

ARTICLE IX Elections

9.1 Election guidelines

9.1.1 Election of ASLCC officers shall be held during spring term.

9.1.2 All members of this Association who meet the requirements to hold office shall be eligible to hold elective or appointive office under this Constitution

9.1.3 Candidates for office must meet the following requirements:

9.1.3.1 All candidates must be enrolled in at least six (6) LCC credit hours during the term he or she is a candidate for ASLCC office by the application deadline.

9.1.3.2 ASLCC Presidential candidates must have completed a minimum of 18 credit hours within the previous 3 terms, with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to be eligible to run for office.

9.1.3.3 Candidates for all other offices must be enrolled in at least 6 credits and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.

9.1.3.4 All students elected to ASLCC office shall be required to enroll in, and complete at least six (6) credit hours each term and maintain a 2.0 term GPA. Credits recorded as audit or receive a no pass do not count as completed credits.

9.1.4 No member of ASLCC shall simultaneously hold more than one (1) office under this Constitution.

9.1.5 No member of ASLCC shall be in the same executive office for more than 2 consecutive years.

9.1.6 Members of the Judiciary Board shall not be allowed to run for any elected office. Members must resign their seat thirty (30) calendar days prior to the general election to be eligible for elected office.

9.1.7 Contracted Lane employees are not eligible to hold office.

9.2 Ballot measures may be voted on during any regular or special election.

9.2.1 No ballot measure may redistribute (and thereby circumvent proper ASLCC budget processes) any portion of the existing mandatory student activity fee.

9.2.2 Ballot measures may be referred to the ballot by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate or by the student initiative process (see Article XI).

9.3 Elections Committee.

9.3.1 The Elections Committee shall be established and chaired by the Vice-president, or in the event that the Vice-president is to be a candidate for ASLCC office, the incumbent President shall appoint, and the Senate shall ratify by 2/3 vote, a chairperson for the Elections Committee. The Elections committee chair shall work with the ASLCC Advisor and the ASLCC Secretary to ensure that the elections are held according to the By-laws.

9.3.2 The Elections Committee chairperson shall:

9.3.2.1 Set dates of elections and publicize elections.

9.3.2.2 Coordinate the on-line voting process with the ASLCC Advisor and Secretary

9.3.2.3 Announce available positions and upcoming elections no later than the end of Winter term and set a deadline for submission of applications.

9.3.2.4 Arrange for on campus voting stations if needed.

9.3.2.5 Establish date campaign material may be posted and date by which campaign material must be removed.

9.3.2.6 Ensure that the ASLCC Advisor and/or ASLCC Secretary verifies applications, schedules time to explain rules to candidates and notifies candidates in writing of the date, place and time of the meeting. The following shall be explained at meeting:

9.3.2.6.1 The-On-line voting process and timing of campaign materials, table reservations and open hours for voting.

9.3.2.6.2 The Rules for displaying campaign material.

9.3.2.6.3 The procedures for dealing with complaints or violations of the election rules.

9.3.2.6.4 The Judiciary Board oversees elections procedures, and makes decisions on issues that arise from the elections process. The Judiciary Board also reviews all ballot measures that are presented to the student

body for a vote, prior to the measures being sent to the Board for approval.

9.3.2.6.4.1 In the absence of a fully functioning judiciary committee during ASLCC elections. The elections committee will review and decide all elections complaints under the guidance of the ASLCC attorney.

9.3.2.7 Post and publicize names of candidates, dates of the election and information regarding ballot measures. In addition, a copy of all voter information will be available on line and provided to the TORCH.

9.3.2.8 Observe official College publicity guidelines.

9.4 Election rules

9.4.1 No person shall vote more than once in any one election.

9.4.2 The positions of President and Vice-president shall constitute one (1) ticket, and shall be filed jointly. Voters shall designate the ticket of their preference by voting for the same.

9.4.3 A minimum of one (1) week and a maximum of three (3) weeks shall be allowed for the campaigning. No campaigning shall occur before the candidates' orientation.

9.4.4 All candidates for office, including write-in candidates, are bound by these election rules.

9.4.4.1 It is the responsibility of the candidate to be familiar with, and comply with, these election rules. Failure to do so, may be grounds for disqualification.

9.4.5 Violations of these By-laws by candidates may be grounds for disqualification of the candidate for that election. Violations of these By-laws by elections workers may be grounds for invalidation of election results and a new election may be called.

9.4.6 All complaints regarding the election process and voting procedure must be delivered, in writing, to the Judiciary Committee prior to the close of voting. Representatives of the Judiciary Committee will set aside time each day during elections to review any complaints in a timely manner. All

complaints or allegations of elections violations will be addressed before the results are announced.

9.4.6.1.1 In the absence of a fully functioning judiciary committee. The elections committee will review and decide all complaints under the guidance of the ASLCC attorney.

9.4.6.1.2 Election results are not announced until any pending complaints or allegations of elections violations are resolved. Once the results are announced the election is final and no further appeals or complaints are allowed.

9.4.7 In the case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held.

9.4.8 If three (3) or more students run for positions of President/Vice-president, Treasurer, Campus Events and Multicultural Program Coordinator, a plurality vote shall decide the election.

9.4.9 If eleven (11) or more students run for the ten (10) open Senator positions, a plurality vote shall decide the election.

9.5 Polling places

9.5.1 All campaign material posted within 25 feet of any polling place shall be removed before the voting starts on the first day of the election. This shall not be construed to the removal of intact newspaper or voters' pamphlets, but shall require the removal of any which have been cut apart or damaged in a way as to appear to be campaign material for any candidate.

9.5.2 Electronic voting via ExpressLane shall be available to eligible voters for at least three (3) consecutive days.

9.6 Voting procedure

9.6.1 All credit students on the main campus who have been assessed the ASLCC student activity fee are eligible to vote.

9.6.2 Students will access ExpressLane using their private log-in information and L number.

9.6.3 Eligible students will see a notice that ASLCC elections are open and will click the "answer a survey" prompt. Student will respond to each item by indicating their choice for each office or ballot question.

9.6.4 Once the student has hit the submit button, his/her ballot is cast. It cannot be retrieved or changed once submitted.

9.7 Elections Committee and ballot counting

9.7.1 Election results are compiled by computer services staff. No computer services staff member has any association with ASLCC or interest in the election outcomes. No results are made available until after the polls close.

9.7.2 Elections results are sent to the ASLCC Advisor and to the Elections Chair the morning after the polls close. If there are no pending complaints about the election process, the results are announced, posted, and made available on-line and to the TORCH.

9.7.3 Once the results are announced, the election outcome is final and no further appeals are heard by the Judiciary Committee or the Elections Committee.

9.7.4 Elections results which include ballot measures that change the amount of the student fee, must also be ratified by the Lane Board of Education in order to be official.

9.8 Voters' Information

9.8.1 The Elections Committee Chairperson shall have voters' information available on-line and shall provide a copy of the information to the TORCH prior to the start of voting. The voter information shall include space for a statement and a photograph from each candidate. Voter information will also include all ballot measures, including the final wording of any document revision to be voted on, and both the rationale for and the rationale against all ballot measures.