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INTRODUCTION

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A Message from the Elections Director

Dear Candidates,

WELCOME TO ASUU ELECTIONS! We here in student government are all so glad to see you running for ASUU, and I can promise you that this may end up being one of the most fun experiences you will have in college. Whether you're running for Assembly, Senate, Attorney General or the Presidency, a rewarding experience is in store for you if you're willing to put in the effort.

The best part about election season is getting to showcase to everybody your strengths as a candidate, your ideas for the betterment of campus, and your passion for leadership and problem-solving. Elections are all about presenting yourself and your goals, and I am so excited to see what all of you bring to the table. Your strengths as a candidate and your creativity are what will carry you, but I would still like to grant you some early advice: 1) TALK TO PEOPLE! Student elections are won by talking to as many people as possible, so never be afraid to ask a stranger for their vote. You may end up having an enlightening conversation, and may even make a new friend! 2) Ask questions! Me, Joseph, Kailah, and everyone else in ASUU are more than willing to help you out with anything regarding the elections process and policy, and we all want to see you succeed. 3) Do things! The campaigns that put in the most effort usually win, so remember to go all out, leave no stone unturned, and really showcase your creativity. 4) We're all friends here! Everyone in this process wants to make campus a better place, so remember what you're all really here to do. Everyone running for ASUU, even those you are running against, may end up serving alongside you in student government or elsewhere, so remember to stay positive and keep your relationships alive. 5) HAVE FUN! Student elections aren't life or death, and the stakes are ultimately low. Remember to keep it light and enjoy the ride, and you'll have a good time.

I'm excited to work with every single one of you, I'm excited to bring some great campaigns and ideas to life, and I'm so excited for THE BIGGEST ELECTION EVER!

Good luck out there,

Mason McCann

Elections Director 2026-2027

A Message from Your Student Body President

Dear Candidates,

Congratulations on taking the courageous step to run for student office. Choosing to put yourself forward as a leader requires confidence, dedication, and a genuine desire to serve others. Regardless of the election's outcome, I hope you recognize how meaningful it is to advocate for your ideas and for the students you hope to represent.

Campaigning will be exciting, challenging, and sometimes overwhelming. Throughout this process, remember why you decided to run. Let your purpose guide your decisions, especially during difficult moments, and take care of yourself along the way. No campaign is worth sacrificing your well-being. Give yourself time to rest, rely on the people supporting you, and remember that asking for help is a strength.

As you meet students across campus, take the time to truly listen. Every student has a different experience at the University of Utah, and their perspectives should shape the way we lead. The most effective student leaders do not simply speak on behalf of students, they create opportunities for students to speak for themselves.

Campaign with integrity and treat your fellow candidates with respect. Although you may be competing for the same position, you share a commitment to improving our university. Some of the people you meet through this election may become future colleagues, friends, and partners in creating meaningful change. Leadership is not only reflected in whether you win, but also in how you conduct yourself throughout the process.

Be creative, be authentic, and allow students to see who you truly are. The strongest campaigns are built on genuine connections, thoughtful ideas, and a clear vision for serving the student body. You do not need to have every answer, you need to be willing to learn, collaborate, and follow through.

Most importantly, enjoy this experience. Campaigning gives you a unique opportunity to connect with students from across campus and better understand the community you are seeking to serve. There will be long days and unexpected challenges, but there will also be meaningful conversations, new friendships, and moments you will remember long after the election ends.
I wish each of you the very best throughout your campaign. Thank you for believing in the power of student leadership and for being willing to serve our university. No matter the outcome, your voice, ideas, and participation make our campus stronger.

Sincerely,

Erica Stringham

Student Body President 2026–27

CALENDAR

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Calendar

Disclaimer: *All dates below are subject to change. Please follow the ASUU Instagram (@asuutah) for the most recent updates concerning Elections events. A full timeline of campaign events and locations will be published no later than December 1st.*

Filing Period

Filing Opens: *Monday, October 12th*
Filing Closes (Executive Tickets): *Friday, December 4th at 11:59 PM MT (Reading Day)*
Filing Closes (Legislative Tickets): *Friday, January 8th at 11:59 PM MST*

Campaigning Period

Posting Day: Friday, Jan 29th – 12:00 AM MST (Midnight)

General Voting Opens: Tuesday, Feb. 16th

General Voting Ends: Friday, Feb 26th – 12:00 AM MST (Midnight)

Announcement Party: Friday, Feb 26th

Inauguration: Wednesday, April 21st

If there are extenuating circumstances preventing you from attending these meetings and trainings, an explanation and/or appropriate documentation must be provided to ASUU Elections Director, Mason McCann (mmccann@asuu.utah.edu)

ELIGIBILITY & FILING

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Eligibility & Filing

1 - Executive Candidate Eligibility Criteria

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.

- 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. (Dual enrollment, AP, IB, and CLEP credits do not count as part of these semester requirements.)
- The President, Vice President of University Relations, and Vice President of Student Relations must all be University of Utah students at the time of filing for candidacy and throughout their term of office.
- Appointed officers of the Executive Branch must be University of Utah students at the time of appointment and throughout their term of office.
- 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.
- 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.

2 - Attorney General Candidate Eligibility Criteria

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.

- The Attorney General must have completed thirty (30) college semester credit hours or equivalent prior to the elections filing deadline.
- The Attorney General must be a member of the ASUU at the time of filing for candidacy and throughout their term of office.

3 - Legislative Candidate Eligibility Criteria

All Assembly Representatives and Senators must be members of the ASUU during their entire term of office.

- Each Assembly Representative and Senator must have and maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average during their entire term of office.

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.

4 - Filing

Each candidate must pay a $5.00 fee to file as a Legislative candidate, or $15.00 to file as an Executive Ticket ($5.00 per person)

- All deposits MUST be paid by the filing deadline, Friday, December 4th, 2026, at 11:59 pm for executive tickets and Friday, January 8th, 2027, at 11:59 pm for Legislative and Attorney General candidates (Filing is online).
- If you would like any support or assistance in paying the filing fee, contact Katie Howell (prior to the filing deadline) at khowell@sa.utah.edu

CANDIDATE EXPECTATIONS

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Candidate Expectations

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 and Core Committee Members are all expected to act in good faith to comply with all Elections Packet rules, Elections Board instructions/guidance, and any additional guidelines, policies, or mandates. Should the ASUU Supreme Court or Elections Board feel as though a candidate or core committee member is not acting in good faith to comply with these guidelines, that individual will be subject to the accountability process as the Court and the Elections Director see fit.

Failure to adhere to the regulations specified in this packet could **result in punitive action, including disqualification from the election.**

1 - General Expectations

Candidates must show the utmost respect to all other candidates, ASUU Student Leaders and the entirety of our university community members.

- Candidates must review and understand relevant sections of Redbook for their desired role. Redbook can be found on the ASUU website.
- The entire election packet, including linked forms, must be read, understood, and signed by candidates. Candidates will be made aware of all updates, if made.
- Candidates will reach out to the elections board with any questions or concerns regarding rules prior to making assumptions. Always ask and do not assume that you know the answer. This is for your protection. Omission does not mean permission.
- Candidates are expected to **only** seek support from Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and are expected to **ignore** all attempts to connect and collaborate with ALL non-RSO organizations.
- Candidates may not damage or deface private or University property.
- Candidates may not damage, obstruct, or remove another ticket's campaign materials.

2 - Academic Expectations

Candidates MAY NOT skip any classes or academic commitments for campaigning with the exception of ASUU-sanctioned campaign events. As a reminder, this is a school. You are here to be a student. Skipping class to campaign without prior excusal may be considered a campaign violation.

3 - Time, Place, and Manner

- Candidates MAY NOT disrupt University classes with the intent to influence a campaign. If a candidate wishes to campaign in a class setting they must receive written permission from the professor.
    - If a candidate wishes to campaign during an event on campus, the organizer of the event maintains the right to ask for their event to be free of campaign activities as to not interfere with the event.

For additional guidance refer to University Policy 1-007: University Speech Policy

4 - Dialogue & Communication

Candidates are expected to actively demonstrate attempts to mitigate and avoid any 3rd-party-created malicious dialogue that could influence the election.

- Malicious dialogue is defined as any shared language or media that defames or discredits another candidate.
- Candidates are responsible for denouncing any actions taken by third parties if those actions benefit their campaign. Failure to do so in accordance with the Elections Board will result in a grievance.
    - An example may include, but is not limited to: A 3rd party or another student who is not accounted for on a core committee or volunteer list shares something derogatory about Ticket A while endorsing Ticket B, **Ticket B is responsible for publicly denouncing the post and endorsement promptly.**
- Dissemination of false or misleading information about campaign policies, individuals involved, polling data, or electoral procedures is prohibited.

5 - Conduct & Interactions with Officials

By participating in ASUU Elections, you agree to behave in a civil, respectful manner toward all University community members including members of the Supreme Court, the Elections Director, and the Associate Elections Directors, and to abide by their judgment.

- Disrespect could include, but is not limited to, derogatory language, name-calling, aggression, harassment, insubordination, retaliation, or defamation. Any behaviors in alignment with these shall result in a grievance.
- Personal attacks and other obstructions of the election process will not be tolerated and **may result in punitive action, including disqualification from the election.**

CORE COMMITTEES

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Core Committees & Volunteer Regulations

1 - Core Committees

Tickets may create a "Core Committee". Core Committee Members help facilitate campaign activities. Each ticket may recruit up to six individuals to fill each of the following positions:

- Campaign Manager
- Finance Coordinator
- Up to four other positions, the titles of which will be the Ticket's Choice (For Example: Events Coordinator,, Marketing Coordinator, Policy Advisor, Engagement Director, Outreach Coordinator, RSO Correspondent, etc.)

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.

- Core Committees are, in all cases, considered an extension of the Executive Ticket for which they are campaigning. No individual outside of a Ticket's Core Committee should be delegated responsibilities to execute on behalf of a Ticket, beyond limited volunteering, on a basis that could not be considered executing job responsibilities.
- Any volunteers a Ticket recruits who are outside the scope of the Ticket's Core Committee must be reported to the Elections Board, on a rolling basis, **prior** to the act of that individual actually volunteering.

2 - Core Committee Recruitment

Tickets may recruit up to SIX Core Committee Members to fill the positions listed above.

- Recruitment of said members must take place between the **Ticket's date of filing** and **Friday, January 15th**
- Recruitment offers must be made to **ONE individual, per position, at a given time**. For example, you MAY NOT send a text to a group chat explaining that you are seeking a campaign manager. You may contact one individual to offer them the position of campaign manager. Prior to contacting any prospective Core Committee Members, you must email the Elections Director a list of prospective names.
- Submission of every Core Committee member's role is due to the Elections Director no later than Midnight, **January 15th.** 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.
- 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 as this is a conflict of interest.

3 - ASUU Student Leaders

ASUU Student Leaders (with the exception of the Presidency, Attorney General, Chief of Staff Team, and Elections Board), both elected and appointed, may endorse and support candidates through core committees, volunteer, or otherwise.

- ASUU Student Leaders may not support a candidate during ASUU-sanctioned events or meetings, as explained in the "ASUU Resources" section.
- ASUU Student Leaders may not use their position as a means of endorsement (For Example, "I, the current Director of CEB, endorse John Doe for Student Body President"); however, student leaders may support candidates as members of the student body and active supporters of the elections process.
- If candidates choose to recruit current ASUU members to aid their campaign, they **MAY NOT** utilize 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 or campaign in any way.

ASUU Student Leaders are expected to support the operations of the Elections Board to further the elections process by using their role in a neutral manner.

- This could include but is not limited to attending events hosted by the Elections board, sharing information pertaining to the election at events hosted by other ASUU boards or branches, and supporting voter participation at ASUU events.
- When supporting the Elections Board, currently presiding ASUU student leaders must remain neutral and unbiased toward candidates to maintain ASUU's integrity as a government that supports all candidates running for election.Violations will be referred to the Supreme Court and may result in removal from their current role. Every rule and policy that is outlined in the Elections Packet applies to every ASUU Student Leader.

As elected and appointed members of **ASUU, Student Leaders must uphold all rules and guidelines outlined in the elections packet and Redbook**, regardless of endorsement or candidacy status. Please review the entirety of this packet to avoid conduct challenges.

FINANCE & MARKETING

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Finance

Executive tickets will be provided with equal ASUU funding for campaign marketing materials. There will be a set budget for all tickets, and all tickets will receive the same quantity and selection of items. Campaign budgets will not exceed the limits outlined in Redbook regarding election finances.

All campaign funds and materials must be provided through ASUU. Campaign funds may only be used for ASUU-provided marketing materials or for additional materials that are pre-approved by the Elections Board and purchased through ASUU. Thus, personal funds, donations, or outside contributions of any kind may not be used under any circumstances. This includes but is not limited to non-monetary or in-kind support, such as free or discounted goods, services, printing, apparel, or event supplies.

Candidates may **propose** the use of their budget outside of the ASUU marketing board; however, these proposals MUST:

- Comply with ASUU Redbook and the elections packet
- Be approved by the Elections Board in advance
- Not exceed the candidates' allotted campaign budget
- Be purchased and processed through ASUU

Candidates are responsible for tracking their marketing budget in coordination with ASUU. All expenditures MUST be disclosed. Failure to disclose any purchase or service used in a campaign will be grounds for a grievance.

- NO outside contributions are allowed, monetary or otherwise.

Additional 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.

Failure to adhere to these regulations specified in this section could result in punitive action, including disqualification from the election.

Marketing

ASUU will provide all physical marketing services for executive candidates to utilize throughout the campaign cycle using their allotted budget. These services include but are not limited to publishing to ASUU website, ordering t-shirts, posters, stickers, etc. ASUU will provide a selection of similar marketing packages that tickets will get to choose from.

- All marketing MUST be coordinated and run through the ASUU marketing board as tickets may only use their budget towards approved marketing materials (see finance section)During filing, legislative candidates will be given the choice to "opt-in" to a package of 25 pre-designed 8.5"x11" posters

You can reach the marketing team via email at:

Eduardo Ramirez Velazquez
ASUU Marketing Director
Contact: **evelazquez@asuu.utah.edu**

Michael Ryan Cesena
Associate Director for Leadership & Outreach
Contact: **mcesena@sa.utah.edu**

CAMPAIGN RULES

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Campaign Rules - Spring 2027

According to Redbook, "'Campaigning' shall be defined as all operations and actions that are both meant to advance the electoral interests of a registered candidate or political party; and directed by, coordinated with, encouraged by, or undertaken with the consent of the same candidate or political party."

In other words, campaigning includes, but is not limited to, wearing apparel, posting campaign-related content on social media sites, talking about your campaign, hosting events, tabling, distributing physical media, such as flyers, pamphlets, etc.

If there are ANY questions about what constitutes campaigning, ask the Elections Board. It is always better to ask for permission than to ask for forgiveness (see section regarding Grievances).

1 - Before Posting Day

All actions outlined above, whether taken publicly, on social media, or off campus, are considered active campaigning and may NOT occur until posting day.

- Candidates **may not** solicit any support or endorsements of any kind prior to posting day.
- Candidates **may not** meet with any individual or group outside of their selected core committee to discuss ANYTHING pertaining to their candidacy or the candidacy of others.
- **Any** pre-campaigning will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to hinting at your plan to run for office, insinuating future involvement in ASUU, discussing future plans should you become an ASUU elected representative, and talking with RSOs prior to posting day.
- Violation of the above guidelines will result in the filing of a grievance by the Elections Board against the alleged ticket(s) or candidate(s).

2 - During Campaign Periods

Candidates **may not** offer goods or services to a student outside of the provided marketing materials.

Candidates **may not** intimidate voters in any way at any time. Intimidating voters may include but is not limited to:

- Following students
- Holding their phone or personal belongings
- Watching them vote (see active voting rules)
- Any action that can be **reasonably deemed as intimidation** by a Student, Faculty, or 3rd party in accordance with University policies.

Candidates **may not** issue promises to students regarding matters that are outside of their direct control, such as funding, resources, event space, or institutional policies.

- Candidates *may* express goals or intentions (e.g., advocating for change, supporting initiatives, or voicing student concerns), but they may not promise outcomes or commit to actions that exceed the authority of their elected position. The Elections Board may denounce such promises.

Candidates may campaign in public academic spaces. (Building lobbies, the Union), except in the Student Involvement Wing on the second floor of the Union 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.

Campaign materials may be posted in Housing and Residential Education (HRE) lobbies and other public spaces **that do not require key card access**. All postings can be submitted to the HRE office in Benchmark Plaza 822 for stamped approval prior to placement. Unauthorized or unstamped postings will be removed. Campaigning is strictly prohibited in residential areas that require UCard/key access, including all dining halls.

- Additional rules may apply by facility, please defer to HRE for further guidance.

Campaigns may host social events. Events must occur on campus and be made known to the Elections Board with 24 hours notice, as well as registered through proper University departments. 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 organized 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.

Campaigning may not occur, at any time, in restricted locations, including:

- The Marriott Library (except as explicitly approved to table)
- ASUU meetings or offices
- Dining halls
- Any residential areas requiring UCard or key access

3 - During the Voting Period

Candidates are prohibited from compelling <u>active voters</u> to vote for any particular candidate.

An <u>Active Voter</u> is defined as a student who is actively using the U of U voting software to cast their vote.

If candidates or their core committee members are found to have compelled an active voter, the Elections Board <u>will</u> file a grievance.

- Once a candidate has opened the ballot (i.e., scanning a provided QR code) candidates may no longer actively campaign.
- 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.

Endorsements

1 - RSO's

Any registered University of Utah student or Registered Student Organization (RSO) has the right to endorse a ticket or candidate(s). This includes The Daily Utah Chronicle, which is a Sponsored Student Organization and RSO.

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.

- Recognized Student Governments (formerly known as College Student Councils) may not make ANY endorsements. RSG officials must uphold the same endorsement rules as demonstrated above for ASUU student government members.
- Endorsements, including seeking endorsements, from ANY off-campus entities is strictly forbidden (See non-RSO section)
- Candidates may not invoke the name of an uninvolved party for political gain (e.g., claiming collaboration with an organization without having spoken to them).

2 - 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.
Candidates may not be found to seek or attempt to seek an endorsement from non-RSOs.

- This includes, but is not limited to filling out a survey with the intent to be scored, reaching out with campaign materials, receiving goods, or any action deemed as seeking endorsement by the Elections Board.

Failure to adhere to the regulations specified in this packet could result in punitive action, including disqualification from the election

CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS & ENFORCEMENT

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Campaign Violations & Enforcement

1 - Campaign Violation Resolution (CVR)

If a candidate is believed to have violated any of the rules outlined in this packet or the ASUU Redbook, all students at the University of Utah reserve the right to seek resolution.

- To complete the Campaign Violation Resolution process, the reporting student must cite specific rule violations within the ASUU Redbook and/or Elections Packet.
- Candidates are required to act in good faith compliance during and after fulfilling their informal resolution sanction through the CVR process.
- 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.

2 - Reporting Campaign Violations Process

***If a student should feel that any violation of the rules has occurred, the following actions shall be taken* in accordance with the elections board:**

Submit a report to the Elections Board

- Submit a report via email to the Elections Board (contact information below)
- The report should include a reference to a specific Red Book Article or Elections Packet regarding accused offense, and any and all relevant information and evidence.

Initial meetings

After your submission, the Elections Board will reach out to set up an initial, individual meeting.

- The Elections Board will also be reaching out to the candidates who are alleged of having violated campaign rules to set up an initial, individual meeting.
- In these meetings both sides will be allowed to discuss the issue and possible options for review.

Elections board review

After both meetings, the Elections Board will review all of the information provided and determine whether or not a violation has occurred.

- If a violation is found, the Elections Board will move forward with a resolution. (see section 4 below)

- If no violation has been determined, no resolution will be made. Those who disagree with the determination of the Elections Board may then want to seek an appeal may file a grievance with the ASUU Supreme Court.

Resolution

In the event that a violation of rules has been determined, the Elections Board will seek to mediate a conversation between all affected parties to reach an informal (outside of the ASUU Supreme Court) resolution.

Possible outcomes of resolutions could include but are not limited to a written/public apology, a pause in campaigning activities, removal of campaigning materials, disqualification, etc.

Failure to adhere to the terms of the agreed resolution will result in a grievance filed by the elections board and punitive action, including disqualification.

If resolution fails and if the affected parties cannot come to an agreed-upon resolution, The Elections Board will:

- File a grievance with the Supreme Court or,
- Direct affected parties to file grievances with the Supreme Court.

ASUU Supreme Court

1 - Supreme Court Process

The Supreme Court is **an independent judicial body**. The Elections Director and Associate Elections Directors are not members of the Court and have no vote in its rulings. The Elections Director will, however, enforce the Court's decisions.

A grievance is the formal method of reporting a campaign violation or infraction against a student candidate and/or ticket for review by the ASUU Supreme Court.

Any registered University of Utah student may file a grievance.

Grievances Address the following:

- Redbook bylaws
- The Elections Packet
- Official Elections Board remediations

2 - Filing Rules and Deadlines

All grievances must be filed before the election winners are announced.

The Filing deadline is 5:00 PM, two days before the scheduled grievance hearing.

- For example, if a grievance hearing is scheduled for Wednesday --> grievances are due Monday at 5:00 PM. During campaign weeks, the schedule is subject to change.

3 - How to file a grievance

Complete the grievance form by including each of the following:

- Reference to the exact portion of Redbook Article V or the Elections Packet subject that was violated.
- Any additional information or evidence pertaining to the case.

Respondents (the accused parties) may submit a written defense and other materials through the Elections Director.

- The Chief Justice decides whether these materials are shared with the Court.
- Additional information may be submitted after filing, but its acceptance is at the discretion of the Elections Director or The Supreme Court.

4 - Scheduling and Notification

The Supreme Court will set the official hearing date, and it will be posted on the website.

- The Elections Director will notify all parties involved in the grievance of the hearing with at least a 24-hour notice.

5 - Grievance Hearing

Hearings are open, public meetings with the process being loosely modeled after the U.S. Judicial System. Hearings are overseen by the Chief Justice or Associate Chief Justice if appropriate.

During the hearing, all evidence approved through the discretion of the Supreme Court and/or the Elections Director will be presented and reviewed.

Each party will be given a specified amount of time to advocate for themselves.

Witnesses

- Parties may share their allotted time with a witness.
- Witnesses may testify and answer questions during the hearing.

All participants must remain civil, respectful, and punctual. Should proceedings not remain in the specified manner, the Supreme Court, the Elections Board, or University staff may intervene.

***Every party reserves the right to be heard through Grievance hearings and the opportunity to appeal.**

6 - Rulings and Enforcement

The Supreme Court announces rulings within 24 hours of the hearing, unless deliberation time is extended.

The Elections Board Enforces the Court's rulings.

- Possible outcomes of resolutions could include but are not limited to a written/public apology. A pause in campaigning activities, removal of campaigning materials, or disqualification.

General Violations

Additional general violations may include but are not limited to:

- Violating the Student Code of Conduct or any University policies and procedures.
- Attempted bribery of an ASUU official, University staff, or an individual with special access to the ASUU balloting system.
- Tampering with the ballot or interfering with the vote-counting process.
- Non-compliance with University policies, ASUU Judicial Branch rulings, Elections Director regulations, or federal/state laws.
- Posting or displaying campaign materials in Library Plaza without prior approval.
- Breaching regulations related to websites, social media, or other online activities as set by the Elections Board or Marketing Board.
- Engaging in prohibited or unapproved campaign actions as determined by the Elections Steering Committee.
- Acts of vandalism, hate crimes, or harassment.
- Inappropriate treatment of candidates, such as defacing campaign materials, malicious social media posts, or verbal abuse.
- Alleged hate crimes, harassment, or inappropriate treatment of candidates will be rigorously investigated and may be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students for behavioral review.

ASUU OFFICE & CANDIDATE RESOURCES

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1 - ASUU Office

The ASUU Elections Board shall host office hours to offer candidate support for any reason. This may be used but is not limited for students to express comments and concerns, ask any outstanding questions, seek additional resources, etc.

The ASUU Office is and shall remain a neutral and impartial safe zone during elections all students must refrain from talking about elections or performing campaign tasks in the ASUU office unless stated below.

The only exceptions for using the ASUU office include:

- Meeting with the Elections Director during office hours or otherwise.
- Use of button-maker (see below)
- Legitimate purpose as permitted by the Elections Board

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 but is not limited to 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 using the candidate's budget and with permission from the Elections Director
- The Elections Board is the primary contact for executive ticket campaign managers.

Legislative candidates must direct questions and concerns to the Elections Board Associate Directors. (see contact information below)

Campus Resources

Candidates are encouraged to utilize campus resources throughout the process. Please reach out to the Elections Board for additional resources and support.

1 - Crisis Response

University Counseling Center Crisis Line
Crisis response is available Monday–Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Phone: 801-581-6826

Huntsman Mental Health Institute Crisis Line

The HMHI Crisis Line offers 24/7 crisis response, including crisis support over the phone, a mobile outreach option that will respond to individuals in their homes, and the Receiving Center where individuals from Salt Lake County can access a safe and supportive environment.
Phone: 801-587-3000

Mental Health First Responders (MH1)
The MH1 provides after-hours crisis response for students living in Housing and Residential Education.
Phone: 385-321-5356
Location: Kahlert Village, Rm 1330

Safe UT App
The free App and Tip Line is a statewide service that provides real-time crisis intervention to youth through live chat and a confidential tip program, all accessible from a smartphone.
Crisis Line: 9-8-8 or 1-800-273-TALK

University Counseling Center
The UCC offers individual, group and couples counseling, as well as crisis appointments and low-cost psychiatric medication management. These services help students resolve existing problems, prevent potential problems, and develop new skills that will enrich their lives.
Phone: 801-581-6826

Behavioral Health Innovation and Dissemination Center
The Behavioral Health Innovation and Dissemination Center is a low fee, mental and behavioral health clinic from the Department of Psychology that is open to adults, children, and couples residing in Utah
Phone: 801-581-4697

Utah Community Health Clinic
The Utah Community Health Clinic (formerly known as the Psychoeducational Clinic) serves children, adolescents, adults, and their families. In addition to assessment, our services include individual therapy services for adults, adolescents, children, students and non-students.
Phone: 801-581-7200

Skills Workshops & Mindfulness Programs
The University Counseling Center offers a range of self-guided meditations, self-help resources, and various workshops. Students can find resources to assist them in moments of stress, anxiety, and chaos.
Phone: 801-581-6826

Wellness Coaching & Workshops

Provided by the Center for Campus Wellness, students can participate in one-on-one collaborative conversations with coaches who will guide them in achieving their health and wellness goals. Our wellness coaches will help students take small, attainable steps towards improving their well-being.

The Center for Campus Wellness provides training and workshops for students, faculty, and staff on topics related to stress management, bystander intervention, healthy relationships, and more. Participants leave these workshops with practical skills and a better understanding of how to create a healthier and safer campus community.

Phone: 801-581-7776

ELECTION OFFICIALS CONTACTS

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Election Officials

Elections Director, Mason McCann
Contact: mmccann@asuu.utah.edu

Elections Associate Director – Joseph Asay
Contact: jasay@asuu.utah.edu

Elections Associate Director – Kailah Figueroa
Contact: kfigueroa@asuu.utah.edu

General Elections questions should be directed to the Elections Board. With any confusion about a specific issue referenced in the elections packet or the bylaws, ask, do not assume.
The Election Board's job is to coordinate and oversee the entirety of the ASUU election process and procedures. Contact the Elections board via email and expect a 24-48 hour response.

Marketing Director, Eduardo Ramirez Velazquez
Contact: evelazquez@asuu.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

For all policy, procedure, and general questions, contact the Elections Director, Mason McCann or the appropriate Associate Director.
For all Marketing questions, contact the Marketing Director, Eduardo Ramirez Velazquez

See Redbook (ASUU's Constitution & Bylaws) and the ASUU website for more information

CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY

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Candidate Accountability Sheet

Accountability Statement

I, _____ **[Candidate's Name]**, as a candidate in the 2026-2027 ASUU Elections, hereby acknowledge that I have thoroughly read, understood, and agreed to abide by all rules, regulations, policies, and expectations pertaining to elections conduct as outlined in this Elections Packet and Redbook. By signing below, I affirm that I will uphold these responsibilities and standards of conduct in all aspects during the ASUU elections process.

Candidate Name (Print): _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____