



Student Government Association

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

# Candidate Information Packet

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University of Colorado Denver

Spring 2021 Election



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Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the University of Colorado Denver's Student Government Association. This application packet contains the necessary forms for verification of candidacy. All other supporting documents (Spring 2021) Election Code, CU Denver SGA Constitution, AHEC Posting Policies, Student Code of Conduct, etc.) can be found at the CU Denver SGA website:

**<http://www.ucdenver.edu/sga>**

Please address all correspondence and election questions to:

**[elections@ucdenver.edu](mailto:elections@ucdenver.edu)**

The candidate eligibility form (found on MyLynx) is due electronically on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> by Midnight. In addition, we are requesting a small candidate bio (no more than 300 words) with your candidate eligibility form.

Candidates must personally attend one of two available election information sessions held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm or March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The purpose of this meeting is to address candidate questions and review election guidelines.

You, and your campaign team, are expected to know all campaign rules, regulations, and consequences for rule violations. While all this information is included in this packet in the Election Code, here are some reminders:

Positions for candidacy include the Executive ticket (President and Vice President), six (6) finance and funding and six (6) legislation and outreach Senators., one (1) Chair of Events and Planning, one (1) Chair of Student Fee Review Committee, two (2) SACAB Representatives and eight (8) members of College Council. College Council candidates must be a declared major in the school/college they are running for.

The General Election will begin on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and will end on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All voting will be conducted electronically.

In order to be considered eligible for candidacy, the candidate shall fill out the form available on MyLynx. The candidate shall verify the following information:

- Correct spelling of name, as it is to appear on the ballot
- Current enrollment as a voting-eligible CU Denver student, as defined in the Election Code
- CU Denver student e-mail
- Information regarding enrollment, academic standing, address, phone number, and e-mail has been updated with the Office of Admissions

Falsification of candidate information will result in disqualification and removal from the ballot. It is the responsibility of the candidate to determine that all information is correct and to supply this information to the Election Commissioner.

The Election Commission shall review all campaign regulations, candidates' rights, and the process for appeal of the Election Commission's decisions and findings. Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in person campaigning will be limited for the Spring 2021 election season. Candidates wishing to campaign on campus (posters, limited tabling, etc) must receive approval from the election commission and the operator of the space.

If you are elected in April, you are required to attend the following mandatory SGA participation events. The Executive Team, in addition to attending the following events, must be regularly available throughout the summer and are discouraged from participating in other experiences that require a great deal of time such as working full time, full time internships, taking a large academic course load or studying abroad. The President and Vice President consistently work 20-25 hours per week throughout the summer and academic year with all other members working between 7-15 hours per week during the academic year.

Elected Candidates Training (Required) (May be in person, virtual, or a mix):

- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Newly elected officers sworn in during SGA Senate meeting (12pm-3pm) (senate to recess until August)
- August 12, 13, 16, & 17 – Hold for mandatory all SGA training (9am-3pm)
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Meet your Student Government open house/social meeting during SGA time (hold 12pm-3pm)
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – First SGA meeting of the 2021-2022 senate (hold 12pm-3pm)
- Fridays during the academic semesters 12pm-3pm SGA meetings

**These above dates are mandatory for all elected candidates.**

All questions, concerns, and any other communications should be relayed to members of the Election Commission through the **elections@ucdenver.edu** email address.

We hope the 2021 Election Season will be accessible, open, fair, and fun!

Best of Luck from your Election Commissioners,  
Kamiya Willoughby, Cheyenne Gonzalez, Peter Waller



# Student Government Association

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## University of Colorado Denver Student Government Association Election Policy

Amended February 2021

### Article I General Provisions and Definitions

#### Qualifications for Office

- A. The elected offices of CU Denver SGA shall be President, Vice President, members of the Senate, the Events and Planning Committee Chair, Student Fee Review Committee Chair, CU Denver SGA representatives to the Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board of Directors (SACAB), and College Council.
  - i. There are twelve (12) senators, two (2) SACAB Representatives, one (1) Events and Planning Chair, and eight (8) members of the College Council. Additional information regarding each of these positions may be found on the CU Denver SGA website at the link provided above.
- B. CU Denver SGA constituents are eligible to serve in elected office of CU Denver SGA subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Undergraduate students must be degree-seeking and enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours for the duration of the term. Graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of three (3) credit hours for the duration of their term or receiving thesis/dissertation credits.
  - ii. All students holding elected office within CU Denver SGA must remain in good academic standing, i.e. not on academic probation, as defined by CU Denver, and in good standing with their respective academic program(s), school(s), and/ or college(s). Students must be clear of student conduct charges during the semester of which they are campaigning for any SGA position, as well as for the duration of their respective term of office.
  - iii. Candidates for the position of SFRC Chair must have either served one year within CU Denver SGA or have served one semester within the Student Fee Review Committee.
- C. The Office of Student Life will assist the Election Commissioners in conducting academic standing and student conduct checks of all Candidates prior to and during Election Week. Candidates and tickets, including any write-in candidates, who do not meet the academic standing and student conduct standards during this time shall have their name struck from the ballot and all votes for such candidates will be invalidated.
  - i. All students holding elected office within CU Denver SGA must disclose any

affiliations with any/all recognized CU Denver and/or student fee funded organizations. The President, Vice President, Chairs, and members of the Judicial Branch may not concurrently hold any executive office, including, but not limited to, the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer in any student fee funded organization. If the candidate holds one of these positions in a student fee funded organization prior to being elected, they shall have a week to resign from the position.

- ii. A candidate or any one (1) member of an Executive Ticket may only run for one (1) position within the CU Denver Student Government Association during any given election season.

### ***Definitions***

- A. A “(Declared) Candidate” is any eligible individual, whether or not part of any Ticket, who has met all requirements for office as set by the SGA Hiring Packet, completed all election paperwork prior to the Declaration of Candidacy Packet deadline, and has not been disqualified in any way for violating Elections Regulations.
- B. The race for any SGA office is defined as “Contestable” if at least one (1) candidate or Ticket has declared their candidacy through the process of turning in the required documentation prior to the deadline. A race in which no (0) candidates have declared candidacy through the proper process is defined as a “Write-In” race.
- C. A “Ticket” comprises of two (2) eligible candidates running for the Executive office, made up of the positions of President and Vice-President.
  - i. Only eligible tickets are permitted to run for the Executive office. A candidate may not run for either Executive position alone/without being a part of a Ticket.
  - ii. Tickets are not permitted in any other race(s) in SGA elections other than that of the Executive. Running as part of a ticket in any other race will result in all members’ disqualifications from that race.
  - iii. All rules regarding candidates within this Election Code also apply to Tickets, as well as their individual members, unless otherwise stated.
- D. “Campaign Materials” include, but are not limited to: posters, buttons, fliers, clothing, business cards, toys, or any material that is given or is emblazoned with the purpose of supporting any candidate or candidate’s campaign.
  - i. Election Commissioners reserve the right to deem any material that any candidate or Ticket is using as legal or illegal for use in student elections
  - ii. Food items of any sort are illegal for use as campaign materials
- E. A candidate may be permitted to be a “Write-In Candidate” in the race(s) of any office of SGA, and “Write-in Races” shall refer to those races of which no one (0) candidates (if applicable) has declared candidacy
  - i. During a Write-In Race, a Write-In Candidate must receive 30 votes in order to hold that office. If any Write-In Candidate does not receive at least 30

votes, then that position will remain vacant until an eligible student is selected through the SGA hiring process.

- ii. Write-In Candidates can choose to run in contested races, however, they are held to the same rules/regulations that Declared Candidates must follow, and are expected to have the same knowledge of these rules and regulations. Such Write-in candidates are expected to turn in a Campaign Expense and Revenue Tracking Form and Campaign Team Form by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Failure to provide such documentation will result in the Write-In Candidate's removal from the races and invalidation of all votes cast. Write-In Candidates for Contestable races additionally shall not receive the same printing privileges within the Office of Student Life, shall not appear on any SGA social media, and shall have the maximum "point limit" of infractions set to five (5) points for that Election Week.
  - iii. Write-In Candidates for the Executive office must meet the same requirements as to the definition of a "Ticket." Any Write-In votes for the Executive Team with only one candidate shall be invalidated.
- F. "SGA Materials and Resources" includes, but are not limited to, any clothing, spirit items, printed materials (including materials printed in the SGA Office), office resources, name tags, or office supplies as purchased, given, or otherwise provided by and/or for CU Denver Student Government Association events, offices, members, advisors, etc.
- G. "Campaign Team" refers to any CU Denver voting-eligible individual(s) who voluntarily campaign on a candidate's behalf. A Campaign Team member may not be a current Candidate in any student elections race. Only a candidate's Campaign Team is permitted to create, print, post, or distribute campaign material on a candidate's behalf.
- i. Team Members may not be monetarily compensated for their work on the behalf of a candidate or ticket; they must be volunteers.
  - ii. Any infractions committed by any member(s) of a candidate's campaign team will result in the appropriate disqualification and/or points deduction of that candidate. Candidates are expected to communicate the appropriate conduct and rules of campaigning to their teams, including the possible consequences if such rules are violated.
- H. An "Endorsement" is the mindful, informed, public approval/support for any Candidate, Ticket, and Referendum, made by an individual/organization.
- i. Professional staff members associated with the CU Denver Office of Student Life, SGA coordinator(s), ex-officio(s), and/or advisor(s), Election Commissioner, or any member of the SGA Judicial Branch are prohibited from endorsing any candidate/Ticket/question. b. Student organizations, clubs, and associations are both welcome and encouraged to endorse Candidates, Tickets, and Referenda that they support. c. Endorsements are highly

recommended, but not required, to be made in writing as to easily verify the consent of the endorsement of any group/organizations, clubs, etc. d. Publicly advertised claims of any Endorsement made without the consent of said organization, group, club, etc. shall result in the disqualification of said Candidate or Ticket. e. It is highly encouraged that faculty and staff members not make/publicize any endorsements for any candidate, Ticket, or question.

- ii. An “Incumbent” candidate is one that has ever previously held any SGA office, including but not limited to those of Senator, College Council, SACAB, SFRC, the Executive Branch, the Judicial Branch, and First Year Council.
- iii. A candidate is considered incumbent regardless of whether they were elected, appointed, or hired into their previous or existing position. A candidate is considered incumbent even if they do not currently hold an SGA position, but have held SGA office at all in the past.

## **Article II Election Process**

### ***Partisan Policy***

- A. All CU Denver Student Elections shall remain non-partisan races, meaning that Candidates/Tickets shall not run on the platform of, be endorsed by, or identify as advocating for the platform/policy of any political association/party on any governmental level.
  - i. Partisan and political groups/clubs/associations/etc. on campus are permitted to endorse, criticize and/or in anyway discuss any candidates/Tickets/referenda in SGA elections, and are subject to the same campaign regulations/rules if such support/criticism is made public.

### ***Election Dates and Deadlines***

- B. Voting shall open at Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and shall close by Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2021. All voting shall be done electronically.
  - i. The Declaration of Candidacy Packet is due online no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 unless otherwise coordinated with election commissioners.
  - ii. Candidates will be asked to submit a head shot and bio with a 300-word limit prior to election week. The Election Commission withholds the right to revise, edit, and/or remove position statements that exceed the word limit, have major spelling and/or grammatical errors, contain any sort of vulgarity, or contain content that is otherwise prohibited by the regulations set forth by this code. Any content that qualifies as an infraction to be placed on a Candidate’s or Ticket’s record shall also be enforced by the Election Commission.
- C. Candidates and Tickets must attend one (1) of the two (2) available Candidate Meetings after turning in their Declaration of Candidacy Packet on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. These

sessions will occur on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Candidates will receive additional information via email. If a Candidate or Ticket cannot attend one of the scheduled meetings, it is up to them to coordinate with the Election Commission to meet at a separate time before March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in order to have a one-on-one Candidate meeting. There will also be a Candidate forum which includes a live stream on April 1 at 4pm until 6pm.

- D. The Candidate Expense and Revenue Tracking Form (including all relevant receipts) is due to the Election Commission, by 3:00 PM on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The declaration of candidacy and eligibility packet includes: candidate information, eligibility form, and campaign team form and must be completed and turned in online by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- E. If elected in April, every candidate is required to attend the following mandatory SGA events. Additionally, Executive Ticket candidates are, to be regularly available throughout the summer and are discouraged from participating in other experiences that require a great deal of time such as working full time, full time internships, taking a large academic course load or studying abroad. The President and Vice President consistently work 20-25 hours per week throughout the summer and academic year. Other elected members should expect to work between 7 and 15 hours per week during the academic year.
  - i. Elected Candidates Training (mandatory):
    - i. April 30<sup>th</sup> – Newly elected officers sworn in during SGA Senate meeting (12pm-3pm) (senate to recess until August)
    - ii. August 12, 13, 16, & 17 – Hold for mandatory all SGA training (9am-3pm)
    - iii. August 27<sup>th</sup> – Meet your Student Government open house/social meeting during SGA time (hold 12pm-3pm)
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### ***Voter Eligibility***

- F. All students actively enrolled at CU Denver in the spring semester that have paid the student activity fee are eligible to vote in any election held under the authority granted in the University of Colorado Denver's Student Government Association Constitution.

### ***Required Forms for Candidates***

- G. All candidates must complete the following three (3) forms found in the Declaration of Candidacy Packet, submit a headshot of the candidate, and submit a position statement (300 word maximum) by the deadline outlined in Article III, sections (B) and (C) of this Election Code.
  - 1. Candidate Information & Eligibility Form
    - i. "The Statement of Candidate Eligibility" found in the Candidate Information & Eligibility Form will act as the Campaign Contract. The candidate and one (1) of the Election Commissioners must sign the Campaign Contract no later



than the close of the Declaration of Candidacy Packet Deadline to be eligible to run in the election. Must be received by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

2. Campaign Team Form

- ii. By signing this document, the candidate agrees to abide by AHEC posting policies and the Student Code of Conduct. Any candidate or Ticket, whether declared or Write-In, is to understand that any action in violation of these policies by either the candidate, or the candidate's campaign team, will result in immediate disqualification of their candidacy. Only the candidate's campaign team is authorized to create, print, and post promotional material on the candidate's behalf. Candidates and Tickets shall inform the Election Commission any time before the end of Election Week of the addition of more members added to the respective candidate's or Ticket's Campaign Team. Must be received by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

3. Candidate Expense & Donation Tracking Form

- iii. Campaign spending and contribution limits for Senators, College Council Representatives, and SACAB Representatives shall be set at \$500. Campaign spending and contribution limits for Executive Tickets shall be set at \$1,000.
  - b. Failure to submit the form within the given time limit, or exceeding campaign-spending limits will result in the disqualification of the candidate. If disqualified once in office, the candidate will be removed, and the candidate with the next highest number of votes shall assume the office from which the removal occurred. Must be received by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3pm.

***Withdrawal***

- H. Any Candidate or Ticket may withdraw from the Election at any time before the announcement of the preliminary election results with seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of polls on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. Withdrawals are declared through written and/or electronic correspondence, or verbal declaration to the Election Commission, who shall verify the withdrawal in writing.
  - i. If a candidate or Ticket withdraws before Election Week, their name(s) shall be removed/not placed on the ballot. If a candidate or Ticket withdraws during Election Week or prior to the announcement of the preliminary election results, then all votes cast for that Candidate shall be invalidated, and, in the case of their majority, the Candidate or Ticket with the next highest number of votes shall take their place as winner. Withdrawal of any one (1) member of an Executive Ticket shall result in the withdrawal of the entire Ticket.

***Campaign Regulations***

- I. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in person campaigning will be restricted for the Spring 2021 election season. Campaigning is expected to be conducted virtually whenever possible.

- i. Candidates wishing to campaign on campus in any form (posters, limited tabling, etc) must receive approval from the election commission and the operator of the space the where the candidate wishes to campaign (Lynx Crossing, AHEC spaces, CU Denver spaces). All candidates must adhere to appropriate precautions.
- J. Disrupting or tampering with any election may constitute a violation of the CU Denver Student Code of Conduct. Depending on the severity of campaign related infractions, the Election Commission may decide to report candidates in question to the Student Conduct Office.
- K. All members of a campaign team shall follow CU Denver and AHEC respective building and campus posting policies as follows: Policies available at ([www.ahec.edu](http://www.ahec.edu))

### ***Candidate Disqualification and Infraction System***

- L. Candidates may be immediately disqualified for the following reasons:
  - i. Violation of the CU Denver Student Code of Conduct
  - ii. Falsification of candidate information
  - iii. Failure to submit candidate expense and revenue tracking form at the designated deadline.
  - iv. Campaigning as a team, or paying another person to campaign on a candidate's or ticket's behalf.
  - v. Any sort of campaigning at SGA sponsored events unless otherwise informed by the election commissioners.
- M. "Campaigning as a Team" is defined as multiple candidates working together to win their respective seats, which includes, but is not limited to, sharing campaign materials, using the same campaign funds, and endorsements. b. A candidate may not provide any monetary compensation to any person, CU Denver student, staff, faculty, or otherwise, for their help toward that candidate's campaign.
  - i. Filing a Grievance/Complaint against another candidate in bad faith, including for the purpose to disqualify that candidate from their respective race.
  - ii. Providing compensation of any form, including, but not limited to, money, food, gifts, clothing, "spirit items," etc. to a voter in direct exchange for a vote for a candidate/ticket/question.
  - iii. Harassment, intimidation, threats, vulgar language, or any otherwise hostile interaction initiated toward the Election Commission and/or another candidate, ticket, or campaign team.
  - iv. Falsely claiming the endorsement of any individual, group, organization, club, etc. without the consent of said entity.
  - v. Disseminating any objectively false information in order to impede or influence any Election and/or Election Commission responsibilities and/or activities.
  - vi. Disseminating any objectively false information in order to mislead,

- misinform, or deceive voters as to how, when, and where they can vote.
- vii. Failure to attend the Mandatory Senate and Final Candidate Meeting, without making alternate arrangements with the Election Commission
- viii. Viewing, completing, or otherwise exercising unfair influence on the voting choice of a student without their informed and expressed consent.

### **Student Government Association Infraction System**

- N. The infraction system is designed to ensure open, fair, accessible, and efficient elections, and discourage any candidates from participating in activities counter to the Election Code, AHEC posting policies, or University Code of Student Conduct. The Election Commission reserves the right to interpret and enforce campaign regulations and distribute infractions in the manner best fit for fair and accessible elections.
  - i. Commissioners reserve the right to instruct candidates to avoid inappropriate conduct that is otherwise not enumerated in this Election Code.
  - ii. Candidates reserve the right to appeal any infractions to the Judicial Committee.
- O. Candidates and Tickets will start with 7 total points. If the following rules are broken the respective points will be deducted from the total points. Once the candidate has 0 remaining points, they are disqualified from their respective race.
  - i. Executive Tickets shall be treated as one candidate and shall have a combined total of 7 points for their Ticket's candidacy.
  - ii. Candidates shall be held responsible for the infractions committed by members of that candidate's campaign team, and infractions committed by team members shall be deducted from the points of that Candidate or Ticket.
- P. Write-In Candidates for Contestable races shall start with 5 total points. In addition to the disqualifying infractions, candidates/Tickets may also lose a predetermined amount of points for violations of any of the following minor violations/infractions;
  - i. Improper Advertising (not following AHEC posting policies) – 4 pts If candidates post in improper areas, they will be penalized 4 points
- Q. Interfering with other candidates' postings can lead up to disqualification
  - i. Campaigning near computer lab – 3 pts If Candidates or Campaign Teams are found campaigning anywhere within 50 feet of any computer labs they will be penalized 3 points.
  - ii. Polling Stations – 3 pts If Candidates, Tickets, or Campaign Teams are found campaigning around Polling stations they will be penalized 1 point. They should be at least 50 ft. away from the polling station.
  - iii. Pre- meetings with commissioners – 2 pts If candidates are more than 10 minutes tardy to any Candidate Meeting without informing the Election Commissioners beforehand, they will be penalized 2 points.
  - iv. Late on submission of campaigning budget – 2 pts If candidates are late on submitting their campaigning budget they will be penalized 2 points

- v. Wearing/Displaying CU Denver SGA clothing, materials, etc. while campaigning -- 4 points.
- R. A candidate/Ticket, including candidates/Tickets who are current members of CU Denver SGA, may not wear any clothing or nametags, distribute any materials, or in any way use SGA office resources (including storage space, computers, printing, etc.) logos, materials and resources for the purpose of campaigning. This is to minimize confusion among students as to which activities are SGA related and which activities are for the purpose of campaigning.
  - i. An incumbent and/or returning candidate is permitted to state, post, or mention that they are seeking re-election, as well as any previous work/initiatives, achievements, etc. completed whilst in office, but may not wear their SGA name tag, or use/display any of the aforementioned SGA materials and resources.
  - ii. Campaigning during SGA events - 3 points A candidate or Ticket soliciting support, votes, or otherwise conducting themselves in a manner deemed to be “campaigning” during an SGA-run or -sanctioned event will be penalized 3 infraction points.
  - iii. Using the intellectual property of another person, organization, etc. without the permission of said property’s rightful owner. -- 3 points.
  - iv. Use of any illegal Campaign Materials -- 2 points
  - v. Disregard of Election Commission’s instruction - 2 points Any candidate or Ticket that makes any action deemed inappropriate or in violation of this Code that they were previously instructed to avoid by the Commission will be penalized two (2) points.
  - vi. Incomplete Completion of the Declaration of Candidacy - 3 points
- S. Any person in the office of CU Denver Student Life and/or any person eligible to vote can file a complaint/grievance against any candidate to the Election Commission. Additionally, the Election Commission has the authority to file complaints/grievances and investigate said complaints/grievances as a Commission.
- T. The reporting party can file a complaint using the Grievance/Complaint Form available in the Declaration of Candidacy packet. Any violations of the election policy to be stated in the Grievance Form must be reported within 24 hours of the occurrence of the event for the responding party to ensure immediate redressal of the same.
- U. Any candidate facing disqualification must be notified electronically within twenty-four (24) hours after the Election Commission has received any evidence of any violations of the election policy, allegedly committed by a candidate or candidates, and a special meeting between the candidate, the Election Commission, and one (1) Judicial member must be scheduled regarding the violation of election policy. This meeting shall be open to the public. If the candidate takes no action to respond to the violation within forty-eight (48) hours, they shall be disqualified from the election.

- V. Only the Election Commission and one (1) Judicial member may disqualify candidates. If it is determined by the Election commission and the Judicial member that a candidate should be disqualified, then the candidate may appeal that decision to the Senate within two (2) days of the decision by the Election commission and the Judicial member.

### ***Vote Tabulation Process***

- W. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the winner of the available position up to the specified number of seats available. In the event of electronic voting, an exact count is possible and therefore the need for an automatic recount is eliminated; a petition for a recount may be submitted as outlined in this policy.
- X. In the event of a tie, the election commission will hold a run-off election which will last for a period of three (3) business days, after which a winner will be declared by the election commission.
- Y. Preliminary election results shall be announced within seventy-two (72) hours after the close of voting in the election. Results will be available online on the Student Government Association Website.
- Z. Election commissioners are not allowed to know the specific numbers of vote per candidate during election week, rather the advisor will provide the percentage voter turnout during election week. This information will provide guidance for the election commissioners to know how much outreach is needed before the end of elections.

### ***Election Report***

- AA. No later than the end of the semester, the Election Commission shall submit a brief report to the CU Denver SGA outlining any special actions taken and certifying that any necessary preparations for the next election, such as ordering ballots, have been made. Copies of this report shall be sent to the Senate of the CU Denver SGA.
- BB. A list of disqualified candidates and candidates with 7 or more infractions shall be made available to the public. This information will be posted in the SGA website until the end of the election week.
- CC. The Election Commission shall maintain a public file in the CU Denver SGA office containing the results of the past elections, previous budgets, documents and other materials deemed to be general or commission interest.

### ***Petition for Referendum***

Upon approval by a majority vote of the sitting membership of the Senate and subject to prior approval by the Chancellor, questions may be submitted to the student body for approval at the next general election or at a special election.

OR

Upon petition by at least ten percent (10%) of the CU Denver Student Body and subject to prior approval by the Chancellor, questions may be submitted to the student body for approval at the next general election or at a special election.

- DD. A "Referendum" shall consist of a single question such that a student may vote

either yes or no and any referendum submitted to the student body by student petition shall have the exact wording of the petition or motion initiating the election.

- EE. Any student eligible to vote in CU Denver Student Elections may “campaign,” advocate for or against a referendum question as long as, a) the “campaign” of the referendum question is separated from the campaigns of any other candidate/question/Ticket, and b) Those participating in “campaigning” abide by all Campaign rules as set forth by the SGA Constitution and this document.

### **Article III Election Commission**

#### ***Selection and Removal***

- A. The Chief Justice shall review applications and interview applicants for the Election Commissioner position; which is made up of 2-3 commissioners. They shall appoint the most qualified candidate to the position.
- B. The Election Commissioners appointed by the Chief Justice shall go before the Senate for review. The Senate shall then ratify the selection of the Election Commissioners after nomination by the President.

#### ***Powers and Responsibilities***

- C. The CU Denver SGA Election Commission shall prepare and submit for approval a budget for the election. The CU Denver SGA must approve the final election budget by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- D. The Election Commissioners shall ensure that all elections run smoothly and in accordance with the CU Denver SGA Election Policy. They shall provide every candidate with a copy of this policy, hold candidate meetings, insure adequate publicity for CU Denver SGA elections, prepare the ballots, approve credentials of all candidates and referendum items, provide a forum for public speeches, issue voting information, ensure that election zones are staffed and monitored, and announce election results.
- E. The Election Commission shall attend all necessary Senate meetings, Judicial meetings, and all other necessary SGA events, and will behave in a manner set forth by CU Denver’s Code of Conduct and the SGA Constitution and bylaws.
- F. The Election Commission shall additionally provide resources and access, plan events, inform and engage the student body, use social media, etc., among other activities and initiatives, in order to encourage the largest percentage of voter turnout as possible.
- G. The Election Commission shall be responsible for encouraging voting-eligible students to research and discuss candidates, Tickets, and referenda to be considered and to think mindfully of the Election and their vote.

### **Article IV Inclusivity Policy**

#### ***Right to Vote***

- A. The right of an eligible student to vote shall not be denied, abridged, or in any way hindered by the University of Colorado Denver’s Student Government Association on the basis

of, but not limited to, race, color, national origin, pregnancy, sex, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation, or political philosophy.

***Right to Run***

- B. The right of an eligible student to be a candidate for CU Denver SGA office shall not be denied, abridged, or in any way hindered by the University of Colorado Denver's Student Government Association on the bases of, but not limited to, race, color, national origin, pregnancy, sex, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation, or political philosophy.