SGA Elections

• Common goal is to create an electoral environment characterized by:
  – Respect
  – Civility
  – Statesmanship
  – Honesty
  – Excellence
  – Fairness

• Reflect goals of Capstone Creed
Information & References

- Vote.ua.edu
  - Statement of Candidacy & Intent
  - Financial Disclosure Forms
  - SGA Constitution
  - Elections Manual
  - Candidate updates

- Questions: email: sgaelections@sa.ua.edu
Candidate Eligibility

- Full time student in good academic & disciplinary standing (no probation)
- **SGA Senate**
  - 2.30 GPA minimum & 12 credit hours earned at UA
  - Graduate students: 3.00 GPA and 9 credit hours earned at UA
- **SGA Executive**
  - 2.30 GPA minimum
  - 36 credit hours earned with at least 12 credit hours at UA
  - Graduate students: 3.00 GPA and 9 credit hours earned at UA
- **SGA Executive Vice President**
  - Must be rising senior with graduation scheduled during the academic year of the conclusion of their term in office.

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Important Dates

• Now – Feb 5: Interest email to sponsor forums/debates

• February 4: **Statements of Candidacy/Intent Due**
  – Statement of Intent = Platform Statement (why running?)
  – Includes Top Five Campaign Staff members list (Exec office)

• February 8 or 9: **Candidate Training/Orientation**
  – Mandatory for candidates, campaign managers & top five campaign staff members (Exec office)
Important Campaign Dates

• Official campaign period:
  – Thursday, Feb. 18th – Tues., March 1st at 7pm

• First Financial Disclosure Form Due
  – Monday, February 22

• Presidential Candidate Debate
  – Monday, February 29

• Election Day: March 1 – 7am – 7pm
Financial Disclosure

• Forms will be on-line at vote.ua.edu
• Spending limits:
  – $1,000 Pres., $800 for exec offices & $300 for senate
• Submit forms with complete receipts indicating contributions & expenses
  – Must be submitted even if expenses = $0
• Due: Weekly on Monday by 5:00 pm
Campaigning

- No chalking
- No adhesive stickers
- No stand-alone websites
- Campaigning or distributing materials in on-campus buildings is not allowed
- Campaigning or soliciting votes in on-campus residence halls is prohibited
Campaigning (cont’d)

- Unsolicited bulk emails are not allowed
  - Must “opt-in” or ask to receive messages
  - No Blackboard messaging allowed
- Social Media allowed (free services only):
  - Facebook ®
  - Twitter ®
  - Instagram ®
  - YouTube ®
  - Periscope ®
SGA Spring Elections

Questions?
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