

Student Government Association Spring 2022 Writ of Elections

Date: Tuesday, March 1st, 2022

We appreciate your interest in the Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) Student Government Association (SGA). The ENMU SGA Spring 2022 elections will be filling the offices of Student Body President, Student Body Vice President (President of Student Senate), Student Public Defender, and the SGA 56th Student Senate. The SGA 56th Student Senate may be comprised of the following elected and/or appointed representatives:

- College of Business may have up to 5 Senators.
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences may have up to 5 Senators.
- College of Education and Technology may have up to 5 Senators.
- College of Fine Arts may have up to 5 Senators.
- Freshmen senators may be selected from the incoming Fall 2022 class by the Student Body Vice President (President of Student Senate) and approved by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Student Senate.

To file for candidacy the candidates will need to complete and digitally sign a declaration of candidacy and any associated forms. These form(s) will need to be returned to the SGA Coordinator of Elections prior to candidate orientation meetings. Candidate(s) who fail to attend one of the mandatory meetings or fail to complete the required documentation will not be included on the ballot.

Itinerary / Timeline

Declaration of Candidacy Due: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

Mandatory Orientation Meeting: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. in CUB Senate Chambers

Mandatory Orientation Meeting: Friday, March 25th, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. in CUB Senate Chambers

Campaigning Begins: After the candidate's attendance to one of the Mandatory Orientation Meetings.

Voting Available: Monday, April 11th, 2022 @ 12:00 p.m. through Friday, April 15th, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

Unofficial Election Results: Posted on or before Monday, April 18th, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

Elections Hearing(s): Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. in CUB Senate Chambers

Final Election Results: Posted on or before Friday, April 22nd, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact the SGA Chief of Staff, Enrique Carrillo at enrique.carrillo@enmu.edu. The SGA Chief of Staff will be serving as the Student Coordinator of Elections. Appeals concerning election results will need to be submitted to the SGA Chief of Staff after the unofficial election results are posted, but before Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

Office Qualifications

Student Body President

- Graduate or Undergraduate student currently enrolled at the ENMU – Portales campus
- Must be in and have remained in good standing with ENMU
- Successfully completed sixty (60) or more hours of college credit
- Possess a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or greater
- Must have served in Student Government for one (1) year or more prior to taking office
- Candidate shall complete an interview with the current SGA Vice President, President and Advisor.

Student Body Vice President (President of Student Senate)

- Graduate or Undergraduate student currently enrolled at the ENMU – Portales campus
- Must be in and have remained in good standing with ENMU
- Successfully completed thirty (30) hours or more hours of college credit
- Possess a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or greater
- Must have served as a Student Senator for one (1) semester or more prior to taking office
- Candidate shall complete an interview with the current SGA Vice President, President and Advisor

Student Public Defender

- Graduate or Undergraduate student currently enrolled at the ENMU – Portales campus
- Must be in and have remained in good standing with ENMU
- Possess a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.85 or greater
- Must have attended ENMU for one (1) semester or more prior to taking office

Student Senator

- Graduate or Undergraduate student currently enrolled at the ENMU – Portales campus
- Must be in and have remained in good standing with ENMU
- Possess and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or greater
- Must have attended ENMU for one (1) semester or more prior to taking office
- Must be affiliated with the College you are representing

Campaign Rules

- All posters, advertisements, etc. will be approved by the SGA Advisor, Director of Campus Life and/or Building Representative – whichever is applicable.
- All candidates will abide by the Student Code of Conduct and any applicable university governance.
- Chalking is permitted on sidewalks only. Chalking is prohibited on stairs, patios or ramps.
- Candidates or a representative of such shall not deface another candidate's advertisement or campaign material.
- Candidates must maintain a detailed breakdown of all campaign contributions and/or expenditures.
- Campaigning by a candidate or their campaign staff shall not begin until the designated time above.
- Candidates or their representatives shall not set up individual voter stations or campaign at a location designated as a voter location by the SGA Student Coordinator of Elections.
- Candidates shall not utilize ENMU System resources, property or staff that are not otherwise readily available to all candidates and those which incur direct or indirect cost from ENMU. Candidates are responsible for funding their own campaigns and such funding will not result in use of personnel, resources or property by the ENMU System.
- Candidates shall not utilize ENMU LISTSERVS or broadcast e-mails (i.e. All-Campus, All-Student, All-Faculty or All-Staff e-mail systems) to facilitate a campaign or solicit votes.
- Candidates shall not offer anything of value to voters in order to get them to vote or vote for a particular candidate.
- Nothing in this section or Writ of Elections shall be construed to inhibit the free speech, press or expression of any candidate, voter or representative.
- Detailed information regarding campaigning and associated rules will be addressed along with any questions during one of the mandatory candidate orientation meetings.

Violations, Disqualifications and Removal from Ballot

Students who have declared candidacy can be removed from the ballot if they do not meet the above-mentioned requirements or have substantiated violations of campaign rules outlined in this document or those which are covered in the mandatory candidate orientation meetings.

