

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION RULEBOOK

2024-2025

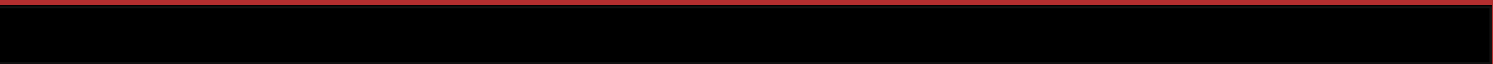
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# INTRODUCTION



## **A Message from the Elections Director**

Dear Candidates,

I am thrilled that you have decided to run for a position in the Associated Students of the University of Utah!

The Elections season is one of the most chaotic and rewarding things you will experience during your college career. Whether you win or lose, I assure you that the friendships you make and the skills you learn will make all of your hard work worthwhile. I know that you are running for an office to improve campus life for your peers. However, please do not forget that this process is also very much a chance to enhance your own experience at the U. Take advantage of all events and learning opportunities during the election cycle and afterward to make the most of your time spent with ASUU. While our student government system can be complex, there is no need to feel overwhelmed. The Elections Board is here to help you every step of the way. I am confident that you are more than capable of making valuable contributions to our University as a student leader. If you ever have any questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or one of my team members. Student representation is becoming increasingly vital to ensuring that student needs are met. Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us, trying to make the U a more inclusive, engaging place to be.

I look forward to meeting you! Prepare yourself for a mental election season.

Sincerely,

Brooklyn Brown  
Former Elections Director 2024-2025

## **A Letter from Your Student Body President**

Dear Future Student Leaders,

I am so excited for you to embark on this new journey. Campaigning is a rush of adrenaline that you'll never forget. Below are a few pieces of advice for you as you run for an office this year:

1. Know the rules. The rules are not what you wish them to be, they exist for a reason and will not change. Make sure you understand University Free speech policies to ensure you add to the educational experience instead of detracting from it.
2. No one is a threat. You can be confident and supportive simultaneously. The moment you treat others as a threat to your success, you create hostility within a campaign which ruins the voting experience for everyone. Never throw shade at others and make friends with those you are running against. If you are successful in your race, you will represent the student body, including former competitors. You will also need their help during your term, so work to cultivate a healthy, competitive environment based on positive relationships. Also, if you stay light years ahead of any competitor, there will be no need to feel threatened! Most importantly, no ill-willed action is ever worth it. You will never win because you spread rumors. You win because you work to make yourselves the obvious choice to improve the University. While you cannot control what is said about you, you can control how you react. One student's comments shouldn't change your drive to change our campus for the better.
3. Strategize! Consider how candidates have campaigned in the past to find your distinct campaign style and strategy. The election season only lasts a couple of weeks. Use every day to reflect upon and improve your campaign as you go. Many use social media, student organizations, and in-person advocacy. While you cannot disrupt a class to campaign, you can make announcements before or after class with the professor's permission. Be respectful of the professors, as you are a guest in their classroom. Finally, choose running mates who are not in the same student groups as you, as the extent of your reach is based on your prior engagement with groups on campus.

I ran because I had a mediocre campus experience, and I wanted to change that. I was fortunate to have my amazing partners, Paige Moon and Ty Nishikawa, who added unique perspectives to our campaign. Understand your WHY and communicate it clearly to the student body. Our record-shattering year laid the groundwork for this election to be even more outstanding! It is your turn, and only YOU know how to make the most of your talents to reach new heights. Let's beat 5,656 votes! Involve students and groups that don't usually vote by giving them a reason! YOU are the reason! I believe in you.

Sincerely,

Joe Boyden  
Student Body President 2024-2025



# CALENDAR

# Calendar

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## Disclaimer:

*All dates below are subject to change. Please follow the ASUU Instagram (@asuutah) for the most recent updates concerning Elections events. Locations will be announced via social media.*

## Filing Period

- ◇ **Monday, September 16:** Filing opens for all elected ASUU positions.
  - ◇ Check the ASUU website and @asuutah on socials for updates.
- ◇ **Friday, December 13th at 11:59 PM MST:** Filing closes for Executive Tickets (President & Vice Presidents).
- ◇ **Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM MST:** Filing closes for all Legislative (Assembly & Senate) and Attorney General candidates.

## Campaigning Period

- ◇ **Floats and Filing:** Thursday, Dec. 5th
- ◇ **Posting Day:** Monday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>
  - ◇ **Posting Day Livestream:** Jan 27<sup>th</sup>
  - ◇ **Campaign Orientation:** Jan 27th
- ◇ **Coffee Chats (Humanities, Business, Education):** Wednesday, Jan 29th
- ◇ **Pizza Platform Party:** Thursday, Jan 30th
- ◇ **Coffee Chats (Architecture, Social Work, & Social/Behavioral Science):** Monday, Feb 3rd
- ◇ **Daily Utah Chronicle Presidential Debate:** Tuesday, Feb 4th
- ◇ **Coffee Chats (Business, Medicine):** Monday, Feb 10th
- ◇ **Coffee Chats (Heath Honors Graduate School, Dentistry, Cultural & Social Transformation, Law, Fine Arts):** Tuesday, Feb 11th

- ◇ **Hinckley Presidential Debate:** Thursday, Feb 20th
  - ◇ **Candidate Open House:** Prior to debates, further information will be provided
- ◇ **Voting Opens:** Monday, Feb. 17th
- ◇ **Coffee Chats (Science, Mines and Earth Sciences):** Tuesday, Feb 18th
- ◇ **Coffee Chats (Engineering, Nursing, & Pharmacy):** Wednesday, Feb 19th
- ◇ **Ready to Rumble Rally:** Tuesday, Feb. 25th
- ◇ **Democracy Dawgs:** Thursday, Feb. 27th
- ◇ **Voting Ends:** Friday, Feb 28th
- ◇ **Announcement Party:** Friday, Feb 28th
- ◇ **Inauguration:** Tuesday, April 22nd

## Campaign Calendar:

- ◇ **January 27:** Posting Day
  - Primary Campaigning Begins
- ◇ **February 3:** *Primary Voting opens at 7:00 AM MST*
- ◇ **February 14:** *Primary Voting ends at 12:00 PM MST*
- ◇ **February 14:** Election Results will be posted on the Elections Website and announced on social media by 5:00 PM MST
- ◇ **February 17:** General Election Voting opens at 7:00 AM MST
- ◇ **February 28:** General Election Voting ends at 12:00 PM MST
- ◇ **February 28:** Final Elections Results Announcements

***Primary Election:*** *If there are more than 3 eligible tickets registered and running for the presidency, a primary election shall occur to determine the top 3 general election candidates for that seat. In the case of a primary election, see the primary dates above.*

## Mandatory Events and Expectations, if elected:

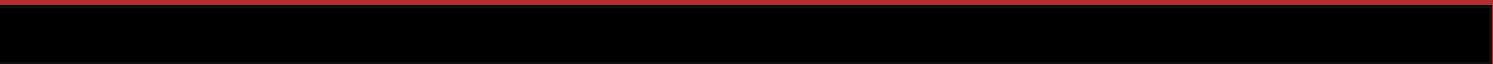
- ◇ **April 22:** Inauguration
- ◇ ASUU Training for ALL elected and appointed officers (Info will be shared)

A note on required post-election meetings: attendance at required post-election meetings is considered part of the duties of elected officers, and failure to attend these meetings may impact your ability to serve. If there are extenuating circumstances preventing you from attending these meetings and trainings, an explanation and/or appropriate documentation must be provided to the Student Leadership & Involvement Program Coordinator, Katie Howell ([khowell@sa.utah.edu](mailto:khowell@sa.utah.edu)).





# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



# Eligibility Criteria

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## **Executive Candidate Eligibility Criteria**

1. The President shall be elected on a ticket with the Vice President of University Relations and the Vice President of Student Relations in a campus-wide general election to be held in accordance with this Constitution, the Bylaws and University Regulations.
2. The President, Vice President of University Relations, and Vice President of Student Relations must have each completed at least three (3) semesters or the equivalent at a post-secondary institution of higher education prior to the day of taking office.
  - a. Dual enrollment, AP, IB, and CLEP credits do not count as part of these semester requirements.
3. The President, Vice President of University Relations, and Vice President of Student Relations must all be members of the ASUU at the time of filing for candidacy and throughout their term of office.
4. Appointed officers of the Executive Branch must be members of the ASUU at the time of appointment and throughout their term of office.
5. No student shall be eligible for any elected office of the Executive Branch who has not, at the time of filing for elections, earned a current cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or greater.
6. No student shall be eligible for any appointed office of the Executive Branch who has not, at the time of appointment to office, earned a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or greater.

## **Attorney General Candidate Eligibility Criteria**

1. The Attorney General shall be elected on an independent ticket in a campus-wide general election to be held in accordance with this Constitution, the Bylaws, and University Regulations.
2. The Attorney General must have completed thirty (30) college semester credit hours or equivalent prior to the elections filing deadline.
3. The Attorney General must be a member of the ASUU at the time of filing for candidacy and throughout their term of office.

## **Legislative Candidate Eligibility Criteria**

1. All Assembly Representatives and Senators must be members of the ASUU during their entire term of office.
2. Each Assembly Representative and Senator must have and maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average during their entire term of office.
3. Each Assembly Representative and Senator must maintain enrollment in the College to which they were elected during their entire term of office, excepting Representatives and Senators elected from Undergraduate Studies.



# 2025 CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES

# Spring 2025 Election Campaign Guidelines

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## Before the Campaigning Period During Elections:

- ◇ The \$5.00 for Legislative or \$15.00 for executive tickets filing fees for all candidates and their respective deposits **MUST** be paid by the filing deadline, **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:59 pm for executive tickets and Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:59 pm for legislative and attorney general candidates** (Filing is online).
- ◇ If you would like assistance paying the filing fee, contact Katie Howell (prior to the filing deadline) at [khowell@sa.utah.edu](mailto:khowell@sa.utah.edu)

## During the Voting Period:

- ◇ **Candidates are prohibited from compelling *active voters* to vote for any particular candidate.**
  - ◇ *Active Voter* is defined as a student who is actively using the U of U voting software to cast their vote.
  - ◇ Ex: A candidate MAY encourage students to vote by providing a QR code or directing them to the voting link. However, they MAY NOT direct the student(s) to vote for particular candidates while being physically present with the student
- ◇ Voting will be accessible ONLINE

## Campaign Violation Resolution (CVR):

- ◇ If a candidate is believed to have violated any of the rules outlined in this packet or the ASUU Redbook, you have the right to seek resolution. In order to complete the Campaign Violation Resolution process, the reporting student must cite specific rule violations within the ASUU Redbook and/or Elections Packet.

## Reporting Campaign Violations Process:

- ◇ To report a campaign violation, please complete THIS FORM (*link will be provided when filing opens*).
  - ◇ You must include a reference to the portion of Redbook's Article V or the Elections Packet that is at issue.
  - ◇ You may also provide any additional relevant information.
- ◇ After submitting a report form, you will be contacted by the Elections Board to set up an initial, individual meeting. Here, you will discuss the issue at hand with the board to review options for resolution. The Elections Board will also meet individually with the candidate(s) who have allegedly violated campaign rules.
- ◇ Next, the Elections Board will review the provided information to determine whether a campaign rule has been violated. If the Elections Board determines

that no rule has been violated, and the reporting party wishes to appeal that decision, the reporting party may file a Grievance with the Supreme Court.

- ◇ If the Elections Board determines a rule has been violated, the Elections Board will then mediate a conversation with all affected parties in hopes of reaching an informal resolution.
- ◇ If an informal resolution cannot be agreed upon by the involved parties, the Elections Board will either file a Grievance with the Supreme Court as a board, or they will direct the appropriate parties to file a Grievance with the Supreme Court.
- ◇ All Campaign Violation Reports MUST be filed BEFORE winners are announced.

*Note: Filing Grievances with the ASUU Supreme Court is a time-consuming process with no guaranteed outcome. Candidates are STRONGLY encouraged to utilize the Election Board's Campaign Violation Resolution Process as a resource to resolve disputes in an efficient, effective, and fair manner.*

### **ASUU Supreme Court Grievances**

- ◇ Violations of the rules contained in Redbook, this packet, or rules published by the Elections Board can be dealt with by filing a grievance with the ASUU Supreme Court. Grievances are the method through which campaign violations or infractions against student candidates and/or tickets are filed for consideration by the ASUU Supreme Court.
- ◇ When preparing a grievance, use the form found [HERE](#).
  - ◇ You must include a reference to the portion of Redbook's Article V or the Elections Packet that is at issue.
  - ◇ You may also provide any additional relevant information. All information included should be relevant to the case.
  - ◇ Additional information may be submitted after the grievance has been filed, but additional evidence will be admitted solely at the discretion of the Elections Director or the Supreme Court.
- ◇ Grievances may be filed by any enrolled student at the University of Utah.
- ◇ Grievances must be submitted by 5:00 pm two days before the grievance hearing. If no grievance is filed by 5:00 pm two days prior to the scheduled hearing, there will not be any grievance hearing for that week. (For example, if grievance hearings are held on a Wednesday, grievances must be filed by 5:00pm that Monday). During the last week of the campaign, this may be subject to change.
- ◇ Respondents may provide a copy of their defense or other written materials to the Elections Director to be distributed to the Court at the discretion of the Chief Justice.
- ◇ Witnesses may attend and testify if a party chooses to share their allotted time with the witness. The party and witness may also be available to answer questions during the questioning period.
- ◇ The Supreme Court is an independent judicial body. The Elections Director and the Associate Elections Director(s) are NOT members of the Supreme Court and therefore have no vote on the decisions rendered by the Supreme Court. The Elections Director will, however, enforce the rulings of the Court.

- ◇ Grievance meeting dates will be set by the Supreme Court. Date and times will be posted to the ASUU elections website as needed. The grievance process will be loosely modeled after the US judicial system and will be structured to guarantee due process for all tickets. This process includes the following:
  - ◇ Right to be heard (grievance hearing and possibility for appeal)
  - ◇ A fair judge (Supreme Court appointed by the ASUU President and confirmed by the ASUU Senate)
- ◇ All grievance hearings will be administered by the Supreme Court Chief Justice or an Associate Justice if appropriate. Once a grievance is filed, the Elections Director will notify all tickets involved in the grievance at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing. Hearings are open and public meetings. Everyone must act appropriately and with civility and arrive promptly. The Supreme Court, Elections Board, and University Staff reserve the right to intervene if any hearing proceedings become inappropriate or hostile.
- ◇ All rulings will be announced within 24 hours of the conclusion of the grievance hearing unless the Supreme Court votes to extend deliberation time.
- ◇ All grievances MUST be filed BEFORE winners are announced.

### **Grievance Proceedings:**

- ◇ During each grievance hearing, each party will present their opening statements and evidence to the Supreme Court.
- ◇ The complainant (party who has filed the grievance) will open and summate before the respondent (the party against whom the grievance has been filed). Through the course of the hearing, the Supreme Court will have an opportunity to ask questions from either side.
- ◇ Individuals will only be allowed to respond if the question is directed at them. The Court will then hold a deliberation period in which the candidates are not present.
- ◇ The Supreme Court will email all involved tickets regarding the results of the grievance. Results will also be published on the ASUU website.

## Campaigning Rules

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- ◇ Campaigning includes (but is not limited to), wearing apparel, posting campaign-related content on social media sites, hosting events, and tabling. Distributing physical media, such as flyers, pamphlets, etc. with any candidate-related content also constitutes campaign marketing. If there are any questions about what constitutes campaigning, please ask the Elections Director.
  - ◇ It is always better to ask for permission than to ask for forgiveness (see section regarding Grievances).
- ◇ All actions outlined above, whether taken publicly on social media or off campus, are considered active campaigning and may not occur until posting day.
- ◇ You will be allowed to table on campus locations. More specifics about when tabling can occur will be announced once filing is complete.
- ◇ Candidates may campaign in public academic spaces. This includes lobbies of academic buildings and the Union. Campaigning in the Union is allowed as long as it does not occur in the Student Involvement Wing on the second floor where the ASUU offices are located. All postings must be approved. Approval for all academic public spaces can be obtained at the Union front desk where postings will be stamped to certify that they are approved. Any unauthorized/unstamped postings will be removed.
- ◇ Candidates may post campaigning materials in Housing *lobbies* and *public spaces* (meaning any HRE space that does NOT require key card access) but must obtain HRE approval. Postings should be brought to the HRE office in Benchmark Plaza 822 for stamped approval. Any unauthorized/unstamped postings found in HRE facilities will be removed. Residential Areas beyond UCard swipe and/or key access, including Dining Halls are prohibited.
  - ◇ Additional rules may apply, please defer to HRE for further guidance.

## Core Committees

- ◇ Tickets may create a “Core Committee”. Core Committee Members help facilitate campaign activities. Each ticket may recruit one individual to fill each of the following positions:
  - ◇ Campaign Manager
  - ◇ Events Coordinator
  - ◇ Finance Coordinator
  - ◇ Marketing Coordinator
  - ◇ Policy Advisor
  - ◇ Title of the Ticket’s Choice (For example: Engagement Director, Outreach Coordinator, RSO Correspondent, etc.)

## Core Committee Recruitment Rules

- ◇ Tickets may recruit up to **SIX** Core Committee Members to fill the positions listed above.
- ◇ Recruitment of said members must take place between **DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> to DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**.
- ◇ Recruitment offers must be made to ONE individual at a time and must be via email with the Elections Director copied. **For example**, you MAY NOT send a text to a group chat explaining that you are seeking a campaign manager. You may email one individual to offer them the position of campaign manager with the Elections Director CC'd.
  - ◇ Submission of every Core Committee member's role (via Microsoft Excel) is due to the Elections Director no later than Midnight, December 20<sup>th</sup>. After this date, no changes, alterations, or modifications can be made to a ticket's Core Committee without approval from the Elections Director. There will be no exceptions.
- ◇ Article V, Section 1.2 states that "campaigning does not include reaching out to approaching potential running mates or Core Committee members." In other words, do not approach core committee members of other tickets with any campaign material or discussion.
- ◇ You may not recruit the current Attorney General, Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of staff, President or Vice Presidents, Elections Board members, or any Supreme Court members to participate in your campaign in any way.
- ◇ If you choose to recruit current ASUU members to aid your campaign, you must refrain from utilizing any ASUU resources including the ASUU offices. If you are a current ASUU member, you may not utilize your title or any ASUU resources to recruit Core Committee members.
- ◇ Candidates are responsible for the campaign-related actions of members of their Core Committee. As such, Core Committee members must abide by the rules and guidelines outlined in this packet.
- ◇ Acting outside of these guidelines will result in swift action by the Elections Board and/or punitive action by the ASUU Supreme Court.

## Finance

- ◇ Executive Candidates may use up to \$2,000 total of ASUU provided funding for the purpose of their campaign. ASUU will pay for campaign finances on behalf of the candidates. In order to access ASUU funding, candidates must contact the Elections Board, the Student Governance Advisor (Ethan Foley - [efoley@sa.utah.edu](mailto:efoley@sa.utah.edu)), the Associate Director for Outreach (Michael Ryan Cesena – [mcesena@sa.utah.edu](mailto:mcesena@sa.utah.edu)), and/or the Programming Coordinator (Katie Howell - [khowell@sa.utah.edu](mailto:khowell@sa.utah.edu)).
- ◇ If candidates choose to use their own money to buy materials, these costs will be deducted from the \$2,000 limit, and **MUST** be reported to the Elections Board. However, ASUU will **not reimburse candidates** for



- ◇ purchases made with personal funds.
- ◇ All purchases must be approved by ASUU. Please contact the Elections Director (Aynaelyssya Thomas – athomas@asuu.utah.edu) for approval.
- ◇ **NO outside contributions are allowed, monetary or otherwise.**
- ◇ All tickets are responsible for keeping track of their own budget (working with ASUU as needed). ASUU will facilitate the actual purchasing of campaign items that are disclosed to the Elections Board. If all expenditures are not disclosed, this will be grounds for a grievance.
- ◇ Details about the budget can be found in Redbook. If you have any questions about what is and is not considered marketing, or about what is and is not allowed according to Redbook, please contact the Elections Director.

## Endorsements

- ◇ Any registered University of Utah student or Registered Student Organization (RSO) has the right to endorse a ticket or candidate(s).
- ◇ RSOs are PROHIBITED from using any ASUU or University provided funding to support candidates. They may, however, put out a statement of support via social media, email, or text to inform members of the organization's preferred candidate. Messages of support from RSOs via email or text may ONLY be sent to club members.
- ◇ Individuals are welcome to endorse candidates in any way they see fit so long as they are not associated with the University. For example, a current member of ASUU may post an endorsement for a candidate on their personal Instagram account, but may not discuss their support of a candidate at an official ASUU event.
- ◇ Registered Student Governments (formerly known as College Student Councils) may not make ANY endorsements.
- ◇ Endorsements from ANY off-campus entities, are strictly forbidden – see the non-RSO regulations in the General Violations section of this packet.
- ◇ Endorsements will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis and grievances MAY BE FILED at the discretion of the Elections Director.
- ◇ The above guidelines are applicable to ALL elected positions, including executive tickets, assembly members, senators, etc.

## Candidate Guidelines

- ◇ Candidates MAY NOT solicit any support or endorsements prior to posting day.
- ◇ Candidates MAY NOT meet with any individual or group outside of their selected core committee to discuss ANYTHING pertaining to ASUU elections or campaigning
- ◇ Candidates MAY NOT contact RSOs for endorsements until after the official posting date.
- ◇ TO BE CLEAR: any pre-campaigning will not be tolerated. Do not hint at your plan to run for office, do not insinuate future involvement in ASUU, and do not

discuss future plans should you become an ASUU elected representative prior to posting day.

- ◇ Candidates are also prohibited from promising any student or RSO funding, events, event space, etc.
- ◇ Violation of the above guidelines will result the filing of a grievance by the Elections Board against the alleged ticket(s) or candidate(s).

### **Interactions with the Elections Director, Supreme Court, and Advisors**

- ◇ By participating in the 2024-2025 ASUU Elections, you agree to behave in a civil, respectful manner toward the members of the Supreme Court, the Elections Director, and the Associate Elections Directors, and to abide by their judgment.
- ◇ Personal attacks and other obstructions of the elections process will not be tolerated and **may result in punitive action including disqualification from the election.**



# MARKETING RULES + GUIDELINES

## Marketing Design and Guidelines

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ASUU will provide marketing services for all tickets and candidates to utilize throughout the campaign cycle. These services include resources like t-shirts, poster printing, publishing of platform information on the ASUU website, etc.

All marketing will be coordinated and run through the ASUU marketing board. You can reach them via email at:

Marketing Director – Meriam Safeudien

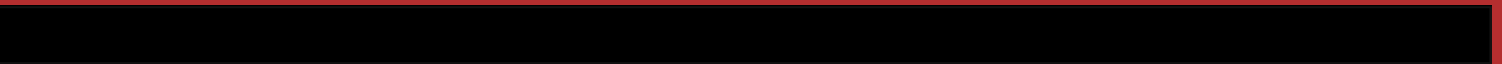
[mariam.safeudien@eccles.utah.edu](mailto:mariam.safeudien@eccles.utah.edu)

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# CANDIDATE EXPECTATIONS



## Candidate Expectations

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*All candidates are expected to read, understand, and abide by the Elections Packet and Redbook. By signing the candidate filing forms, all candidates agree to be held to the rules and regulations articulated in Redbook and this packet.*

- ◇ Candidates must file and pay the filing fee online.
- ◇ Candidates must review and understand relevant sections of Redbook for their desired role. Redbook can be found on the ASUU website [here](#).
- ◇ The entire elections packet, including linked forms, must be read and understood by candidates. Candidates will be made aware of all updates if made.
- ◇ If you have any questions about elections rules, please ask and do not assume that you know the answer. This is for your protection.
- ◇ Omission does not mean permission. Ask first!
- ◇ Individual candidates must pay a five-dollar (\$5) fee upon filing for candidacy.
- ◇ Executive tickets must pay a fifteen-dollar (\$15) fee upon filing for candidacy.
- ◇ Upon filing, candidates are subject to all election rules during the entire elections process *including* the time prior to filing.
- ◇ **Candidates will show the utmost respect to all other candidates**
- ◇ Candidates are expected to demonstrate attempts to mitigate any 3<sup>rd</sup>-party-created malicious dialogue that could influence the election
- ◇ Malicious dialogue is defined as any shared language/media that works to defame and/or discredit another candidate
- ◇ ASUU is permitted to file grievances and prosecute on any alleged rule-breaking that occurs, including rule breaking that occurs before filing deadlines or the publication of this Elections Packet.
- ◇ Campaigning to any executive cabinet members of ASUU during the 2024-2025 academic year is prohibited. All paid members of ASUU must remain neutral while carrying out the duties of their position, though they may support candidates in their personal time. This rule will be strictly enforced – the Supreme Court will be notified of the violation, which could result in removal from office.
- ◇ Candidates are expected to **only** seek support from Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
- ◇ Candidates are expected to **ignore** all attempts to connect and collaborate with ALL non- RSO organizations
- ◇ All important dates, reminders, and updates pertinent to the elections process will be communicated to all candidates using email.

## General Violations

A student or candidate who does any of the following will have committed a General Violation:

- ◇ Violation of the Student Code of Conduct or any University policies and procedures.
- ◇ Unauthorized collaboration with external organizations, such as Unsafe U or Barstool Utes.

- ◇ Any evidence of contact with demonstrated intent of seeking an endorsement from non-RSOs will result in removal from the election.
- ◇ Seeking an endorsement includes but is not limited to- filling out a survey with the intent to be scored, or anything that could be deemed as an endorsement as determined by the Supreme Court.
- ◇ Attempted bribery of an ASUU official, University staff, or an individual with special access to the ASUU balloting system.
- ◇ Act of intimidating voters.
- ◇ Offering goods or services to a student with expectation or in exchange for their vote.
- ◇ Dissemination of false or misleading information about campaign policies, polling data, or electoral procedures.
- ◇ Tampering with the ballot or interference in the vote-counting process.
- ◇ Non-compliance with University policies, codes, ASUU Judicial Branch rulings, regulations set by the Elections Director, or federal/state laws.
- ◇ Disruption of University classes, organizations, or events with the intent to influence a campaign.
- ◇ Damage or defacement of private or University property.
- ◇ Campaigning within the Marriott Library or within ASUU meetings and offices.
- ◇ Damaging, obstructing, or removing another ticket or candidate's campaign materials, including posters and banners.
- ◇ Breaching the rules of the Residence Hall Association when within its jurisdiction.
- ◇ Non-compliance with University Housing systems (and affiliated entities) rules when within their jurisdiction.
  - ◇ This includes campaigning in residence halls anywhere that requires key or Ucard access
- ◇ Initiating any campaign activities before the dates specified in Section (2) or any additional restrictions set by the Elections Board.
- ◇ Campaigning within dining halls is prohibited, though campaigning outside dining halls is allowed in accordance with campus free speech policies.
- ◇ Displaying or distributing campaign materials, advertising, or setting up a booth on campus before Posting Day or any additional restrictions set by the Elections Director.
- ◇ Exceeding spending limits or not adhering to disclosure requirements as outlined in these bylaws.
- ◇ Breaching regulations related to websites, social media, or other online activities set by the Elections Board and the Marketing Board.
- ◇ Engaging in prohibited actions or unapproved actions as determined by the Elections Steering Committee.
- ◇ Contravening a ruling from the Supreme Court of ASUU that aligns with the ASUU Constitution and Bylaws.
- ◇ Disobeying a decision of the Elections Committee that is consistent with the ASUU Constitution, Bylaws, and Supreme Court rulings.
- ◇ Violating any publicly issued rule by the Elections Director that doesn't contradict the ASUU Constitution, Bylaws, or rulings from the Supreme Court or Elections Committee.
- ◇ General violations, regardless of their occurrence relative to the filing

- date, will be addressed by the Supreme Court (refer to grievances).
- ◇ Acts of vandalism, hate crimes, or harassment.
- ◇ Alleged hate crimes, harassment, or inappropriate treatment of candidates will be rigorously investigated and strictly penalized. Offenders may also be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students for behavioral review.
- ◇ Inappropriate treatment of candidates, such as defacing election materials, malicious social posting, or verbal abuse, is prohibited. Any student, regardless of their affiliation, can be prosecuted for this violation.
- ◇ Candidates are responsible for denouncing malicious actions taken by third parties or non-candidate students if these actions may help the campaign of the aforementioned candidate.
  - ◇ For example, if a student posts something derogatory about the Smith ticket while endorsing the Cortez ticket, it is the responsibility of the Cortez ticket to denounce this action (by reaching out to the student and asking that they cease this behavior or through other means) as soon as they are made aware of the post. Candidates who fail to denounce actions of this nature will be reported to the Supreme Court.
- ◇ All grievances and election-related submissions must be made through the ASUU elections page: [ASUU Elections](#).
- ◇ The Elections Board Director is the primary contact for Executive Ticket campaign managers.
- ◇ Legislative candidates should direct their questions and concerns to the appropriate Elections Board Associate Directors.
- ◇ Campaigning in the Union is permitted, excluding the Student Involvement wing, which houses the ASUU office on the second floor.

## **ASUU Office & Resources**

- ◇ The ASUU Office is a neutral, impartial zone during elections. DO NOT conduct campaign business there UNLESS you are meeting with the Elections Director or have another legitimate purpose to conduct your business there.
- ◇ ASUU resources ARE NOT to be used by any ticket or candidate at any time between filing and the announcement of the newly elected officials. This includes ASUU computers, office supplies, copiers, fax machines, the ASUU office space, golf cart, etc. The one exception for utilizing ASUU resources will be the button maker, as long as all materials for the buttons are purchased through ASUU and with permission by the Elections Director. A sign-up sheet for reserving the button maker will be made available to candidates.
- ◇ Those elected and appointed under the Fall 2024- Spring 2025 Boyden Administration may use ASUU resources to conduct business pertaining to their elected/appointed position and outlined by Redbook.
- ◇ Campaigns may host social events. Events must occur on campus and be made known to the Elections Board, as well as registered both with University Police and the University. ONLY matriculated University of Utah members may attend.



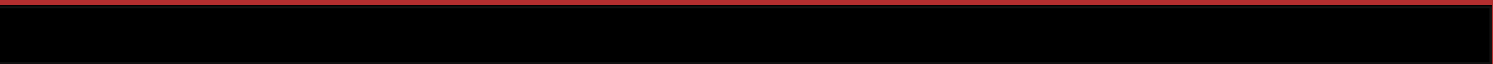
- ◇ If campaigns host events, they may not partner with any student group and it must be clear that the event is solely thrown by the campaign and no one else. The event also may not “benefit” any other entity, on campus or not.
- ◇ *As an electoral candidate, you acknowledge that you are serving as a representative of the University of Utah and that you have been chosen by ASUU to represent the University and its interests. You understand that any action taken will affect people’s opinion of your ticket and the University of Utah. As a University of Utah and ASUU sponsored event, all attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner congruent with the student code of conduct. There will be absolutely no alcohol or illegal drugs allowed.*

## **Non-RSO’s**

- ◇ Non-RSO’s are organizations not registered through the University of Utah’s Campus Connect platform. Collaboration with Non-RSO’s is NOT allowed in any capacity. If contacted by ANY Non-Campus entity, please refer to this section of the elections packet. Candidates coordinating with Non-RSO’s will face consequences. Reach out to the Elections Director with any questions or concerns.



# ELECTION OFFICIALS



## Elections Officials

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**Elections Director – Aynaelyssya Thomas – [athomas@asuu.utah.edu](mailto:athomas@asuu.utah.edu)**

- ◇ GENERAL ELECTIONS-RELATED QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE ELECTIONS DIRECTOR. With any confusion about a specific issue referenced in the elections packet or the bylaws, ask, do not assume.

**Marketing Director – Mariam Safeudien – [mariam.safeudien@eccles.utah.edu](mailto:mariam.safeudien@eccles.utah.edu)**

- ◇ *The Marketing Director's job is to coordinate and oversee all candidate marketing. Contact the Marketing Director via email and expect a 24-48 hour response.*

## Disclaimer

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For all policy, procedure, and general questions, contact Elections Director  
Aynaelyssya Thomas.

For all Marketing questions, contact Marketing Director Mariam Safeudien.

**See Redbook (ASUU's Constitution & Bylaws)  
and the ASUU Website for more information.**