

## Article V: Elections

- I. Election Schedule for the Purpose of Electing ASEWU Government Members  
The ASEWU general election shall be completed by the end of the first complete week of May.
- II. Qualifications for Office
  - A. All candidates for the ASEWU Council shall have and maintain at least a two point five (2.5) cumulative grade point average at the university. (“Cumulative grade point average” shall be calculated based on the student’s grade point average of his/her entire higher education career.)
  - B. Graduate and undergraduate candidates must be enrolled in and complete six (6) credit hours the quarter prior to their election (excluding summer quarter).
  - C. Candidates for ASEWU president, ASEWU executive vice president, and ASEWU finance vice president shall have a minimum of three (3) quarters as a full time student at a higher education institution, which is to occur within three (3) years prior to the scheduled election, and at least one (1) quarter of attendance at the university immediately prior to the election of office.
- III. Filing  
Only students who meet the qualifications for office will be listed on all election ballots.
- IV. Votes Cast
  - A. All votes shall be cast by secret ballot.
  - B. Voting data, both electronic and paper media, shall be kept secured for six (6) months after the election.
  - C. For each election, eligible students shall be allowed to vote once.
- V. Inclement Weather  
Should there be an occasion—such as due to weather conditions, natural disaster, or unsafe conditions on campus—which necessitates the closure of school, the election process will be postponed one (1) week.
- VI. Interpretation of Results
  - A. The two (2) candidates who are qualified and received the highest number of votes for each office in the primary shall have their names entered on the final election ballot. In the case of a tie for the second highest number of votes for that office, the candidates who are qualified shall have their names entered on the final election ballot. Write-in candidates shall have the option of removing their names from the ballot.
  - B. In order to be elected into office, a candidate must receive a minimum of 40% of the vote.
  - C. Should no candidate receive a plurality of at least forty (40%) percent in the final election, a run-off election shall be held one (1) week after the final election between the two (2) persons who are qualified and received the highest number of votes in the final election. Only ballots for those two (2) persons shall be

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counted. In the case of a tie for the second highest number of votes in the general election, those candidates who tied will be placed on the special election ballot.

- D. Should no candidate receive a plurality of a least forty (40%) percent in a run-off election, the ASEWU Council shall select the winner from between those entered on the run off election ballot with a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote of the ASEWU Council members at its next meeting.

VII. Special Elections

- A. A special election may be called by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of the ASEWU Council.
- B. Special elections will follow the same rules as that of the primary and general elections proceedings.