# **ASUO ELECTIONS RULES**



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# **SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS**

**ASUO Member:** A University of Oregon student who has paid the current term or semester incidental fees and meets the qualifications for office as defined by the ASUO Constitution.

**Candidate:** An ASUO Member who has filed a declaration, petition, or certification of candidacy in accordance with Section 4 of the ASUO Constitution.

**Write-In Candidate**: An individual whose name is submitted by an elector instead of a listed candidate when casting their vote during the General Election.

**Qualified Write-In Candidate**: A write-in candidate who has filed a Candidate Filing Form, a FERPA form, and who has met qualifications for office as defined under Section 4.

**Campaign:** Any individual or group of individuals responsible for the promotion or opposition of a candidate, slate, or ballot measure in an ASUO election in any way.

**Campaign Manager:** An ASUO Member who is authorized to represent a candidate or campaign in all matters covered by these rules, except in declaration of candidacy.

**Posters and Flyers:** Any painted, printed, drawn, digital, or otherwise constructed visual media designed to carry a campaign message.

**Educational Materials:** All materials used to educate electors about a campaign, a campaign platform, or any individual or campaign members seeking election to the ASUO. Advertising materials such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, stickers, or other materials representing advertising material or gifts shall not be considered educational material.

**General Election:** The formal process by which candidates or write-in candidates who meet thresholds as defined in Section 6 of the ASUO Constitution may be elected to ASUO office.

**Runoff:** The formal process by which candidates or write-in candidates from the General Election who meet qualifications of Section 4 and thresholds of Section 6 may be elected to ASUO office.

**Contributions:** Donations from individuals, organizations, community members, and non-community members or from a candidate's own personal funds, as well as any goods or services and any discount on a good or service not available to the general public received by a Campaign. Donations made in conjunction with the promotion of a campaign, even if not explicitly stated so, are considered contributions.

**Donations:** Any gift made to a campaign or candidate. Donations include but are not limited to funds, grants, staffing support, consultation, and physical items or the use of special privileges.

**Expenditures:** Funds used for the purchase of any good or service for use by any member of a campaign.

**Canvassing:** In-person or digital contact between any campaign member or representative and an elector, solicited or offered in public by the member or representative on behalf of the campaign.

**Elector/Electorate:** Any individual or group of individuals who have the right to vote in an ASUO Election.

Non-Elector: Any individual who does not have the right to vote in an ASUO Election.

"These Rules": The 2022 ASUO Elections Rules, this document.

## **SECTION 2: GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

2.1 Individuals taking part in the ASUO Elections possess rights and protections beyond these rules and no action herein shall be taken to abridge them.

- 2.1.1 Participation in the elections process as a candidate, manager, volunteer, or a member of a campaign requires obedience to these rules.
- 2.1.2 Some participatory privileges in the elections process, including a candidate's inclusion in the Voter's Guide or on the ballot, are privileges, not rights.
- 2.1.3 Participatory privileges may be denied to candidates or campaigns that violate any provision of these rules.
- 2.2 The educational environment of the University of Oregon shall not be compromised in any way by anyone involved in the elections process for the duration of the elections period.
- 2.3 All candidates and campaigns are subject to the Student Conduct Code, University rules and policies, and local, state, and federal law.
- 2.3.1 The members of the Elections Board are not required to provide explanations or advice, the board will offer interpretations of the elections rules upon request.
- 2.4 It shall be strictly enforced that no individual shall undertake to promote or oppose the candidacy, election, or recall of an ASUO Member, promote or oppose a referendum or initiative, or promote or oppose voting in an ASUO election, referendum, or initiative by:
- (a) Representing or implying to another elector that he/she/they shall provide or arrange to have provided to such elector any service, opportunity, or other thing of value in return for compliance with such efforts to promote or propose an election outcome, *and/or*
- (b) Representing or implying to another elector that he/she/they shall withhold or arrange to have withheld from such elector any service, opportunity, or other thing of value if such efforts to promote or oppose an election or ballot measure outcome are not complied with.

# **SECTION 3: QUALIFICATIONS**

#### 3.1 General Qualification Requirements

- 3.1.1 Candidates for any ASUO position must be qualified under Section 4 of the ASUO Constitution.
- 3.1.2 The ASUO Elections Board will place onto the ballot all appropriately declared candidates who meet eligibility requirements and who submit all required materials prior to the filing deadline.
- 3.1.3 The name provided on the candidate's application will be the name listed on the ballot.

#### 3.2 SIGNATURE COLLECTION

- 3.2.1 Candidates for President, Vice President, and all Senate seats must submit a candidacy petition with valid signatures of ASUO Members who support the individual's candidacy.
- 3.2.2 All signatures for a candidacy petition must be gathered in-person, by the candidate, on the appropriate signature form as provided by the ASUO Elections Board. **The candidate must gather the signatures themselves.**
- 3.2.3 Candidates may not campaign while collecting signatures. Candidates may explain that a student signing their form is not a vote, but rather helps them get on the ballot. Candidates may briefly explain what they stand for when collecting signatures, but any attempt to turn the signature collection process into campaigning will be met with sanctions. For example, going to a club meeting to ask for signatures is allowed, but giving a presentation at that club about who you are and why you are running is not. Signature gathering is not campaigning.
- 3.2.4 Signatures must be accompanied by the name, UO ID#, and UO email address or telephone number of the signer, and the date of signature. All signatures will be verified.
- 3.2.5 Candidates for the position of President must submit 200 valid signatures individually or 325 valid signatures combined if running in a President/Vice-President

slate. A slate of a President and Vice-President may collect signatures separately for their slate.

- 3.2.6 Each Senatorial candidate must submit 50 valid signatures.
- 3.2.7 All other elected positions are not required to collect signatures.
- 3.2.8 Signature information will remain confidential and will not be publicized beyond the Elections Board and the Constitution Court in matters brought before the Court.
- 3.2.9 Candidates may not post or advertise for signatures. This includes signs, social media posts, presentations to groups, or other advertisements.
- 3.2.10 Signatures and contact information gathered for a candidacy petition may not be retained, copied, shared, or published by any individual for any reason.
- 3.2.11 Students may not disrupt academic life on campus to collect signatures.

#### 3.3 Filing Forms

- 3.3.1 Candidates must complete the Candidate Filing Form (provided on the ASUO Elections Engage website) to be considered for any ASUO position.
- 3.3.2 Only electronic Candidate Filing Forms will be accepted.
- 3.3.3 No Candidate Filing Forms received after the date and time announced by the Elections Board will be accepted under any circumstance.
- 3.3.4 All candidates must agree to abide by the ASUO Constitution and these rules in order to file as a registered candidate with the Elections Board.
- 3.3.5 Registered candidates who abide by these rules are entitled to use of the resources and opportunities provided by the Elections Board, including but not limited to: presence on the ballot, publication in the ASUO Voters Guide, and participation in official elections events.
- 3.3.6 All individuals seeking candidacy must attend one mandatory candidate meeting announced and advertised by the Elections Board, unless an emergency occurs, or prior arrangements have been communicated and approved by email from the Elections Board Chair.

- 3.3.7 Each candidate must fill out an electronic FERPA waiver form prior to the candidate filing deadline.
- 3.3.8 Each candidate must fill out the electronic Voter Guide Data form prior to the candidate filing deadline.
- 3.3.9 Academic Senator positions will be posted with their major requirements as soon as possible after the Constitution Court has finished apportionment.

#### 3.4 Voter Guide

- 3.4.1 The Voter Guide will be made available to voters prior to the election.
- 3.4.2 The contents will include, but are not limited to, listing Candidate Priorities and Qualifications, a Candidate photo, and the content of any Ballot Measure.
- 3.4.3 Candidates will have the opportunity to review submissions before publication. Such a deadline is listed on the 2023 elections schedule.

#### 3.5 Write In Candidates

- 3.5.1 Any ASUO Member who fails to meet the filing deadline may be considered a write-in candidate for the General Election.
- 3.5.2 Space will be included under each position listed on the General Election ballot for write-in candidates.
- 3.5.3 The names of write-in candidates will not be included on the General Election ballot.
- 3.5.4 Any write-in candidate who qualifies for the Runoff Election must complete a Candidate Filing Form, FERPA form, and agree to be retroactively liable for any violation of these rules that occurred while campaigning for the General Election.
- 4.5.5 In order to be listed on the Runoff Election ballot, write-in candidates must meet qualifications for office as defined in Section 4 of the ASUO Constitution.

#### 3.6 Campaign Managers

- 3.6.1 Any campaign not headed by a candidate must register a campaign manager. Campaign managers shall file by completing the Campaign and Manager Filing Form prior to the candidate filing deadline.
- 3.6.2 Prior to the filing deadline, campaign managers must also file a FERPA Release Form and submit data for the Voter Guide if promoting a ballot measure.
- 3.6.3 A campaign manager may be held accountable for any violation of these rules, Student Conduct Code, University rules/policies, and local, state and federal law.
- 3.6.4 Candidates may register a campaign manager to assist in the management of their campaign.
- 3.6.5 Maintaining a campaign manager will not diminish a candidate's personal responsibility to abide by these rules.

### 3.7 Withdrawing Regulations

- 3.7.1 A candidate may withdraw from candidacy by presenting a written statement inperson, along with their student identification card, to the Elections Coordinator at any time before the unofficial election results are posted. If the candidate cannot present the statement in person, they shall reach out to the Elections Board Chair.
- 3.7.2 A candidate who has withdrawn may campaign as a write-in candidate.
- 3.7.3 A withdrawn candidate will be removed from the ballot, subject to the technical restrictions of the University Registrar and the ASUO administrative staff.
- 3.7.4 If withdrawal occurs after the Runoff Election ballot has been finalized, and if the individual wins his or her position, the position will be granted to the next highest vote earner (provided that individual meets the 10% threshold outlined in Section 6).
- 3.7.5 If a candidate submits their intention to withdraw after the ballot has been created but before the results have been posted, that candidate cannot win any elected position and the candidate will not advance to a runoff as outlined in rule 5.5.

## **SECTION 4: CAMPAIGNING**

#### 4.1 Campaign Responsibilities

- 4.1.1 Campaigns shall be held responsible for all election-related activities undertaken by their affiliates, including but not limited to volunteers, employees, and representatives.
- 4.1.2 Campaigns must ensure that all such persons do not violate these rules.
- 4.1.3 Campaigns must report any known infractions or misconduct within their campaign to the Elections Board immediately. Delay in reporting of any known infractions or misconduct within their campaign may result in sanctions for a candidate, manager, or campaign.
- 4.1.4 No student, ASUO employee, or UO employee shall attempt to influence any person to violate these rules.
- 4.1.5 Any campaign found in violation of policy beyond these rules, including but not limited to: University rules and regulations; the Student Conduct Code; University Housing policies; or state or federal laws, may be immediately disqualified or assessed other sanctions.

## 4.2 Campaign Definitions

- 4.2.1 **Campaigning**: Campaigning may not begin until the date specified in the ASUO 2023 Election Schedule. Campaigning includes but is not limited to social media posting, in person contact with voters, posters or other in person advertisements materials, or any other action that seeks to influence the electorate's decision-making process in any way. If a campaign is wondering if a certain action counts as campaigning, they should email the board preemptively.
- 5.2.2 **Campaign Events**: Campaigns may host multiple campaign events, such as a campaign kickoff. Campaign events under this definition are in person, purely online events do not qualify. All such events must be registered with the Elections Board. Campaigns may host events in accordance with these rules and may not begin until campaigning has begun.

5.2.3 **Direct Voter Interaction**: Direct voter interaction may begin when campaigning begins. No direct voter interaction may begin until then, except for collecting signatures. Direct voter interaction includes but is not limited to canvassing; telephone campaigning; public events or appearances organized by candidates or campaigns; and anything that involves in-person contact between a campaign and an elector. Campaigns may work to organize their campaigns before this time. However, any attempt by a campaign to disguise a campaign voter solicitation meeting as campaign planning will be deemed a serious violation of these rules and may result in disqualification. The Elections Board may refine this restriction as necessary, by public announcement, so that it may address changes in campaign tactics and technology.

#### 4.3 Social Media Campaign Regulations.

- 4.3.1 Candidates and/or campaigns that create social media accounts to serve as campaign accounts must submit links to such accounts to the elections board before the beginning of campaigning.
- 4.3.2 Campaign social media accounts may not perform any action on social media before the beginning of campaigning, including but not limited to, posting a bio, posting a profile picture, following or interacting with other accounts, or posting any media. Campaign social media accounts may be created before the start of campaigning to secure usernames or perform other actions required for setting up campaign accounts.
- 4.3.3 Campaign websites must follow the same rules. They may be created before campaigning begins, but they should have no information on them related to the campaign, including but not limited to, a campaign logo, platform, or other media. Campaigns may create websites before the campaign begins but should either password protect them or keep them offline.
- 4.3.4 Candidates and campaigns may use their personal social media accounts to advertise their campaigns and candidacies after the beginning of campaigning. Personal social media accounts may not be used before the beginning of campaigning to campaign.
- 4.3.5 However, personal social media accounts may be used to recruit students to get involved with the election before campaigning has begun. Candidates and campaigns

may only post along the lines of, "Hey everyone, I am planning on running in the ASUO Election. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to me." The post must not include any campaign name or logo, or any platforms or ideas that a candidate or campaign may run on, as that would be campaigning. The purpose of this exception is to allow candidate networks to expand past current ASUO social circles. Any attempt to abuse this rule for the purpose of early social media campaigning will be met with sanction. If a candidate or campaign wants to check if their language would violate the rules, they are more than welcome to email the elections board to get approval before posting. The Elections Board recognizes that this rule is tedious, but we believe it is worth it to help bring campaign recruiting more into the public sphere.

## 4.4 Posters/Flyers

- 4.4.1 Campaign material may not be affixed to any University building, except as noted in this section.
- 4.4.2 Posters for candidates or ballot measures placed on campus bulletin boards may not exceed 18x24 inches in size.
- 4.4.3 Posters must be placed with permission from the manager of that bulletin board.
- 4.4.4 To prevent unnecessary grievances, campaigns must email the Elections Board proof of granted permission, or evidence that none is required, for each location posters are affixed. Such email must be sent before posters are posted.
- 4.4.5 There is a limit of one visible poster per bulletin board per candidate or campaign.
- 4.4.6 One poster may be placed on each side of a kiosk with multiple bulletin boards facing different directions.
- 4.4.7 Posters may not be placed in the EMU, and flyers may not be handed out in the EMU. Handing out flyers outside the EMU is permitted.
- 4.4.8 Any printed campaign material for or against a ballot measure must clearly identify the responsible campaign on the front of the material.
- 4.4.9 No material may be posted on any vehicle or bicycle on campus unless posted by the owner of said vehicle or bicycle.

4.4.10 Candidates and campaigns will be responsible for the removal of all campaign materials within 24 hours of the close of the General Election (unless the candidate has advanced to the Runoff, in which case, all campaign material must be removed within 24 hours of the close of the Runoff).

## 4.5 Prohibition Of I-Fee Usage/Student Organizations

4.5.1 In accordance with ASUO Program Rules: "No incidental fees may be spent to support the campaign of any individual, or party, for public office. Fees may be used to promote appearances and discussions between several candidates for public office, in order to increase student knowledge of the issues of candidates."

The second sentence of this quote refers only to the elections board, not other I-Fee funded organizations. This means that I-Fee funded organizations may not reserve rooms for candidates or campaigns, or otherwise support them.

- 4.5.2 I-Fee funded Student organizations may not promote any candidate or campaign via social media or any other method. Groups may advertise the existence of the election and encourage their members and the larger community to vote or run.
- 4.5.3 Candidates and campaign managers do not need to disaffiliate themselves online or otherwise with I-Fee funded student organizations.
- 4.5.4 No active or passive campaigning in support or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure is permitted in the ASUO Suite, including ASUO Finance. This includes the use of student official role email accounts.
- 4.5.5 Regulations by the Student Senate and the ASUO Executive shall govern the behavior of ASUO-Recognized Student Organizations in the elections process in ways that these rules do not encompass.

## 4.6 Don't Disrupt Class

- 4.6.1 No individual may disrupt University class time to discuss any substantive item or promote a candidate or campaign in the ASUO Elections.
- 4.6.2 Elections Board Members or volunteers registered with the Board may make purely informational class announcements regarding the ASUO Elections.

4.6.3 Disruption of academic life at the University by any candidate, campaign, or member of a campaign in relation to the elections process will result in sanction.

#### 4.7 Housing Regulations

- 4.7.1 Campaigning in the Residence Halls and University Housing must adhere to University Housing Policies, which are posted on the ASUO Elections website. These policies include, but are not limited to, "Candidates and their representatives who are guests in University Housing must be always escorted by a resident of the hall/living space they are in. Candidates and their representatives may not solicit or campaign while in university housing."
- 4.7.2 All campaigns must follow the policies of off-campus private properties, including but not limited to: Ducks Village, Stadium Park, the SOTO, the 959 Franklin, etc.

#### 4.8 Email Lists

- 4.8.1 No individual shall utilize any University email list or University-sponsored mass email platform, including but not limited to: Canvas, Engage, any departmental program or organization list or listserv to campaign in support or in opposition to a candidate or ballot measure.
- 4.8.2 Campaign emails sent to or from university email addresses must be addressed to specific individuals. You may use your personal email address to send emails to multiple individuals.

### 4.9 Physical Materials

- 4.9.1 The destruction, damaging, theft, intentional covering, removing, or moving of property of a campaign or the Elections Board, without written permission of the lawful owner, is forbidden.
- 4.9.2 Campaigns may campaign by distributing advertising materials such as: t-shirts, pencils, pins, and stickers, though these materials may not disrupt the educational environment of the University.
- 4.9.3 Campaigns may not exchange any items with an elector with the implicit or explicit expectation of a vote for the gifting campaign.

4.9.4 Any food provided by a candidate or campaign must be pre-packaged and sealed.

#### 4.10 Other

- 4.10.1 Social media giveaways are not allowed to support candidates or campaigns in accordance with rule 2.4
- 4.10.2 Electors may not vote or submit ballots at campaign tables or at any gatherings associated with any campaign. Campaigns may not walk voters through the process of voting online. The elections board will provide forms that campaigns may distribute to voters explaining how to vote online.
- 4.10.3 Campaigns, candidates, and volunteers shall not make use of electronic devices, including but not limited to smart phones, tablets, and laptops to solicit in-person votes.

# SECTION 5: ELECTIONS PROCEDURE

- 5.1 Candidates will be listed on the ballot according to position sought and by the name provided on their Candidate Filing Form.
- 5.2 Within positions, candidates will be ordered alphabetically by last name.
- 5.3 No person shall vote more than once for the same position in any election unless directed to do so by instruction on the ballot.
- 5.3 Votes will be polled individually for each available position, except in the case of special circumstances determined by the Elections Board.
- 5.4 Write-in votes left blank and those for non-ASUO Members will be discarded.
- 5.5 Candidates and qualified write-in candidates polling a majority (more than 50%) of the vote in the General Election for that position will be elected.

- 5.5 If no candidate or write-in candidate polls a majority in the General Election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be placed on the ballot for the Runoff.
- 5.6 No candidate or write-in candidate seeking office in the General Election will be placed on the ballot for the Runoff without receiving a minimum of 10 percent of the general vote for that position.
- 5.7 The Elections Board may declare a winner for any non-Senate, non-Executive race where one candidate has more votes than any other, provided they've achieved a 10% minimum threshold of votes.
- 5.8 If only one non-presidential race advances to the runoff, the elections board reserves the right to cancel the runoff election and elect the candidate who had the plurality of votes in the general election.
- 5.9 The candidate receiving the highest number of votes above the 10 percent threshold in the Runoff election will be elected.

# SECTION 6: CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES AND DISCLOSURES

- 6.1 All candidates and campaigns must maintain individual itemized, current, and complete records of their contributions received and expenditures made.
- 6.2 All candidates and campaigns must submit this information to the ASUO Elections Board within 24 hours of emailed request.
- 6.3 Failure to produce itemized, current, and complete records within 24 hours of initial request may result in sanctions and potential disqualification.
- 6.4 Candidates must disclose the identity and affiliation of all individuals, organizations, community members, and non-community members who have donated to their campaign to the Elections Board within 24 hours of emailed request.
- 6.5 Failure by a candidate or campaign to produce the identity and affiliation of all individuals, organizations, community members, and non-community members who

have donated to their campaign to the Elections Board within 24 hours of emailed request will result in sanctions and potential disqualification.

- 6.6 The identity and affiliation of all individuals, organizations, community members, and non-community members who have donated to a campaign will be disclosed to the public.
- 6.7 Candidates must inform all donators that identifying information regarding any donation made to a candidate or campaign will be disclosed to the public.
- 6.8 Each candidate or campaign must supply information requested by the elections board electronically using the Contribution and Expenditure Form available on the ASUO Elections Engage website and provide updates to the Elections Board as required by this section.
- 6.9 On Monday April 3rd and Saturday April 15th, each candidate and campaign must submit an updated version of their financial forms to the elections board via email.
- 6.10 The form must be submitted by the candidate or campaign manager.
- 6.11 The form must be fully filled out.
- 6.12 The form must list the name of all individuals, organizations, community members, and non-community members that made any contribution during the reporting period and include an estimate of the value of each contribution rounded to the nearest whole amount.
- 6.13The form must list contributions of volunteer labor, including the names of all volunteers, their phone numbers or email addresses, and an estimation of hours contributed by each volunteer.
- 6.14 Individual candidate's total expenditures may not exceed \$2,000, including both cash and in-kind donations.
- 6.15 Campaigns may neither solicit nor accept donations or contributions from 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations.
- 6.16 Volunteer hours will not be restricted or count toward expenditure limits.

- 6.17 Payments made in exchange for services or labor conducted on behalf of a candidate or campaign are subject to the expenditure cap.
- 6.18 Candidates or campaigns may make expenditures to benefit other campaigns or candidates. Such expenditures must be recorded by the receiving candidate or campaign as a donation and the value listed as such. One formula that may be used to determine that value is (total cost of expenditure/number of recipients). Please email the Elections Board with any questions.

# SECTION 7: GRIEVANCES AND COMPLAINTS

- 7.1 Electronic copies of the Grievance Form shall be made available on the ASUO Elections Engage website.
- 7.2 The Grievance Form must be filled out correctly or it may be disregarded.
- 7.3 Grievances must be accompanied by evidence.
- 7.4 Electronic copies of documents and photographs, and the contact information of individuals willing to give testimony to the Elections Board, must be submitted with the grievance form in order to be considered.
- 7.5 Participants in the elections process must answer questions posed by the Elections Board in relation to any grievance in a timely manner, established via email by the Elections Board, or they may be sanctioned.
- 7.6 Any grievance filed more than a week following the conclusion of ASUO Elections must be filed with and adjudicated by the ASUO Constitution Court.
- 7.7 Upon receipt of a grievance, the Elections Board shall circulate the grievance to all potentially impacted parties, including the filer and the accused, via email.
- 7.8 After a grievance has been submitted, the Elections Board Chair will convene a Board Hearing with members of the Elections Board to consider the grievance.

- 7.9 The Elections Board shall rule within forty-eight hours of having received a grievance.
- 7.10 Based on the gravity of the allegations and the substance of the evidence offered, the Elections Board may permit all parties involved in the grievance to present their case at a Hearing.
- 7.11 The Elections Board shall issue sanctions if necessary.
- 7.12 The Elections Board will issue the final decision of the Board to both the filer and the accused and shall forward a copy to the ASUO Constitution Court.
- 7.13 Parties involved in the complaint may appeal to the Constitution Court within 48 hours of the issue of the decision.
- 7.14 Grievances against the ASUO Elections Board shall be filed directly with the ASUO Constitution Court. Copies of these grievances must be submitted to the Elections Board.
- 7.15 Submitting grievances that violate any part of Section 8 or are otherwise found by the Elections Board to be an inappropriate abuse of the grievance process is an offense subject to sanctions.

## **SECTION 8: SANCTIONS**

- 8.1 The Elections Board has broad authority to sanction campaigns and shall use this flexibility to protect the principles enumerated under Section 2.
- 8.2 A grievance is not required for the Board to issue sanctions.
- 8.3 The ASUO Constitution Court has appellate jurisdiction over all grievances and sanctions.
- 8.4 The Elections Board retains complete discretion as to the severity of sanctions imposed against candidates or campaigns for violations of these rules or other rules that candidates are subjected to, such as the University Student Code of Conduct.
- 8.5 Aggravating or mitigating circumstances surrounding any violation may increase or decrease the severity of the consequence.

- 8.6 Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the removal of posted campaign materials, temporary suspension of some or all campaign activities, permanent suspension of all campaigning activities, and removal from the ballot.
- 8.7 The severity of sanctions will match the severity of the rule's infraction.
- 8.8 Repeated rule infractions by the same candidate or campaign will be more likely to result in severe sanctions, including removal from the ballot.
- 8.9 All candidates and campaigns are subject to the Student Conduct Code, University rules/policies, and local, state and federal law.
- 8.10 Violations of the Student Conduct Code or University rules in the course of the elections process may be forwarded to the appropriate University and/or law enforcement representatives.

## **SECTION 9: BALLOT MEASURES**

- 9.1 Ballot measure wording must be approved by the ASUO Constitution Court prior to any signatures being collected. Draft wording must be submitted to the ASUO Constitution Court by email by the date outlined in the 2023 Elections Schedule produced by the Elections Board.
- 9.2 Proposed ballot wording must be included within the email message or attached as a PDF or Word Document.
- 9.3 Links to outside documents will not be considered.
- 9.4 All signatures for a ballot measure must be gathered using the ballot petition form provided on the ASUO Elections Engage website.
- 9.5 Individuals seeking to place a measure on the ballot must obey all provisions of Section 14 of the ASUO Constitution.

## **SECTION 10: RULE REVISIONS**

10.1 On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the ASUO Constitution Court issued ruling C.C. 2023-05 instructing the elections board to rewrite two election rules. Rule 2.3.1 previously read "The members of the Elections Board are not legal professionals and will not always provide explanations, offer interpretations, or give advice regarding these regulations."

Rule 7.9 previously read "The Elections Board will make its best effort to rule on the grievance as soon as possible. Affected parties are welcome to email the Board to request an update." These rules were submitted for updating to the ASUO elections website on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.

10.2 On March 14<sup>th</sup>, rule 4.7.1 was changed as it implies a contradiction with UO housing policies. It used to read "Campaigning in the Residence Halls and University Housing must adhere to University Housing Policies, which are posted on the ASUO Elections Engage website. Students who do not live in a specific dorm must be accompanied by a resident of that dorm while doing any ASUO election related activity, including but not limited to collecting signatures, passing out flyers, or performing direct voter interaction."