

Penn State Law School – University Park
Student Bar Association

Bylaws of the Election Committee 2021-2022

- I. Mission Statement
 - a. The name of this committee shall be the Election Committee of the Student Bar Association. The Election Committee of the Student Bar Association shall be responsible for the organization and planning of all Student Bar Association related elections. The goal of the committee shall be to enable the student body of Penn State Law to elect their chosen peers to represent them.
 - b. The Election Committee will enforce honesty and integrity throughout the election process.
- II. Members of the Election Committee
 - a. The Vice President of the Student Bar Association shall chair the Election Committee, unless the Vice President is a rising 2L.
 - i. If the Vice President of the Student Bar Association is a rising 2L, then the Vice President must appoint a chair of the Election Committee who is a rising 3L.
 - ii. If the Vice President is a rising 2L and wishes to Chair the Election Committee, then he/she/they will not be allowed to run in any future elections while at Penn State Law.
 - b. The Vice President shall then appoint at least four (4) other members to the committee. These members must be approved by a majority vote of the Student Bar Association Board. Additionally, these members must be rising 3Ls, so as to negate bias in upcoming elections.
 - c. Members of the Election committee may be removed only by the Chair of the Election Committee, to negate bias in the upcoming elections.
- III. Meeting Procedure
 - a. The Election Committee shall meet no less than two (2) times during an academic year with at least one (1) meeting per semester. The Election Committee reserves the right to hold additional meetings when circumstances deem necessary. The Election Committee meetings are not open to the general student body, so as to negate bias in upcoming elections.
 - b. The following guidelines shall govern each Election Committee meeting:
 - i. Every meeting shall begin when the Chair calls the meeting to order;
 - ii. The Chair must take roll and determine whether a quorum is present for voting purposes;
 - iii. The Chair will announce all proposals for discussion at the present meeting;
 - iv. The Chair will then ask the individuals or designated representatives of all organizations working with the Law & Equity Committee to present their requests regarding enhancing diversity events or initiatives;
 - v. After all individuals and representatives have presented, the discussion of the requests will commence;
 - vi. Each request will be discussed. At any time, a member can move to vote on the request. Another member must second the motion;
 - vii. Proposals that do not obtain a majority vote will be denied.

IV. The Airing of Complaints

- a. The airing of any complaints arising out of or in connection with a Student Bar Association election shall be made in writing to the Election Committee within five (5) academic days of the election at issue.
- b. The Election Committee shall consider and respond to any properly submitted complaint within five (5) academic days of the receipt of said complaint.
- c. The Election Committee's ruling as to the validity of any properly submitted complaint shall be submitted in writing to the SBA Executive Council and to all individuals they deem related to the complaint.

V. Voting

- a. Upon discussion of all proposals, the Chair will adjourn the meeting.
- b. To vote on any matter, a quorum must be present. Three (3) members in addition to the Chair shall constitute a quorum. Any time a vote is taken, the question shall be approved by a simple majority vote.

VI. Amendments

- a. All amendments to these bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Student Bar Association.