

2024 Homecoming Guidelines

Campaigning officially starts after the end of all candidate meetings on Thursday, October 10th, 2024, at 9 p.m.– Union 2nd floor west lobby (SGA office)

(CAMPAIGNING BEFORE THIS DATE/TIME IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY THE CANDIDATE OR THEIR AGENTS)

- **CANDIDATES MUST HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL OF APPROVAL FROM THE SGA ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BEGIN CAMPAIGNING.**
- Candidates may display no more than five (5) signs, no larger than 22" by 28," each. Signs should not block walkways or cause a hazard to drivers.
- Mounting of campaign materials on trees, light poles, fences, or on the outside of campus buildings is prohibited.
- No gifts or prizes may be given out and may be considered a form of bribery, which will result in disqualification.
- Distributing edible campaign materials (food & drink) is prohibited.
- No campaign material may be displayed publicly in an academic building except in those areas designated as bulletin boards. **Materials must first be approved prior to being displayed in this area. No more than one campaign flyer per candidate may be placed in these designated areas.**
- **Absolutely no campaign materials may be posted in the Student Union.**
- No candidate may campaign within fifty (50) feet of the Student Union. Candidates may begin campaigning at the stop sign across from the Student Union.
- **Absolutely no campaign materials may be posted in the Young Mauldin Cafeteria.**
- No candidate may campaign or pass out materials to students within a fifty (50) ft circumference of the Young Mauldin Cafeteria. **This includes any bulletin boards that are posted in the Student Union and Young Mauldin Cafeteria are also off limits to promoting homecoming elections.**
- No campaign may occur in an academic classroom **while a class is in session.** This includes the passing out of stickers, buttons, or flyers. Students may, however, wear stickers or buttons of the candidates.
- Fliers to be posted in the dorms must be turned into housing (2nd floor of the Union) and RAs will post them.
- Campaigning on the Quad is designated **ONLY** for Senior candidates **ONLY** while promoting their platform.
- Any banners, flyers, posters, signs, or additional campaign materials promoting the candidate's platform must also be approved by the Attorney General before being put up.
- Candidates may not cover or take down previously posted flyers on any bulletin board unless the event the flier is promoting has expired.
- Destroying, covering up, or removing another candidate's campaign material is forbidden and **can result in expulsion from the race.**
- Candidates are prohibited from exerting any pressure over voters, including but not limited to
(1) asking voters to reveal their choice of candidate and

(2) asking to watch students while they vote.

If found guilty of this, a candidate can be removed from the race.

- Any attempt by a candidate, organization, or other persons to bribe, intimidate, or force a person to vote or campaign in any form shall result in the candidate's **immediate disqualification.**
- Candidates who benefit in any way from an organization penalizing members for not voting or campaigning shall be **immediately disqualified and fined for every campaign piece damaged.**
- Candidates should see that their hours are consistent with their classification before submitting petitions.
- Senior candidates are required to submit a platform for their position. The platform shall be a form of service the candidate intends to perform for the community during their campaign. Platforms must be approved by Attorney General Luke Kennedy.
- If a senior is selected for homecoming court, they must fulfill their platform before the announcement of homecoming king and queen, with proof of this fulfillment sent to SGA Attorney General at sgaattgeneral@deltastate.edu
- Candidates must be in good standing with the University as well as be a full-time undergraduate student.
- Candidates must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA to run
- All campaign materials must be removed forty-eight (48) hours after the election is over.

***Failure to do so can result in a \$25 fine per campaign material**

All campaign materials must be approved by Attorney General Luke Kennedy before use.

- **CANDIDATES MUST HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL OF APPROVAL FROM THE SGA ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BEGIN CAMPAINING. The following must have been completed to receive this email:**
 - Candidates must have attended one (1) campaign meeting.
 - Candidates must have submitted the online petition
 - Candidates must have submitted the online signature form
 - Candidates must have campaign graphics approved by the SGA Attorney General
- **Candidates must have submitted the online petition and signature form to be placed on the ballot.**
- **If a candidate cannot make any of the meetings described, they must contact SGA Attorney General Luke Kennedy 24 hours before the beginning of campaigning, otherwise they will be ineligible.**
- For your headshot to be placed on the ballot you must submit it through the online form or email it to sgaattorneygeneral@deltastate.edu. Photo will be cropped if it is not a headshot.

Classification of Students (As specified in the SGA Constitution)

Freshmen - have completed fewer than two (2) semesters in a two- or four- year undergraduate university following high school graduation

Sophomore - have completed at least two (2), no more than three (3) semesters in a two- or four-year undergraduate university following high school graduation.

Junior – have completed at least four (4), no more than five (5) semesters in a two- or four- year undergraduate university following high school graduation. Candidates must have 61-90 hours.

Senior – have completed at least six (6) semesters in a two- or four- year undergraduate university following high school graduation.

*Graduate students do not qualify to run for Homecoming

* Candidates may request that the Attorney General reconsider their classification should they feel their assigned classification does not truly represent them. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

*If you have previously run for a classification, you are ineligible to run for that classification again.