

8. Election Procedures

§8-101

The Court shall be in charge of all student-body election.

§8-201

A justice shall contact the Information-Technology Department to set up the voting procedures via email.

§8-202

In the event that an email vote is not available, paper ballot procedures will go into effect.

§8-203

Four weeks prior to spring election proceedings, student petitions for any non-executive Senatorial position will be temporarily held from consideration by the senate until after elections have occurred.

§8-301

If senatorial positions are still available after Student Senate elections, the previously acquired petitions will be eligible for consideration by the Student Senate.

§8-401

In the event of a paper ballot, no campaigning will take place within 100 feet of any polling location while the polls are open.

§8-402

The use of unsolicited mass email for campaigning purposes is also prohibited.

§8-501

The Court shall print and post (a) election guidelines, (b) petitions, and (c) election dates.

§8-502

The material in § 8-501(a)-(c) shall be posted in (a) each academic department, (b) each residence hall, and (c) in the Student Center.

§8-503

Failure to turn the petition to a justice prior to the “petition deadline” shall result in disqualification from the election in which they are petitioning to be involved in.

§8-504

One “active-student” printout should be obtained from the Computer Center to be used to verify petitions from candidates and to validate eligibility of electors at the polls.

§8-504.01

The petitions from § 8-504 will be destroyed after the elections are held.

§8-505

The Court will prepare guidelines and give them out at a meeting of the candidates that are composed of the basics of each office.

§8-601

Should the email voting not be accessible, paper ballots and polling stations will be used.

§8-602

Poll workers may be assigned from other unaffiliated organizations to assist with the elections.

§8-603

There must be at least one person working at the polls at all times.

§8-604

The polls will be open for two consecutive days, with hours to be determined by the Court with approval from the computer center.

§8-605

The Court will place signs around campus that will designate polling places.

§8-606

If email-polling is unavailable, no fewer than 500 paper ballots will be made available.

§8-607

The ballots are to be counted immediately after the polls close. The Chief Justice may appoint persons to assist the count. One faculty advisor shall be present while the ballots are being counted.

§8-607.01

Persons may be pulled from the at-large student body to count ballots so long as they are sworn to keep the proceedings of such classified and report only to the Court, except to report misconduct by (a) and candidate, (b) person campaigning for a candidate, and/or (c) an election official.

§8-608

No candidate may assist in counting the ballots.

§8-609

Any candidate or member of campaign party found loitering near or campaigning near the polls, in the event of a paper ballot, will be disqualified from the race.

§8-701

Constitutional amendments will be typed and presented to Senate for approval. Once approved by two-thirds of senate the amendment may be placed on the ballot.

§8-801

The names of the winning candidates will be posted (a) on the student center bulletin board, (b) in each of the resident's halls, (c) and all of the academic departments, as soon as the results are made available from the Information-Technology Department.

§8-802

The election results shall be sent to The Eagle newspaper and to The Chadron Record in conjunction with the office of public relations.

§8-803

The petitions of the newly elected senators will be filed in the senate office after elections.

§8-804

A summary of the election, including the number of voters, and the number of ballots cast on each issue.

§8-804.01

No candidates' names will be mentioned in the vote-count narrative.

8-805

Election results will be held in a locked ballot box in the Senate office for two weeks following the election in case a recount is necessary.

§8-805.01

The election results in § 8-805 will remain confidential but available for a recount.

§8-901

An email shall be sent to the official CSC email of each newly elected official to alert them to the first meeting they are expected to attend. The letter will be signed by the Chief Justice.

§8-902

An email, signed by the Chief Justice, will be sent to the official CSC email of each losing candidate to inform them of their loss.

§8-1001

Libel and/or slander will not be tolerated by candidates or campaign party members.

§8-1002

The petitioner bears the burden of proving that the statements in question were in fact said.

§8-1003

Once the petitioner has proven by the preponderance of the evidence that the statements were in fact made, the burden of proof shifts to the respondent to prove that the statements were true.