

Ethics Board

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Recommendation for Freshman Parliament Election Process

Dear Temple Student Government Executive Branch,

The following is the schedule for the election of the two Freshman Parliament Representatives. This recommendation has been made with the input of the Parliamentarian and Auditor General. It will be submitted to the Elections Commissioner once they are officially sworn-in. If there are any changes to this plan, the Executive Branch will be notified immediately and their approval will once again be requested. Our hope is with your approval of this election process all of Temple Student Government will work as a united front to promote the election and drive voter turnout. Keep in mind, this election will be the first real exposure many of these students get to Temple Student Government. In keeping with the ideal of activating relationships we believe this process will best garner student involvement while also remaining feasible and expedient. The process we recommend is outlined below:

May 6th- The Ethics Board will review the previous elections code for Parliament campaigns. The following steps will be contingent on the unanimous approval of the Ethics Board of this code.

May 6th-June 1st - The Ethics board will begin to and finalize the application for the seats as well as a short presentation to be made by TSG President, Tyrell Mann-Barnes, during summer orientations for freshmen. Upon completing these two projects the Ethics Board will submit them to the Director of Communications, Sarah Madaus, for approval. Also during this time the Elections Commissioner will begin communications with Chris Carey and Computer Services on the actual process of holding the election

June 13th-August 24th- The application will go live the day before the first orientation session it will remain open until August 24th, the last day of Welcome Week. Throughout this time all TSG members will be asked to promote the application and positions through social media and in-person communications. If possible Welcome Week events such as Cherry and White Fest, Convocation and the like will serve as outlets for promotion.

August 25th- This day will serve as a mandatory session for all interested applicants. If applicants fail to show up they will not be allowed to run, unless they have submitted a reason to not show which was deemed necessary by the Ethics Board. During this session applicants will receive rules of campaigning as well as additional information on the role. At the end of that meeting campaigning will officially begin.

August 25th (following aforementioned meeting)-August 31st 11:59pm- This period of time will serve as the campaigning period for all candidates. During this time the entirety of TSG will continue to promote the election.

September 1st- The election will take place from 12:00am to 11:59pm, after which the results will be given from Computer Services to the Elections Commissioner. Also at this time the Emeritus Steering Committee will approve or disapprove students interested in open school seats (currently TFMA and College of Engineering)

September 2nd- The two winners of the seats will be announced by the Elections Commissioner.

September 5th- The winners of the Freshman seats and the approved individuals of the remaining school seats will be sworn-in.

Notes:

As stated above this plan hinges on the Elections Commissioner voting, along with the Auditor General and Parliamentarian to maintain the previously used Parliament Election Code.

The presentation for orientation will be brief, the hope is simply to give freshmen the link to the application as well as contact info for the Parliamentarian to receive further information on the role.

We understand the Election Season outlined above is extremely short, this due to the Memorial Day weekend it falls on and the fact that Parliament will have begun training already. This is being done to ensure the efficiency of Parliament.