

GSG Officer Election Plan 2006-approved by assembly Jan 11, 2006

The officer election committee can take all necessary steps to run the election in accordance with Constitution and by laws.

In particular,

- 1. The committee may act in the name of the GSG in elections matters.*
- 2. The committee may send gsg-global e-mails by a 2/3 majority vote using gsg-elect email address and listserv.*
- 3. The GSG Executive Committee shall allow an elections webpage to be part of the GSG website.*

The detailed timeline for the elections is as follows

December

- Election committee formed during assembly meeting December 14th

January

- Send email to assembly containing the plan by Jan 4th
- Assembly meeting on January 11th-discuss/amend/approve the plan
- Make sure the email list is activated and the election website is made and linked to from the main GSG website: Jan 13th
- Post the plan on the election website: Jan 13th

- Call for nominations: Candidates must be nominated (no seconds required) by email to <gsselect@>.
 - Send out a global asking for nominations
 - a) detailed announcement: Jan 14th
 - b) second(short announcement): Jan 23rd
 - c) last minute reminder: Jan 28th
 - d) put up posters in residences asking for nominations

 - Last date for nominations(via email to gsg-elect): Jan 28th (11:59pm)
 - Let the candidates know of their nominations by 30th Jan-morning

February

- Deadline for candidates to accept their nominations and submit their statements: Feb 6th 11:59 pm
- Deadline for post-enrolled candidates to pay dues to run in the election: Feb 6th.

- Report the list of candidates during assembly meeting: Feb 8th
- Post the final list of candidates and their statements on the website: Feb 8th
- Publicity:
 - Global email announcing meet the candidates: 2 days before the event
 - Meet the candidates: during week of 13-17 feb
 - Global announcing opening of polls: 22nd
 - Intermediate reminder: Mar 2nd
 - Last minute reminder: Mar 7th (morning)
 - Publicity posters in residences

- Deadline for post enrolled students to pay dues and be eligible to vote: 20th feb
- Start of polling: Feb 23rd (9:00 am). Voting will be done online using the automated survey system.

March

- End of polling: Mar 7th (5:00 pm)
- Reporting results to the assembly: Mar 8th assembly meeting

This election plan was written in accordance with the following Assembly resolutions.

- 1. The Election Committee shall have five members, including the chair.*
- 2. The Executive Committee shall obtain on behalf of the Elections Committee and for its official use an email and Listserv [gsg-elect] to which all members of the Elections Committee shall be provided unmediated and equal access for the purpose of maintaining a common store of correspondence with members of the GSB. This email address must also be listed on the GSG web site in reasonable locations. As needed, the Executive Committee shall also obtain a listserv for the Elections Committee to facilitate communication within the committee.*
- 3. The Election Committee shall be empowered to consult with the appropriate University administration to resolve issues such as:*
 - a. the eligibility of a student (for example, membership in Graduate Student Body as defined by Constitution),*
 - b. any legal concerns that may arise from candidate statements,*
 - c. the number of enrolled graduate students to be used for the purposes of quorum.*
- 4. The Elections Committee shall report an election plan to Assembly by the January assembly meeting.*
- 5. The election plan should include a deadline for post-enrolled students to pay their dues to be eligible to vote and serve as candidates. This deadline should be as close to the elections as possible.*
- 6. The Elections Committee shall not accept conditional candidacies*
- 7. Withdrawals submitted to the Election Committee by the candidate shall take effect if not cancelled by the candidate within 24 hours from the time the candidate initiated contact with the Election Committee to report their withdrawal. Withdrawals shall be irrevocable.*