



## Election of Student Senators Policy

**This policy provides standards for the election of student Senators.**

1. There are six (6) student representatives on the University Senate.
2. At the time of the election, the candidates must be in good academic standing accordingly with college-specific requirements.
3. A call for nominations for student Senators will last at least 7 days and the election of student Senators will be held in conjunction with the USSU General Election.
4. Students who wish to be nominated will fill out the nomination form provided by the USSU.
5. The campaign period shall be the same as the election's schedule for the concurrent USSU General Election. Candidates shall receive an Elections Package once they have submitted their nomination form.
6. Candidates will not receive reimbursements for their campaign expenses.
7. The campaign rules for student senator elections are as follows:
  - Prior to the campaign period, no one shall:
    - (a) publicly advertise the intent of any person to seek election; or
    - (b) campaign on behalf of any candidate.
  - No one shall intentionally interfere with a candidate's campaign.
  - No candidate or representative shall deliver campaign speeches or information about a slate in regularly scheduled classes, labs, computer labs, or University Food Services locations.
  - No candidate or representative shall engage in door-to-door soliciting within University residence buildings.
  - Candidates and representatives shall adhere to the poster restrictions for each building on campus.
  - Any poster on which a candidate's name appears shall count towards the candidate's poster limit.
  - Candidates and representatives may use websites and may send mass e-mail for campaign purposes and are responsible for learning and following applicable University rules, regulations, and policies regarding electronic communication.
  - No candidate or representative shall offer gifts to voters.
  - Candidates shall ensure that their campaign materials are taken down by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of voting.
  - The total campaign costs shall be calculated according to both actual costs and the Fair Market Value Schedule of campaign materials and neither value may exceed \$100, excluding taxes.
  - Candidates will not receive reimbursement for their campaign expenses.
  - A candidate seeking to withdraw from an election must provide written notice of withdrawal at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of voting.

8. The six students who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the Senate.
9. If all six spots aren't filled, there are vacancies on University Senate. The process for filling these vacancies is outlined in Section 31 Part 2 of the USSU Bylaw. If a student Senator resigns their position then Section 31 Part 2 will also be used as the process to fill their position.

Note: *The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995* states:

24(1) The senate is composed of:

(d) six students who are registered in colleges other than the College of Graduate Studies and Research and who are elected by students registered in those colleges.

26(3) The members of the senate elected pursuant to clause 24(1)(d) or (e):

(a) hold office from May 1 of the year in which they were elected to April 30 in the following year; and

(b) may be elected or appointed for a second term.

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