

Proposed Changes to the SGA Constitution

9.4 Election Process, Subsection 1(a-f)

- (a) All general elections shall be held on or between the first week of classes after mid semester and the second-to-last week of the semester (as defined by the most recently published New Mexico Tech catalog.
- (b) Only current SGA members may vote. It is at the discretion of the Chief Justice on how to ensure that the person voting is indeed a current undergraduate student.
- (c) The date and purpose of a General Election shall be advertised for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days before the date of the election. Advertising shall minimally consist of flyers and a general email to the student body. Additional advertisement may be used but is not required. All elections shall be held to this level of advertising.
- (d) Declaration of candidacy forms shall be made available and submissions of candidacy shall be accepted twenty-one (21) days before the election date. All forms must be turned into the Chief Justice at least three (3) days prior to the date of the election.
- (e) The Supreme Court shall insure that all candidacy forms for all elections contain a list of eligibility requirements. The Supreme Court shall also ensure all candidates meet the minimum requirements for the office they are running for.
- (f) An election day shall start on the day advertised, at the time advertised, and at the place advertised by the Supreme Court Justice of the SGA. The election shall run for a minimum of ten (10) hours throughout one (1) consecutive week with a minimum of 2 days. The election must be held during business hours of the university and may not be held on the weekend.
 - i. The election shall be held on the dates advertised by the Supreme Court. If the election is on more than one day, it must be made clear on the advertisement and to every person running for an office. The scheduled and advertised dates

shall not be paused, postponed, interrupted, or relocated.

- ii. The election shall be held in a single location regularly accessed by the voters.
- iii. At least one Supreme Court Justice or the Dean of Students (or their representative) shall be present at the ballot box at all times to ensure that there is neither active campaigning nor any visible or audible campaign

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materials within one hundred (100) feet of the ballot box during the election.

- iv. The Chief Justice may allow the candidates to post biographies at the voting booth. Biographies must be submitted two (2) days prior to the election and approved passively by all of the candidates at least twenty-four (24) hours before the first day of the election. If in the case a biography has not been approved that said candidate will be able to re-submit a new biography. Biographical material shall be limited to only: name, major, positions held in the SGA, positions held in clubs or affiliations with clubs, and the specific position being sought in the SGA.