

University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Graduate Student Organization
2019 Election Rules

PART I. AUTHORITY AND CONTROL

SECTION 1.

These rules are established by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Graduate Student Organization (hereafter GSO) in accordance with the GSO Constitution and shall be effective until such time as they may be amended or repealed.

SECTION 2.

Per the Constitution, the Elections Committee shall administer and interpret the

1. Call for nominations;
2. Receipt of nominations;
3. Receipt of candidate platforms;

inform eligible voters about the election. No candidate may use either of these lists for campaigning purposes.

- G. Campaign signs, posters, and flyers may be placed only in designated areas specified by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

More information about posting campaign materials can be found at:
<http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/studentlife/studentorg/rio/appendixII.pdf>

- H. Campaign material must be posted a minimum of five (5) feet apart on walls, and only one per bulletin board.
- I. Candidates must remove all campaign materials from campus buildings and bulletin boards the day following the close of voting. All candidates are solely responsible for all campaign material posted.
- J. Campaigning in classes is left to the discretion of the instructor.
- K. Campaigning in University living establishments is at the discretion of the University authorities. Candidates are expected to abide by all regulations of the authorities as well as University regulations. University recognized housing includes residence halls, co-ops, fraternities, etc.
- L. Candidates cannot create polling booths that seek to imitate official GSO polling booths.
- M. In an effort to decrease the possibility of bribery, candidates cannot give away goods of any monetary value (such as food, beverages, or promotional materials) as a part of their campaign.
- N. Candidates shall not engage in voter intimidation by way of looking over the shoulders of students to see who they are voting for.
- O. Candidates who breach any of the above may be penalized by the Elections Committee.
- P. Ignorance of rules is no defense to election infraction.

SECTION 4. VOTING PROCEDURES

- B. Voting will be via MyUH.
- C. A GSO member shall log into MyUH by providing their login name and password, thereupon becoming a registered voter.
- D. The student's name must also appear on the official graduate student list from University of Hawai'i at Manoa Admissions and Records Office. If a student's name does not appear on the graduate student list, MyUH will not permit access to GSO voting.

- G. Election results shall be preserved by the Elections Committee, shall be filed with the GSO Advisor, and may be examined by the public upon special request.
- H. Ballots and records shall not be destroyed until the time for a complaint has passed. If a complaint of any sort is made, the ballots and records shall be held until such time as the complaint has been resolved. The ballots and records shall be held by the University of Hawai'i Information and Technology Services.

SECTION 6. PUBLISHING RESULTS

The election results shall be published by the Elections Committee immediately upon their receipt.

PART III. ELECTION CONTESTS AND PENALTIES

SECTION 1. ELECTION CONTESTS MADE BEFORE VOTING COMMENCES

Any candidate or any ten voters may file a complaint with the Elections Committee regarding any matter occurring before the commencement of voting. The complaint shall set forth any cause or causes, such as but not limited to, provable fraud or violation of the rules. All facts shall be reduced to writing. The complaint shall be delivered to the Chair of the Elections Committee by e-mail and to the responding candidate. Such complaints shall be filed no later than the end of the school day after the commencement of voting.

SECTION 2. ELECTION CONTESTS MADE DURING AND AFTER VOTING

Any candidate or any ten voters may file a complaint with the Elections Committee regarding any matter occurring after the commencement of voting. The complaint shall set forth any cause or causes, such as but not limited to, provable fraud, overages, or underages, that could cause a difference in the election results. All facts shall be reduced to writing. The complaint shall be delivered to the Chair of the Elections Committee by e-mail and to the responding candidate. Such complaints shall be filed no later than the end of the school day after the close of voting.

SECTION 3. VOTER COMPLAINTS

The complaint of any ten voters shall be submitted by a "primary voter" who shall list, in the complaint, the full name, telephone number and e-mail address of each joining voter.

Appendix B (2019 GSO Elections Calendar)

- 3/15/19 Nomination for 2019 elections cycle begins.
- 4/18/19 Receipt of written nominations by elections committee (due by 12:00PM at the GSO office – 212 Hemenway Hall or scanned and sent via email to gsoelect@hawaii.edu).
- 4/18/19 Call for floor nominations at GSO General Assembly meeting.
- 4/19/19 Receipt of candidate pictures and platforms by elections committee. Such information is emailed to the Elections Chair (gsoelect@hawaii.edu).
- 4/19/19 Mandatory candidate orientation (can be a meeting or via email)
- 4/20/19 Publish list of candidates and platforms on website, election editions newsletter, or other equivalent public announcement.
- 4/19- 5/7/19 Campaigning period (for about 3 weeks).
- 4/29/19 Receipt of pre-election complaints by elections committee.
- 4/30/19 All pre-election complaints decided.
- 5/1-5/7/19 Voting period (voting is online through UH SurveyShare; polls open at 12:01 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time on 5/1/19 and close at 11:59 pm Hawaii Standard Time on 5/7/19).
- 5/8/19 Resolve tie votes, if any. Election returns prepared. Receipt of complaints regarding election procedures by elections committee. Candidates must