

Student Government Association

Election Schedule—Spring 2026 President/ Vice-President

March 2, 2026	Candidate Applications DUE at Noon Student Government Association Office (2 nd floor, Reng Student Union)
	March 3, 2026 Election Meeting—ALL Candidates Required at approximately 6:15pm (immediately following the scheduled Senate meeting) Delta Center for Economic Development, Executive Board Room
March 12, 2026	Campaigning Begins at 12:01am
March 16, 2026	Meet the Candidates at 5:00pm & President/Vice President Candidate Debate immediately following at Centennial Hall (3 rd floor, Reng Student Union)
	March 18, 2026 Election begins at 9am: SGA President/Vice President and all Senate Seats
	March 19, 2026 Election ends at 9am
March 19, 2026	Election Results Announced at Noon Center Court (1 st floor, Reng Student Union)
	March 31, 2026 Installation of new SGA Senators and Executive Staff at 5:30pm Delta Center for Economic Development, Executive Board Room

Questions: John Carswell, SGA Election Commissioner
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Campaign Regulations

All campaign regulations will be in accordance with the Election Commission Bylaws and the Constitution of the Arkansas State University Student Government Association. The Student Government Association shall not endorse any candidate or any other electoral matter. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in Class One or Class Two offenses and could ultimately result in a candidate's removal from the election. All formal offenses will be reviewed by the Election Commission and appropriate action will be determined by this committee.

Class One Offenses

Committing a class one offense may result in:

1st offense: Verbal warning from the Election Commissioner

2nd offense: Written warning from the Election Commissioner

3rd offense: Fine of \$100

Subsequent offenses: Fine of \$150 and considered disqualification

Class Two Offenses

Committing a class two offense may result in:

1st offense: Fine of \$50

2nd offense: Fine of \$100

3rd offense: Fine of \$250 and considered disqualification

To be considered on the Election Ballot, all candidates must attend the mandatory candidates meeting February 27, 2024 at 6:15pm in the Delta Center for Economic Development, Executive Board Room.

1. Verbal campaigning can take place at any time. However, organized speaking engagements (classrooms, organizations, free speech areas) cannot take place until official campaigning begins. Campaigning will officially begin March 9, 2026 at 12:01am. **(Class One Offense)**
2. No videos, campaign-based GroupMe, or social media posting from any personal or organized accounts until official campaigning begins March 9, 2026 at 12:01am. These platforms include, but are not limited to privately acquired websites, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, GroupMe, etc. **(Class Two Offense)**
3. Campaign materials cannot be displayed until official campaigning begins March 9, 2026 at 12:01am. **(Class Two Offense)**
4. Campaign expenses cannot exceed \$500 for candidates (T-Shirts not included). All campaign funds shall be documented, including the source of funds. Donated materials and their monetary value shall also be documented, including the source of the donation. The value of the donated materials must be counted against a candidate's campaign expenses. **(Class Two Offense)**

5. No signs, posters, or banners may be used on campus (including Greek housing). **(Class Two Offense)**
6. Individuals or groups may sponsor political rallies. In all areas, use of voice amplification is prohibited. Use of music is determined by facility guidelines. **(Class One Offense)**
7. No candidate may disseminate campaign materials or postings containing false or misleading information about a candidate, staff member, or Election Commission member. No person shall deface or contribute to the defacing of any campaign materials. **(Class Two Offense)**
8. No paint or spray chalk of any kind will be allowed on any University property whatsoever. **(Class Two Offense)**
9. The distribution of food, candy, or beverages is prohibited. **(Class Two Offense)**
10. No individual gifts or trinkets valued at more than \$0.99 can be distributed. **(Class Two Offense)**
11. All campaigning must take place at least 100 ft from the Reng Student Union and Library. No campaigning materials will be allowed in the Library at any time. Campaigning and materials will only be allowed in the Reng Student Union while attending Registered Student Organization meetings and/or events. **(Class One Offense)**
12. Chalking will be allowed on sidewalks only. No chalking is to be done on any walls, steps or vertical surface. No chalking is to be done within 100 ft of the Reng Student Union or Library. **(Class One Offense)**
13. No candidate may intentionally damage the character of another candidate, staff member, or Election Commission member with false information. Furthermore, any allegations that could be considered libel or slander will be brought to the Election Commission for review. **(Class Two Offense)**
14. Creating polling sites is strictly prohibited. **(Class Two Offense)**
15. Candidates must seek approval through the Office of University Housing before posting campaign materials in the residence halls. Documentation of approval must be shared with the Election Commission prior to posting. **(Class One Offense)**

***All fines must be paid by March 18, 2026 by 9:00am. Failure to pay fines will result in removal from election. Fine payment may be brought to the Leadership Center during regular business hours and delivered to Sydney Stamatis, Budget Specialist, or Dr. Rob Johnson, Director of the Leadership Center.**

Financial Reports Example Template

Purchased Items	Price
1)	\$
2)	\$
3)	\$
Total	\$

Donations	Estimated Donation Amount
1)	\$
2)	\$
3)	\$
Total	\$

***Fundraising report for your campaign is also due March 18, 2026 by 9:00am. Anything purchased after your fundraising reports are submitted, must be reported to the Election Commissioner within 24 hours, excluding weekends. Failure to report fundraising will result in removal from the election.**

***No Student Government Association resources and/or platforms may be used in the promotion of, advocacy for, or campaigning on behalf of or in coordination with any candidate or any other electoral matter on the ballot. General announcement, notification, or publication of an upcoming election is acceptable, and general statements of encouragement to vote in said election are also permissible.**

***Vice-Presidential and Presidential candidates must provide a receipt of purchase during the allotted campaign period to the Student Government Association Campaign Regulations.**

1) The intended purpose of the documentation is to ensure that there is a financial basis through comparable opponents.

2) Requiring receipt proof of all purchases and donations enables clarification and monitorization of the campaign.

Student Government Association President/ Vice President Application

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____ (Minimum 2.5 required)

Cumulative Hours, including this semester

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____ (Minimum 2.5 required)

Cumulative Hours, including this semester

We understand that any misrepresentation of information for this application will result in my immediate disqualification as a candidate.

We give my permission to the SGA Advisor to check my grades, number of hours, and university standing to verify my eligibility to serve as a Senator.

Signature of Applicants

Date

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Candidate Acceptance of Rules and Regulations

We, _____ and _____, have read and understand the rules and campaigning regulations for the Student Government Association 2025-2026 election as approved by the SGA Election Commission. We understand the processes for campaigning, balloting and voting.

We, _____ and _____, do hereby promise that I will uphold and abide by the established rules and campaigning regulations. I understand that breaking any of these rules and/or regulations could result in payment of a fine or disqualification from the election.

The Election Commission shall be responsible for enforcing all regulations as stated in Article III, Section 4 of the SGA Election Commission Bylaws. The Election Commission shall be the body to decide any appropriate actions regarding any infractions of set regulations by candidates and/or their campaigns as stated in Article III, Section 4, of the SGA Election Commission Bylaws.

Presidential Candidate/ Vice Presidential Candidate/ Date

Election Commissioner/Date

Please include this sheet of 25 signatures from the constituency you are campaigning to represent.

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Application Due: February 27, 2026 at Noon
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