The Western Kentucky University Associated Student Government established a committee known as the Rules and Elections Committee to have complete authority over all elections affecting the student body of the University, subject to Judicial Council appeals, Congressional directives, and the limits of the Associated Student Government. Be it resolved that Congress adopt a uniform set of campaign regulations to insure that the elections will be run uniformly each year. Be it further resolved that the proposed campaign regulations be as follows:

PROPOSED CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS - 1978

I. The Rules and Elections Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall have complete authority over all elections affecting the student body of the University subject to Judicial Council appeals, Congressional directives, and the limits of the Associated Student Government (ASG) Constitution.

II. 1. All certifications shall be ready (3 school days after filing ends) by 5:00 p.m. This allows the Student Affairs Office to check the qualifications of candidates. All candidates must attend the certification meeting at that time. Candidates having campaign materials printed prior to certification may do so at their own risk.

2. All candidates shall adhere to the Election Calendar as determined by the Committee.

III. Eligibility:

1. All candidates shall be in compliance with the eligibility requirements as set forth in the ASG Constitution.

2. No candidate shall run for or serve two ASG offices concurrently.

3. Violations of the campaign regulations as stated in the Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall constitute an irregularity, and may be cause for a revocation of eligibility status.

IV. Campaign procedures

1. No campaign material shall appear prior to the date set by the Committee as the official start of campaigning.

2. Campaign material shall be placed only on bulletin boards and other areas designated appropriate by the Committee. The covering or removal of campaign materials shall not be tolerated. Violators will have the offending material removed, and the Committee shall be summoned to consider disqualification of the violator. The candidate(s) involved shall be present at any such decision.
3. No campaigning shall be allowed in the University within 10 feet of its' doors during election hours.

4. Campaign expenditures shall not exceed $200 for executive office candidates and $100 for all other candidates. Receipts or vouchers shall be turned in to the Committee within 48 hours of the final election day.

5. The final vote total shall be released at 6:00 p.m. on the final day of both the primary and general elections.

6. In the event of a tie, the Committee shall meet with the candidates involved and decide appropriate action.

7. Recounts shall be held upon request if deemed feasible by the Committee. A representative of the candidate(s) involved may be present at the recount.

8. All ballots shall be held for one week.

9. The campaign rules and regulations shall be determined by the "Methods of Voting" and "nominations and elections" sections of the Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure as well as other pertinent sections.

10. The Committee reserves the right to formulate and execute penalties for violations of the stated regulations.

11. The decisions of the Committee concerning Rules and Elections shall be subject to appeal only from the Judicial Council.

V. Voting

1. Voting shall be conducted in the Downing University Center from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each election day.

2. Voting shall be carried out through the use of voting machines for all offices except college representatives, which shall be handled through the use of paper ballots.

3. Voters shall be required to present a current validated student identification card for registration purpose prior to voting. Failure to present such identification shall result in the loss of voting privileges until one may be secured. All students are eligible to vote. Faculty or staff personnel are ineligible to vote.

4. Campaign material other than clothing or attached apparel shall not be present in the polling area. Poll workers may not wear any campaign material.

VI. Questions

1. Questions concerning behavior or rules governing the electoral process shall be directed to the chairman of the Rules and Election Committee (John Doe, 1653 College Street, 783-6386).

2. Complaints regarding the electoral process shall be handled by the Committee within one school day, where feasible.

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