

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT of STUDENT AFFAIRS

2009 QUEENS COLLEGE ELECTIONS - NOTIFICATION TO STUDENTS

The Elections Committee of the Queens College Academic Senate will conduct elections during the week of April 27, 2009 for the following:

- Academic Senate
- Faculty/Student Disciplinary Committee
- Student Association
- New York Public Interest Research Group

ELIGIBILITY:

1. You may run for only one position in each election. You may run for a position in the Academic Senate or the Faculty/Student Disciplinary Committee, but not both.
2. The appropriate student class standing, grade point average, and probation status for the purposes of this election are determined on the date of record, Feb. 20, 2009. Candidates who are on probation or lack the appropriate grade point average will be disqualified and not placed on the ballot.

NOMINATIONS:

3. **Nominations must be made using the attached petition and hand-delivered to the Elections Committee in the Rosenthal Library 3rd floor Information Booth.**

Acceptance of nomination petitions will be at the following times:

Feb. 17	1 -2pm
Feb. 18	1-2pm
Feb. 19	1-2pm
Feb. 20	1-2pm
Feb. 23	1-3pm
Feb. 24	1-3pm and 6-8pm
Feb. 25	1-3pm and 6-8pm
Feb. 26	1-3pm and 6-8pm
Feb. 27	1-3pm

Late or mail-delivered petitions will not be accepted under any circumstances. Only self-nomination is accepted.

4. A receipt will be issued when the petition is delivered to the Elections Committee; it is official proof that a completed petition has been submitted in a timely manner. Hold on to it!
5. Replacements for nominating petitions declared invalid because of errors can be corrected until 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2009.
6. Verification of petitions will be posted in the Rosenthal Library 3rd floor Information Booth as soon as possible. You are responsible for notifying the Elections Committee of any errors of fact that appear in such postings. Information not corrected will be presumed to be correct and used for the ensuing ballot.

PARTY AFFILIATION:

7. Candidates choosing to indicate party affiliation after their names on the ballot will so indicate on the nominating petition. Any such party must be registered with the Office of Student Life at least one week prior to opening of the nomination period.
8. Party identification is limited to a maximum of three letters as an acronym for the party. No party will, for the purpose of identification in this election, use the same acronym, or any acronym containing the same two consecutive letters as any other party.
9. For the purpose of election only, no party registered with the Office of Student Life after February 19, 1976 will be permitted to have the same name or any part of the same name as a previously registered party unless the previously registered party has been defunct for at least three years.
10. Any conflicts arising from the previous two sections will be resolved in favor of the party with the earliest original date of registration with the Office of Student Life.

CAMPAIGNING:

11. All campaign literature (cards, flyers, buttons, pamphlets, etc.) must comply with the published rules and regulations of the Elections Committee, Queens College, the City University of New York and the United States.
12. Postering is permitted only on kiosks and bulletin boards. It is not permitted on campus building walls (inside or outside) nor on lights, doors, windows, telephone booths, or any structure on campus. No electioneering in campus computer labs.
13. All posters, tape and campaign material must be removed by the last day of elections. Election results will not be released until the entire campus has been cleared of campaign material.
14. At least one week prior to the voting, and as soon as the candidates for the Student Government offices have been approved to appear on the ballot, the VP for Student Affairs will hold meetings with the current President of the Student Association, all the candidates for President and Vice-President and the campaign managers. These meetings will inform and educate those either running for the major student government positions, or those directly involved with the elections and the candidates, as to their responsibilities in the election campaign and the rules and procedures of the entire elections process. Penalties for improper behavior, such as making personal attacks on opposition candidates and parties, issuing objectionable, bigoted and harassing campaign material and other unacceptable practices, will be described.

BALLOTING:

15. Balloting will take place via web-based voting on the Internet. Voting is permitted on any computer. No campaigning within 50 feet of kiosks or computer labs.
16. ACE students can vote in ACE, Undergraduate and At-Large Senate elections. SEEK students can vote in SEEK, Undergraduate and At-Large Senate elections. Graduate students can vote in Graduate and At-Large Senate elections. Undergraduate non-degree students can vote only in At-Large Senate elections.
17. Students may vote by submitting a blank ballot.
18. Complaints of violations of Elections Regulations may be made by any student. They must be in writing and given to an Elections Committee official before the close of the balloting on the last day of elections.

<u>Positions Open</u>	<u>Who May Be Nominated</u>	<u>Who May Vote</u>
<p>UNDERGRADUATE</p> <p>3 - representing senior & upper junior classes</p> <p>3 - representing lower junior & upper sophomore classes</p> <p>3 - representing lower sophomore & freshman classes</p>	<p>Students included in each of the groups at left who have a cumulative index of 2.0 or better and are not on probation. Students from any of these classes may run either as their class representative or as an At-Large representative. SEEK or ACE students may run here or in the SEEK or ACE categories. (NOT BOTH)</p>	<p>All undergraduate students vote for representatives of the group in which their own class is included and vote for At-Large representatives. SEEK or ACE students may vote here and in the SEEK or ACE and At-Large categories. Non-degrees may vote only for At-Large representatives.</p>
<p>AT- LARGE</p> <p>8 - at-large representatives</p>	<p>All students with a cumulative index of 2.0 (graduates 3.0) or better and are not on probation.</p>	<p>All students.</p>
<p>SEEK</p> <p>1 - representative</p>	<p>Students enrolled in the SEEK program with a cumulative index of 2.0 or better and are not on probation. SEEK students may also run in the At-Large or Undergraduate categories. (NOT BOTH)</p>	<p>All SEEK students. SEEK students may also vote in the Undergraduate and At-Large categories.</p>
<p>ADULT COLLEGIATE EDUCATION (ACE)</p> <p>1 - representative</p>	<p>Students enrolled in the ACE program with a cumulative index or 2.0 or better and are not on probation. ACE student may also run in the At-Large or Undergraduate categories. (NOT BOTH)</p>	<p>All ACE students. ACE students may also vote in the Undergraduate and At-Large categories.</p>
<p>GRADUATE (except those who participate and vote in faculty elections)</p> <p>1- representative</p>	<p>Matriculated and non-matriculated graduate students with a cumulative index of 3.0 or better and are not on probation. Graduate students may also run in the At-Large category. (NOT BOTH)</p>	<p>All graduate students. Graduate students may also vote in the At-Large category.</p>

Student Government Policies Concerning Queens College Student Elections

- * 1.) There shall be a debate between the candidates for Student Government President and a debate between the candidates for Student Government Vice-President to take place on the Campus to be decided by participants.
- * 2.) There shall be no postering on Campus building walls (inside or outside). Postering is permitted on kiosks and bulletin boards.
- * 3.) All campaign literature (cards, flyers, buttons, pamphlets, etc.) must comply with the published rules and the regulations of the Elections Committee, Queens College, the City University of New York and the laws of the City and State of New York and the United States where applicable.
- * 4.) Club endorsements should be registered with the Elections Committee to indicate whether they were voted upon by a majority of the club or the club board.
- * 5.) Each party has a recommended spending limit of \$4,000. Each party treasurer or independent candidate should inform the Elections Committee of all money and goods received and all money spent and goods used for the election campaign. The total of the goods and money received per party with sources listed as either “students” or specific contributors (if non-QC students) will be listed in an issue of the Campus press; expenses will be itemized as goods or money spent (for supplies, services etc.). Transportation expenses are not included in the limit or disclosure.
- * 6.) Parties may not require the contribution of mandatory dues for party endorsement.
- 7.) Undergraduate candidates for president and vice-president must have completed 45 or more credits of college-level work by the date of record, of which twenty (20) must be in residence at Queens College.
- 8.) Credit Designations for Undergraduate student elections:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Non-degree	-
Freshman / Lower Sophomore	0-44
Upper Sophomore / Lower Junior	45-77
Upper Junior / Senior	78-120+

* Adopted by unanimous vote of the Day Student Senate on March 22, 1984

I, A CURRENTLY ENROLLED QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENT, SUPPORT THE NOMINATION OF THIS CANDIDATE:

Print Your Name

Sign Your Name

(LAST, FIRST – Clearly and legibly)

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
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9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

- This petition becomes valid only when hand delivered to the Elections Committee Office from Feb. 17 to Feb. 20 between 1 and 2 p.m. and Feb. 23 to Feb. 27 between 1 and 3p.m. and Feb. 24 to Feb. 26 between 6 and 8 p.m. in the Rosenthal Library 3rd floor Information Booth.**
- Mail-delivered and late petitions will not be accepted. At the time the petition is delivered, an official receipt will be issued.
- Nominees are solely responsible for verifying their academic and class standing as of Feb. 20, 2009.
- Errors on petitions may be rectified until 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2009; errors found thereafter will result in disqualification. No replacements for disqualified students will be permitted after 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2009.
- Party affiliation designation is limited to a three-letter acronym.
- All candidates for student government positions must abide by their constitutions and be in compliance with all the rules of the most current constitution on file with the Office of Student Life, Student Union, Room 320.

As a candidate for elective office in the Spring 2009 elections, I pledge to abide by the Elections Committee guidelines. I further agree to remove all posters that bear the name of any political party (and the tape that holds them) from all campus facilities by the last day of elections. I understand that failure to remove campus election material may result in a withholding of election results. In addition, I have read my constitution and am in compliance with all the rules of the most current constitution on file.

Date: _____ Nominee's signature: _____