

2024 Student Bar Association General Elections Procedures and Campaign Guidelines

Campaign and Election Timeframe

Campaigning will take place from Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. to Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. All campaigning must be in conformity with the Campaign Guidelines that follow. Failure to adhere to the Campaign Guidelines may result in disqualification from the election at the sole discretion of the Judicial Board.

Voting will take place from Friday, February 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Voting will take place electronically and ballots will be sent to students' official SU email address.

Instant run-off tabulation will be used to calculate a winner in the event that no candidate in a particular race receives a simple majority of the vote.

Results of the election will be sent to candidates as soon as the results have been tabulated. Elections results will be available on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Numeric vote counts will be available to all students upon inquiry. Announcements in a general e-mail announcement will be limited to the names and positions of the winning candidates.

Campaign Guidelines

Any questions, concerns, or complaints regarding the campaign and election processes can and should be forwarded to the Spring 2024 Election Supervisor, Mike Parker (2L; Judicial Board Chair), who can be reached via email at mparker3@seattleu.edu, or by call or text at (360) 789-9395.

In General

- Candidates may not run for more than one position.
- Candidates may use the official Seattle University "Class of..." Facebook or Slack Pages to advertise their candidacy. Candidacy may be advertised only once on the page prior to the election period, plus one additional post that may be made during the elections week to remind students to vote.
- Candidates may advertise their candidacy through their personal social media pages; however, other people, both students and non-students, may not further promote a candidate on their social media. If a candidate becomes aware that other people are promoting their candidacy, it is the responsibility of the candidate to have the person cease that activity.
- No student organization may campaign or announce sponsorship for any candidates.
- Candidates may announce their candidacy before class one time only (they can do so for each individual class they are taking), but only with prior express permission from the appropriate Professor.
- Candidates are allowed to spend \$20.00, maximum, on colored printing for campaign purposes. The candidate must email a clear picture of their receipt to the Spring Election Supervisor with the rest of their completed election materials. Candidates may not accept donated materials or contributions.

For equity purposes, candidates may not choose to spend additional funds on posting materials, or use materials they already possess or own, to increase the volume of their candidacy materials

over other candidates. If it is discovered that a candidate(s) appears to have asserted an advantage in this manner, the Judicial Board will address it with the applicable candidate(s).

Postings

- Physical campaign materials are permitted during the Spring 2024 election.
- No postings are allowed prior to Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.
- All physical postings must be removed/taken down as soon as possible following the completion of the voting period.
- Fliers may be posted only on the large bulletin boards inside of Sullivan Hall; these bulletin boards can be found on all floors within Sullivan Hall. Only one flier per candidate, per bulletin board, may be posted. Fliers must use pushpin/thumbtacks: no staples are allowed.
- Posting of physical campaign materials inside of classrooms, academic and administrative offices, restrooms, displays, or other areas are not permitted.
- Posting of physical campaign materials outside of Sullivan Hall is prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to: other areas of the Seattle University campus and off-campus restaurants, coffee shops, eateries, businesses, recreational or leisure facilities, or other similar establishments.

Violations of Campaign Guidelines

Any violation(s) of the Campaign Guidelines are subject to sanction by the Judicial Board. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the following: mandatory withdrawal from the campaign, restriction from further advertising or promoting candidacy, restriction of allowable funds for the campaign, or potentially ordering a new election.

If it is decided that sanctions are appropriate, the Judicial Board will examine the severity and effect of the violation(s) and whether the violation(s) appears to be or was actually intentional, when determining sanctions.

Suspected or actual violations of the Campaign Guidelines should be reported to Mike Parker, Spring 2024 Elections Supervisor, at mparker3@seattleu.edu or (360) 789-9395, who will bring it to the attention of the full Judicial Board.

Duties of Newly-Elected Officers

All newly elected Officers must attend Student Bar Association meetings after their election to office. Officers may be required to attend additional functions, per the requirements of the SBA.

Each successful candidate will hold the position from April 1st, 2024, to March 31st, 2025.

Positions Available

The following positions are available for the 2024 Student Bar Association General Election:

President	Faculty Standards Representative
Vice President	LLM and International Student Representative
Treasure	Public Interest Representative

Academic Standards Representative	Student Activities Representative
Alumni Representative	Student Services Representative
Diversity Representative	Flex Representative
MLS Representative	Transfer/Visiting Student Representative

How to Become a Candidate

If you would like to be considered for elections please submit the following items to the Spring 2024 Elections Supervisor, Mike Parker (mparker3@seattleu.edu), by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024:

1. A candidacy statement (300 words or less on why you would like to take on an SBA position & what makes you a good candidate).
2. A high-resolution photo of yourself.
3. A signed copy (*digital signatures are accepted*) of these 2024 Student Bar Association General Election Procedures and Campaign Guidelines.
4. A copy of all receipts for colored printed advertisements, if candidates choose to do this, within one week of them displaying their advertisements.

Incomplete candidate submissions will not be accepted.

Questions or Concerns

Questions about campaign or elections procedures may be submitted to Mike Parker at mparker3@seattleu.edu or (360) 789-9395

Affirmation

By signing below, the candidate agrees that they have read and understand the **2024 STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION GENERAL ELECTION PROCEDURES AND CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES**, and agrees to adhere to all policies, procedures, and rules therein. The below signed candidate understands that failure to comply with any of the policies, procedures and rules therein may result in sanctions by the Judicial Board, including, but not limited to, disqualification from the 2024 Student Bar Association General Election.

Name (Printed):

Position Sought:

Email:

Phone Number:

Signature and Date: