Chalking policy and posting guidelines regarding the election for the Student Government Association of Georgia College & State University. I do further affirm that I have obtained a copy and will abide by the chalking policy and posting guidelines for the election.

Candidate Signature Date

ELECTION APPLICATION – SENATOR

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE | HTTP://SGA.GCSU.EDU

This form must be completed in full and submitted to the Office of the President Pro Tempore or their appointed designee. All fields must be complete in order to be considered a complete application. Incomplete applications will be returned or discarded.

Please Print or Type

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Name on ballot: _____

GCID: _____ - _____ - _____ GPA: _____ Phone: _____

Class/Year: _____ Credit Hours: _____ Major: _____

Email Address: _____

QUALIFICATIONS

I currently have no pending violations with the Student Judicial Board Initials: _____

I have at least 2.30 cumulative grade point average Initials: _____

I am enrolled as a student of Georgia College & State University Initials: _____

I have submitted a Statement of Intent for the Office of Senator Initials: _____

APPLICATION MATERIALS RECIEVED

I have received, read and understand the following documents:

Qualifications and Duties Initials: _____ Code of Elections Initials: _____

Posting Guidelines Initials: _____ Statement of Intent Initials: _____

Chalking Guidelines Initials: _____ Statement of Endorsement Initials: _____

GRADE RELEASE

I give permission to the Student Government Association to verify that I meet the grade requirements for the Office of the Senator. Initials _____

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I _____, certify by signing below that all the information provided on this application is correct. I also understand that if I do not meet the set criteria my application will be rejected.

X _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Secretary: Date Received: ___/___/___ Action: ___/___/___ Approved Denied

President Pro Tempore: Date Received: ___/___/___ Action: ___/___/___ Approved Denied

Secretary Signature: _____ PPT Signature: _____

Requirement Verification: GPA Credit Hours Good Standing Statement of Intent Submitted

Last Name: _____
Class/Year: _____

First Name: _____
GPA: _____

Email: _____

GCID: _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE | HTTP://SGA.GCSU.EDU

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Please Print or Type

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Name on ballot: _____
GCID: _____ - _____ - _____ GPA: _____ Phone: _____
Class/Year: _____ Credit Hours: _____ Major: _____
Email Address: _____

INTENT TO APPEAR ON BALLOT

I _____ intend to run a campaign to be elected for:
Name of Applicant

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of the President | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Student Senator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of the Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. GCSU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of the Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. GCSU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of the Treasurer | |

GRADE RELEASE

I give permission to the Student Government Association to verify that I meet the grade requirements for the position marked above. Initials: _____

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I _____, certify by signing below that all the information provided on this statement is correct. I also understand that if I do not meet the set criteria my entire application will be rejected.

X _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Secretary: Date Received: ___/___/___ Action: ___/___/___ Approved Denied
President Pro Tempore: Date Received: ___/___/___ Action: ___/___/___ Approved Denied
Secretary Signature: _____ PPT Signature: _____

Last Name: _____
Class/Year: _____

First Name: _____
GPA: _____

Email: _____

GCID: _____

STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE | HTTP://SGA.GCSU.EDU

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Please Print or Type

ENDORSER'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Classification: _____

Email Address: _____

ENDORSEMENT

I _____ endorse the candidacy of _____ for:
Endorser's Name *Candidate's Name*

- Office of the President
- Office of the Vice President
- Office of the Secretary
- Office of the Treasurer

- Office of Student Senator
- Mr. GCSU
- Ms. GCSU

FACULTY & STAFF RELEASE

I understand that in order to endorse this candidate it must not conflict with my contractual obligations of Georgia College & State University and cannot interfere with any professional role or capacity of Georgia College & State University. I also understand that I am simply endorsing and not campaigning for this candidate as to conflict with my work at Georgia College & State University.

X _____ Date: _____

Division/Department: _____

Phone: _____

RELEASE

I _____, certify by signing below that I endorse the above candidate and allow said candidate to utilize my name and affiliation in their promotional materials.

X _____ Date: _____

Affiliation: _____

Office Use Only

Secretary: Date Received: ___/___/___ Action: ___/___/___ Approved Denied

President Pro Tempore: Date Received: ___/___/___ Action: ___/___/___ Approved Denied

Secretary Signature: _____ PPT Signature: _____

Last Name: _____
Class/Year: _____

First Name: _____
GPA: _____

Email: _____

GCID: _____

**Code of Elections for Georgia College & State University
Student Government Association**

Article I. Purpose

This Code shall be the governing document in regards to all aspects of the elections process for the Student Government Association of Georgia College & State University.

Article II. Requirements for Office

Section 1. Officers

Paragraph A. President

- i. Must be a registered full-time student as defined by the President's degree program of study and must maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.30 on a 4.0 on scale.
- ii. Must have completed forty (40) semester hours, thirty (30) of which shall have been completed at any branch of Georgia College & State University.
- iii. The individual must have been at least a committee chair, for a full semester, or executive officer for one semester in good standing.
- iv. The individual must submit an application for the Office of the President and have been approved by the Secretary of the Student Government Association.
- v. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot no later than the last full week of February.
- vi. Must be capable of fulfilling duties beginning on May 15, following the spring election.

Paragraph B. Vice President

- i. Must be a registered full-time student as defines by the Vice President's degree program of study and must maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.30 on a 4.0 on scale.
- ii. Must have completed thirty (30) semester hours, twenty (20) of which shall have been completed at any branch of Georgia College & State University.
- iii. The individual must have been at least a senator for one semester in good standing.
- iv. The individual must submit an application for the Office of the Vice President and have been approved by the Secretary of the Student Government Association.
- v. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot no later than the last full week of February.
- vi. Must be capable of fulfilling duties beginning on May 15, following the spring election.

Paragraph C. Secretary

- i. Must be a registered full-time student as defines by the Secretary's degree program of study and must maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.30 on a 4.0 on scale.
- ii. Must have completed twenty-four (24) semester hours, twenty (20) of which shall have been completed at any branch of Georgia College & State University.
- iii. The individual must have been at least a senator for one semester in good standing.

- iv. The individual must submit an application for the Office of the Secretary and have been approved by the Secretary of the Student Government Association.
- v. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot no later than the last full week of February.
- vi. Must be capable of fulfilling duties beginning on May 15, following the spring election.

Paragraph D. Treasurer

- i. Must be a registered full-time student as defines by the Treasurer's degree program of study and must maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.30 on a 4.0 on scale.
- ii. Must have completed twenty-four (24) semester hours, twenty (20) of which shall have been completed at any branch of Georgia College & State University.
- iii. The individual must have been at least a senator for one semester in good standing.
- iv. The individual must submit an application for the Office of the Treasurer and have been approved by the Secretary of the Student Government Association.
- v. Shall be elected by the student body in a secret ballot no later than the last full week of February.
- vi. Must be capable of fulfilling duties beginning on May 15, following the spring election.

Paragraph E. President Pro Tempore

- i. Must be a registered full-time student, at the start of their term, as defines by the President Pro Tempore's degree program of study and must maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.30 on a 4.0 on scale.
- ii. Must have completed twenty-four (24) semester hours, twenty (20) of which shall have been completed at any branch of Georgia College & State University.
- iii. The individual must have been at least a senator for one semester in good standing.
- iv. The individual must submit an application for the Office of the Senator, must designate desire to run for President Pro Tempore and have been approved by the Secretary of the Student Government Association.
- v. Shall be elected as Senator by the student body in a secret ballot no later than twenty-eight (28) days after the start of the fall semester.
- vi. Must be elected by a simple majority among members of the newly elected senate in the Fall Semester during the first official Senate session.

Paragraph F. Attorney General

- i. Must be a registered full-time student, at the start of their term, as defines by the Attorney General's degree program of study and must maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.30 on a 4.0 on scale.
- ii. Must have completed twenty-four (24) semester hours, twenty (20) of which shall have been completed at any branch of Georgia College & State University.
- iii. The individual must have been at least a senator for one semester in good standing.
- iv. Shall be elected as Senator by the student body in a secret ballot no later than twenty-eight (28) days after the start of the fall semester.

- v. Must be appointed by the President, and confirmed by a two-thirds majority of the newly elected senate in the Fall Semester during the first official Senate session.

Paragraph G. Senator

- i. Senators shall be elected from the student body of Georgia College & State University.
- ii. Senators must be registered as full-time students, at the start of their term, as defined by their degree or program and must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.30 on 4.0 scale, with the exception of first semester freshman candidates and must be in good standing with the University.
- iii. Senators shall represent their respective class based on their earned credit hours, or may represent in an At-Large capacity.
- iv. Senators must submit an application for the Office of the Senator and be approved by the Secretary of the Student Government Association.
- v. Shall be elected as Senator by the student body in a secret ballot no later than twenty-eight (28) days after the start of the fall semester.

Section 2. Cross-filing

No cross-filing for any two offices is allowed.

Article III. Filing

Section 1. Documents

Paragraph A. Statement of Intent

- i. All candidates shall file a statement of his or her intention to run for office with the Internal External Committee.
- ii. The statement of Intent shall be distributed by the Internal External Committee and shall include the candidate's name, current address, phone number, e-mail address, position for which he or she shall stand for election, names of any individual campaign staff, staff phone numbers and staff e-mail addresses. Campaign staff is defined as any person who is willfully helping with your campaign during the majority of the election process.
- iii. All candidates shall sign a grade release statement enabling the Internal External Committee to check grade qualifications of the candidates.
- iv. A candidate may change the office he or she seeks to run for up until the close of the filing period at which time changes will be prohibited.

Paragraph B. Application

- i. Each candidate must complete the application corresponding to their desired office.
- ii. All applications must be submitted no later than three (3) university business days prior to the start of campaigning.
- iii. Applications must be approved by the Internal External Committee and bear the signatures of the Chair of the Internal External Committee and Secretary of the Student Government Association.

Paragraph C. Elections Timeline

- i. The timeline for the elections shall be distributed to all candidates in the official election packet for their respective office.

Section 2. Deadline

All filings shall be completed no later than two weeks prior to the start of the campaign period. Failure to do so shall exclude the individual from having his or her name included on the ballot.

Section 3. Requests

A prospective candidate may request the identity of any other students who have already filed for any office or position at anytime.

Section 4. Tampering

Any tampering of election documents will result in the disqualification of the tampering person or the candidate they represent.

Article IV. Campaigns

Section 1. Campaign Period

The Campaign period for fall elections will be set by the Internal/External Committee in the spring of the previous academic year. It shall be no longer than 18 days, including the week of voting. Further, the Campaign Period for spring elections will likewise be set by the Internal/External Committee and shall not exceed 18 days.

Section 2. Expenses

The Internal/External Committee reserves the right to place maximums on money spent on campaigns. Any limits set shall be done before the Campaign period begins with the necessary publication of the limits as to inform the involved candidates.

Section 3. Campaigning and Postings

- i. All physical, campus, campaign materials must be approved by the Internal External Committee.
- ii. Any unapproved material may not be posted on University property.
- iii. All campaign materials must be date stamped and approved by the Campus Life Office; failure to comply will result in a \$25 posting fine per incident and further election consequences outlined below
- iv. Postings must follow the GCSU Posting and Advertising Guidelines. Additionally, they must not be placed on glass surfaces; only on approved bulletin boards.
- v. Permission of the owner of any property is required for off-campus postings.
- vi. Each Candidate is responsible for seeing that his or her postings are removed by 5:00 pm. the day following the announcement of the election results.
- vii. Any postings not removed by the deadline will result in a \$10 fine per incident.
- viii. Candidates are responsible for the cleanup of all litter resulting from campaign materials i.e. Glitter; tear off tabs, sticker backings, etc.
- ix. Campaign materials may not display foul language or any obscene, questionable, or any inappropriate pictures or references.
- x. Postings shall not be made out of hard-wood except as a frame to hold a banner that has already been approved by the Internal/External Committee. Further,

Signs should not exceed 3ft by 3ft unless otherwise approved by the Office of Campus Life. The Internal/External Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to the posting rules so long as they too, follow the rules outlined by the Office of Campus Life. Exceptions to the size rules may be given to materials such as sheet banners, and other materials that enhance campus ethos at the discretion of the Office of Campus Life, and I/E.

Section 4. Provisions

1. No persons other than a member of the Internal/External Committee, a respective candidate, or member of a candidate's staff shall willfully destroy, deface, obscure, move, or remove postings.
2. Only the I/E committee or Campus Life shall handle campaign materials in violation of the Code of Elections and shall alert the candidate, within one business day, of its removal.
3. No candidate or any individual working with a campaign may publicly state any false or misleading information about a candidate, staff member, or I/E member.
4. Hand distributed material must be given out hand-to-hand, and may not be left at a central location for pick-up by voters.
5. No candidate may claim to be endorsed by a certain individual or organization unless the respective candidate secures a signed statement of endorsement from the individual/group in question, and such signed statement is furnished for Internal/External Committee review.

Article V. Elections

Section 1. Procedures

Paragraph A. Elections Period

- i. The elections shall be held on the last week of the campaign period.
- ii. Candidates and staff must remain at least 100 feet away from any student actively voting.
- iii. There shall be no mass voting. Candidates and their staff are not allowed to produce independent polling stations or solicit votes door-to-door or any similar situation.
- iii. The Internal External Committee shall supervise the elections and be available for assistance and ruling in any and all matters during the elections process.

Paragraph B. Voting

- i. Only individuals who are officially registered as a students of GCSU may participate in SGA elections.
- ii. The voting Count shall be under the supervision of the Internal External Committee.

Paragraph C. Results

- i. The incoming President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and members of Senate elected shall be notified of the results no more than three school days after the close of the ballots.

Section 2. Restrictions

Paragraph A. Proxy Voting

- i. One person submitting a ballot using the identity of another student, regardless of the willingness of the student, is prohibited.

Paragraph B. Block Voting

- i. One or more persons submitting ballots using the using the identity of multiple students, regardless of the willingness of the students, is prohibited.

Section 3. Recount

Paragraph A. Petition

- i. Any individual desiring a recount must petition the Internal External Committee within 24 hours after the elections results are announced.

Paragraph B. Notification

- i. All candidates involved in a recount shall be notified within 24 hours of the request.

Paragraph C. Recount

- i. The recount shall be conducted by the Internal External Committee within seven days of the request.

Section 2. Irregularities

Paragraph A. Withholding Results

- i. The Internal External Committee shall have the power to withhold the certification and results of an election in which it finds substantial evidence that irregularities may have occurred, and such irregularities may have influenced the outcome or results of the election.

Paragraph B. Notice

- i. Notice of withholding results will be filed with SGA senate within 3 school days of the conclusion of the election procedures in any election.

Paragraph C. Investigation.

- i. The Internal External Committee shall have three school days to investigate and rule on the irregularity.

Paragraph D. Election

- i. The Internal External Committee may, if deemed necessary, call a new election to be held within the limits of this Code of Elections at the earliest convenient time, but no later than the last week of February.

Section 3. Run-Off Elections

Paragraph A. Election

- i. The Internal External Committee shall set an appropriate date for the run-off election should election results fail to determine a winner to a position.

Article VI. Referendums and Constitutional Amendments

Section 1. Voting

Constitutional amendments, referendum or resolution issues, and other questions/ issues may be submitted to the student body at the same time as any election governed by this Code.

Section 2. Special Elections

The Internal/ External committee, under instructions from the SGA senate, may call a Special election while classes are in session during fall and spring semesters, so long as those elections follow the guidelines set out by this governing document.

Article VII. Transition

Section 1. The official SGA transition period shall begin immediately following the announcement of the election results and will end with the swearing in of the new Student Government Executive Officers and Senators.

Section 2. Oath of Office

Paragraph A. Executive Officers

The President-elect, Vice President-elect, Secretary-Elect and Treasurer-elect shall be administered the Oath of Office by the current SGA President during the last senate session of the academic year, yet will not assume duties until May 15th.

Paragraph B. Senators

The Senators-elect shall be administered the oath of office by the Vice President of the SGA, at the first official meeting of SGA after the election whereupon the Senators-Elect where elected.

Article VIII. Campaign Violations and Consequences

Section 1.

Paragraph A. Electronic Media and Announcement

Any campaigning including the use of electronic media, i.e. Facebook, Myspace, student announcement, prior to the start of the campaign period shall result in an automatic disqualification from the election.

Paragraph B. Consequences

Consequences for violations of posting rules, outlined in Article IV, Section 3, are as follows, in addition to Campus Life fines and penalties.

Offence 1) Written warning

Offence 2) All campaign materials must be removed from campus

Offence 3) Disqualification from the election

Article IX. Election Oversight

Section 1. Absence of Internal/External Committee

In the absence of the Internal/External Committee, the four elected officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be the governing body for the elections process. The Vice President shall serve as the chair.

Section 2. Internal/External Committee

Paragraph A. Committee Membership

The Internal/External Committee shall be chaired by the President Pro Tempore and 3 senators appointed by the President.

Paragraph B. Committee Substitution

If any member of the Internal/External committee is running in the election, he/she must recue themselves from the committee until the election has been completed. The President shall appoint a duly qualified senator to fill the place of any senator standing in the election.

Section 3. Executive Board

If the Secretary is running in the election, his/her powers for the election shall be vested in the Treasurer. If the Treasurer is also running, the power shall be vested in the Vice President. If the Vice President is standing in the election, the power shall be vested in the President. If the president is standing in the election the power shall rest with the Attorney General.