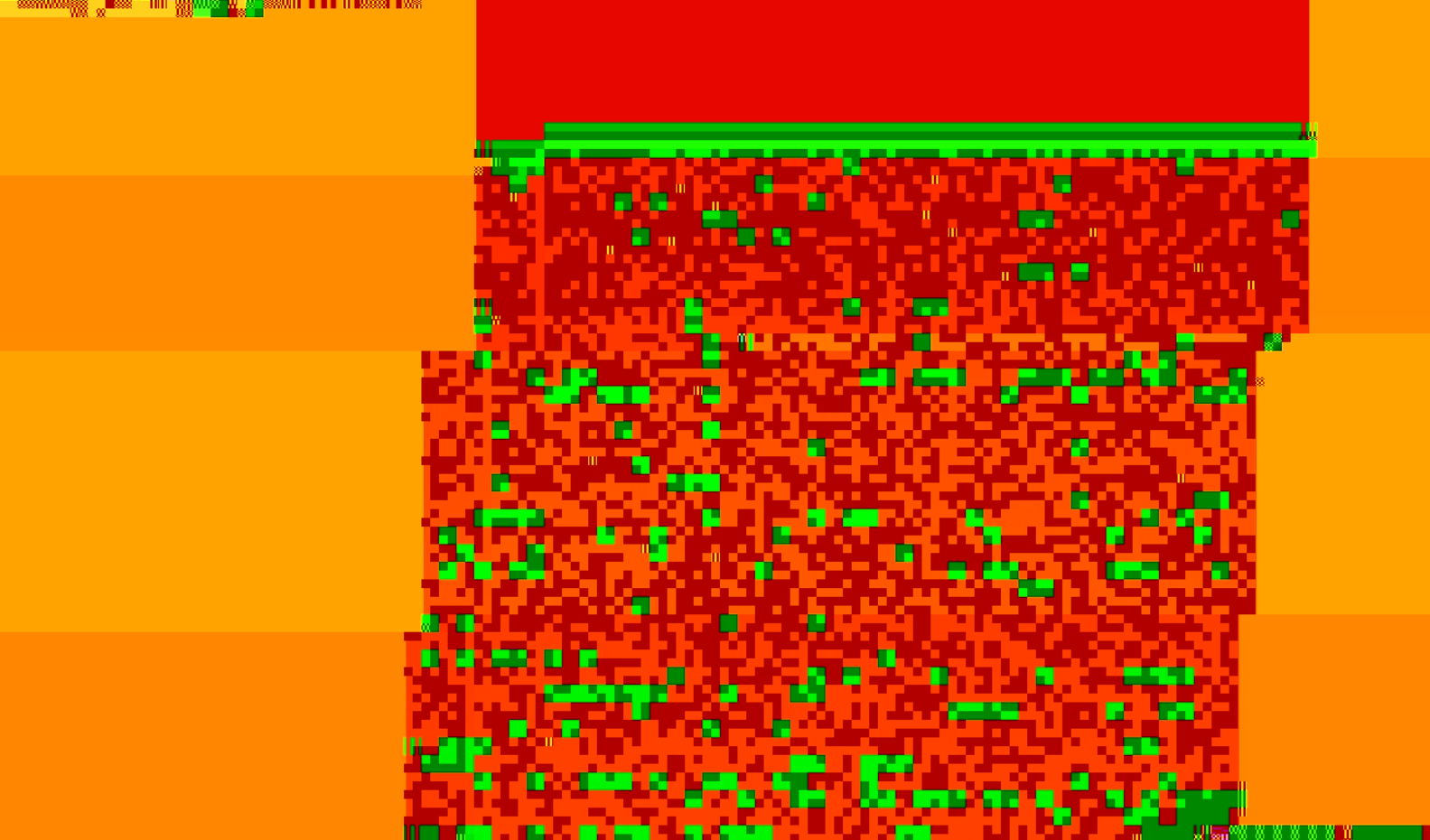


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Preamble

The Elections Rules shall specify regulations and procedures for the elections of the graduate and professional student government (GPSA) of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Elections Commission is the primary authority to enforce these rules. Any materials distributed by the Elections Commission are intended to facilitate the fair execution of GPSA elections, but are not to be thought of as substitutes for these rules. Should instances arise where materials distributed by the Elections Commission appear to conflict with these rules, the rules shall prevail.

Definitions

_____ : Any activity designed to promote a candidate for GPSA office.

_____ : Any materials designed to promote a candidate for GPSA office.

_____ : Any person seeking an office in GPSA who has met the qualifications outlined in the GPSA Constitution, GPSA Bylaws, and this document and has submitted all necessary filing paperwork by the established deadlines.

_____ : Any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or campus holiday.

Section I. General Rules

Any person who wishes to become a candidate for an electable executive board

Campaign Material Provisions

Campaign materials and promotional resources must be equitably accessible by all candidates.

The Elections Commission will use the GPSA listserv to the student body to announce GPSA elections, the candidates, the voting period, and how candidates may cast their vote. The Elections Commission may not advocate any specific candidate.

Candidates may not use or be promoted by:

- departmental or program listservs

- college or school listservs

- university listservs

- listservs obtained through the Registrar's Office or any other university administrative unit

- other official university channel not equally accessible by other candidates

Campaign Financing

Expenditures – \$250 limit on campaign expenditures is placed on 612 0eW*ñBT/F5 12 Tf10

Section V. Election Complaints and Violations

Standing Meetings

The Elections Commission shall establish three (3) dates for standing meetings to review submitted complaints. The dates of these meetings will be announced to the GPSA Council and included in election materials distributed to the candidates.

After deliberation, the Elections Commission will vote whether there is clear and convincing evidence to rule in favor of the complainant.

If a majority of the present members of the Elections Commission rule in favor of the complainant, the Elections Commission will discuss a penalty to impose on the involved candidate. The approved penalty imposed requires a majority vote of the present members of the Election Commission.

The complainant and the involved candidate will then be invited to return to the meeting and a member of the Elections Commission will read the decision and any penalties imposed.

Appeal Process

The complainant or the involved candidate may appeal the Elections Commission's decision, or any penalty imposed to the GPSA Rules and Ethics Committee.

The Rules and Ethics Committee shall schedule an appeal meeting where the appealing party, a representative from the Elections Commission, and the other party from the original complaint will be invited to the appeal.

The Elections Commission representative will present the original complaint and explain the ruling and potential penalty imposed at the original complaint's review.

The appealing party will then be given 15 minutes to discuss why they disagree with the decision and believe it warrants an appeal. The other party will be given equal time to discuss their position on the decision from the original complaint review meeting.

The Rules and Ethics Committee will then privately discuss the merits of the appeal before rendering a decision on whether to overturn the initial decision and/or any associated penalties. The Chair of the Rules and Ethics Committee shall abstain from a vote except to break a tie.

At least a two thirds majority (66% of voting members) is required to overturn the decision of the Elections Commission.

The Rules and Ethics Committee may decide to add, reduce, or eliminate penalties for an involved party. Such a decision requires a two thirds majority vote (at least 66% of voting members).

Sanctions

The GPSA Elections Commission shall review questionable misconduct which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Threatening, harassing, and bribing any member of the GPSA Elections Commission, other candidates, students, UNLV faculty, staff and representatives, and eligible voters;

- Defacing, removing, destroying, altering, or covering another candidate's campaign materials;

- Slandorous, libelous, crude, distasteful, vulgar, or personal attacks against another candidate or candidates.

- Any of these acts of misconduct may result in a candidate's disqualification.

Penalties the

Section VI. GPSA Executive Board Officer Election Schedule

All times are local (Pacific Time/PT) The candidate filing period will open at least three (3) weeks prior to the first date of the election.

Candidates will be announced at least one (1) week prior to the first date of the election.

Any person who wishes to become a candidate for an electable executive board office must file by completing and submitting the official declaration of candidacy application before the deadline specified in the elections schedule.

To file, complete and submit the application found on unlv.edu/gpsa/elections

Please see the website for the election cycle timeline which contains important dates and details surrounding the GPSA Executive Board Elections.

Section VII. The Elections Commission

The Elections Commission oversees all GPSA elections. They enforce election and campaign rules and principles, which are set forth by the Rules & Ethics Committee each year. The Elections Commission will update the GPSA Council of applications received for candidacy, election dates, and election/campaign protocols. Additionally, the Commission will oversee all election related activities and communications, such as informing the graduate and professional student population of election dates and procedures, as well as receiving and