

Homecoming Queen Election Rules

704.1 All qualified candidates must submit platforms to the SGA by 4:00 p.m. the Tuesday two weeks before the day of the election. Platforms must be service oriented and not be connected with any organization's national philanthropy. However, adapting their own service platform is acceptable. Additional requests must be approved by the SGA Executive Committee.

704.2 A top 5 will be selected by the popular vote, then each candidate will present their platform to an interview committee, which selects the winner based on a combination of their popular vote and interview score. Each year, the clerk will determine this percentage.

704.3 Platforms and other requests may be approved at the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesdays.

704.4 The Executive Committee will hold a meeting with the qualified candidates at 8:00 p.m. the day of qualifications.

704.5 At the qualified candidate meeting, each candidate's name will be put into a hat and drawn for the order of the campaign color drawing.

704.6 All poster color combinations will be determined by the Clerk with one color, black, and white. The color will be selected as stated above by Simple Random Sample. Chosen Color is defined as any color up to the clerk's discretion that is not a shade of Black or White, which includes Grey. All colors associated with Troy University will be considered as an accessory campaign color and not the majority color. ALL campaign materials should focus on the chosen color known here thereafter as the "Campaign Primary Color."

704.7 Candidates may distribute flyers through the Troy University Post Office. Post Office flyers may be the size of half of a sheet of standard 8 ½ by 11 inch typing paper or smaller. If mailing through the Post Office is done, it must be distributed in the Post Office boxes no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the election with permission from the Office of Student Involvement, the Clerk or the Director of Elections.

704.8 Candidates may not have professional banners made

704.9 Candidates may not campaign on or through vehicles.

704.10 Candidates may distribute flyers to students living in dorms. These flyers may be the size of half of a sheet of standard 8 ½ by 11 inch typing paper or smaller.

704.11 Candidates may make appointments with organizations to speak at meetings. Candidates may not distribute any items other than those listed in sections 701.7-701.22.

704.12 Candidates may use social networks to campaign. Facebook flyers and similar advertisements are permitted.

704.13 Candidates may purchase or make up to 10 yard signs, no larger than 24 by 12 inches to place on campus.

704.14 Candidates may print stickers to distribute.

704.15 Candidates may make up to five (5) large handmade signs or banners with their assigned color, no larger than a twin size sheet, or 66 by 96 inches. These signs or banners may be placed in the ground using stakes or may be hung from surfaces on campus. If a sign or banner is hung from a building or fixture on campus, the administration reserves the right to request that it be moved. Candidates must comply promptly with the administration's wishes.

704.16 Candidates may have a Web site promoting their candidacy. The Web site may not allude to other candidates in any way, shape or form.

704.17 Candidates may have a total of 50 posters. The maximum poster size may be 11 by 18 inches. There shall be no campaign paraphernalia in or on the Adams Administration building.

704.18 Candidates may order up to 150 t-shirts. The t-shirts may only feature the candidates' color with black or white. The request to order t-shirts must be submitted by the application deadline. The Executive Officers will vote at the SGA Executive Council meeting following the application deadline as to whether t-shirts will be allowed.

704.19 Candidates are allowed to create one structure that measures no larger than five cubic feet. This structure must use the candidate's assigned color. This structure would be used to advocate the candidate's platform.

704.20 The candidate's platform must be displayed on all campaigning materials.

704.21 All campaigning materials must abide by the candidate's assigned color, black, and white.

704.22 Candidates may make campaign suggestions to the Executive Council. The suggestion must be submitted in writing by the application deadline. The Executive Council will vote at the SGA Executive Council meeting following the application deadline as to whether the campaign suggestions will be allowed. Candidates will be notified at the qualification meeting.

704.23 Candidates are required to remove all campaign materials within the twenty-four (24) hour period following the closing of the election polls. Failure to do so will result in appropriate action, which will be determined at the discretion of the Clerk.

704.24 The destruction of campaign materials prior to or on Election Day or on Election Day will be strictly prohibited. Violations will be punished at the discretion of the Clerk.

704.25 Falsifying information or submitting false information on the application.

(For example, grades, signatures, classification) will be strictly prohibited.

The candidate who submitted the falsified application will be ineligible.

704.26 Any Troy University student shall have the right to report campaign and election violations to an Executive Officer. Any violations must be reported within seven (7) days after the election in which the supposed violation has occurred. Complaint forms are available in the SGA office.

704.27 Any slanderous or libelous action must be reported to the SGA Director of Elections or Clerk immediately. These actions will not be tolerated. If such actions occur, the matter will be dealt with at the discretion of the Executive Council and the Director of Elections. The Supreme Court will hold a hearing. The issue may be submitted to the Troy University Judiciary Committee for further action.

704.28 Any candidate who is a member of the SGA will be relieved of their SGA election-related duties during the election period and on Election Day.

704.29 If any Executive Officer is a candidate, he or she will forfeit all election related responsibilities. In this scenario, the Executive Officer will hold no executive powers related to the election, nor hold any discretionary power. The following will assume the aforementioned powers for each office:

President – Executive Assistant

Vice President of Campus Activities – Sergeant at Arms

Vice President of Legislative Affairs – President Pro Tempore

Secretary – Chief of Staff

Clerk – Director of Elections

704.30 All candidates will be required to abide by any additional regulations that may be imposed at the time that candidate files intent or during the campaigning period or on Election Day.

704.31 Any candidate found in violation of the aforementioned rules and regulations will be subject to punishment including disqualification. The Executive Committee shall decide if a violation has occurred and what punishment, if any, shall be prescribed.

704.32 The SGA Executive Council and Director of Elections, as well as director of the event in question, reserve the right to investigate candidate and campaign conduct at any time for any reason.

704.33 The SGA Executive Council and Director of Elections, as well as director of the event in question, reserve the right to issue punishment for any conduct deemed unethical or any conduct that does not portray Troy University in a positive manner not mentioned or outlined in this Code of Laws.