Name/Campus

2020 General Election
Senator Candidate
Application Packet

Due on Friday, February 7th, 2020
5:00 PM.

www.sg.usf.edu

SGATO TIME STAMP: ____________________________
Candidate Information Sheet

Everyone participating in this election must complete a Candidate Information Sheet

Return Application to Student Government
Tampa Campus: Marshall Student Center (MSC), Suite 4300
St. Pete Campus: Student Life Center (SLC) 1500
Sarasota/Manatee Campus: (SMC) A117

Personal Information:

Name: _______________________________ U-Number: __________________________

Address: ____________________________ City: ______________ State: ___ Zip: ______

Telephone Number: ________________________________

Official USF Email address: ________________________________

Have you worked for any other USF department within the past year?
Yes ___ No ___

If so, are you currently employed by that department?
Yes ___ No ___

College: _______________________________

Major: _______________________________

Campus: _______________________________

Student Standing (by credit hours):
Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate Student ___

Credit Hours Enrolled this Semester: __________

Signature of Candidate: ____________________________

Date: ______________________
# Candidate Expense Statement

List all of the following expenditures that you have spent in the campaign process. Misreported information on the Expense Statement may result in major/minor violations being assessed. If you have not yet spent anything please indicate that by filling out the form normally and indicating a “0” in the box marked “Total”. When completed, whether or not you have any expenditures at this time, please sign at the bottom. This form is to be updated on a weekly basis as expenses are incurred.

Name: ___________________ Date: ___________________

Office Seeking: ___________________ College: ___________________

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I do hereby swear or affirm that the above list of expenditures is representative of my sum total of expenditures received during my campaign for Student Government office.

Signature of Candidate ________________________________

Supervisor ________________________________

Time & Date: ___________________

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Candidate Contribution Statement

List below all of the following contributions that have been received for your campaign. In addition to all contributions made by outsiders of your campaign like local business owners make sure to include any donations you make to your own campaign such as money and previously owned supplies. In the case that you have additional contributions past the submission of this statement you may amend by submitting an amended contribution statement. Misreported information on the Contribution Statement may result in major/minor violations being assessed. If you have not yet received any contributions please indicate that by writing “N/A” on the form. There is a $1000.00 cap on each entity donation to your campaign. When completed, whether or not you have any contributions at this time, please sign at the bottom. This form is to be updated on a weekly basis as contributions are received.

Ex)
Name: The Really Cool Apartments
Address: 4202 Rocky D. Bull Drive
Tampa, FL 33620
Phone: 195-611-1762

Name: ___________________________ Amount: $________
Address: __________________________
Phone: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________ Amount: $________
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I do hereby swear or affirm that the above list of contributions is representative of my sum total of contributions received during my campaign for Student Government office.

(Candidate Signature) ___________________________ (Candidate’s Printed Name)

(Supervisor) ___________________________ Date and Time
Everyone participating in this election must complete Sections 1 and 2 and the Attestation portion of this form.

Section 1: Student Record Waiver

I, ____________________________________, hereby authorize and consent to the release of my records, which shall include my GPA, Academic Standing, major, and confirmation of enrollment at USF for the purposes of verifying the qualifications of employment and/or volunteer positions with Student Government. I also acknowledge that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of any part of this form will be cause for immediate dismissal if employed in volunteering my time and/or the invalidation of this application. This information shall be held by Student Government for a period not to exceed one year, if not hired by SG. In the event that I am hired, I understand this application will become part of my permanent employee/volunteer file. This information shall not be released to any other entity without my prior written consent.

Section 2: Acknowledgment of Status of Student Government Records and Privacy Rights for USF Student Government Officers, Appointees, Employees and Volunteers

I, _______________________________________, voluntarily assume the responsibilities and rights afforded to me as a USF Student Government Officer/Appointee, Employee and/or Volunteer and acknowledge that although as a student at the University of South Florida my student records are confidential and protected by both Federal (FERPA) and State (Fl. St. 1002.22) Privacy Laws; as an active participant in the USF Student Government my actions and any records created as a result of my elected, appointed or hired position in USF Student Government (herein, SG Records) are subject to both the Florida Sunshine Laws (Fl. St 286.011) and Florida Open Records Laws (Fl. St. Chapter 119). The University will produce the Student Government records to the extent they are directly related to student government activities, including but not limited to, emails using the SG email address, requests or grants of funding, payroll or expense reimbursement or any campaign documents and expenditures as required by state and federal law in the event of a public record, public meeting or audit and compliance or investigation or any review by student government, the university, the state or other agency. I understand that specific documents or meetings that deal with my student status or student academic records unrelated to SG or that include judicial hearings that involve issues of student conduct, court records or records maintained by OSRR may retain their confidential and exempt status as provided by law.

Attestation for Section 1 and 2:

_______________________________________________
Signature                                                                                                                 Date

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Please Print Name

U # ____________________________________

Revised 07/20/2016
ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

All candidates MUST have turned in a completed application packet by 5:00 PM Friday, February 7th, 2020. You may submit it at any of the campus locations, Tampa-Marshall Student Center (MSC) 4300, St. Pete- Student Life Center (SLC) 1500, Sarasota/ Manatee- SMC A117

All candidates MUST attend AT LEAST ONE informational meeting. Times/Dates are listed in this packet.

Candidates will be expected to communicate through official USF email.

SG REQUIREMENTS

Senators MUST attend Tuesday night senate meetings (typically 6pm-10pm). Some exceptions may be made for exams and class conflicts that require late arrival/early departure. For more information about this please speak to the Senate President Pro Tempore, Hernan Benavides.

Senators MUST sit on one committee. The Senate President Pro Tempore assigns committee memberships based on class schedule and seniority.

For questions on Senate operations please contact Pro Tempore Hernan Benavides at sg-senateprotempore@usf.edu

All Senators MUST attend a two-day Mandatory SLR Retreat the week before the start of fall classes- August 20th-22nd (Exact two days will be determined later between the three dates listed).

Candidates MUST be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours as an undergraduate or 4 credits as a graduate degree-seeking student and maintain AT LEAST an institutional 2.5 GPA and may not be under disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion.

All candidates will be notified of their eligibility on or before Sunday, February 16th, 2020 at 5:00pm. The ERC will notify all eligible candidates, SG Advising Offices will notify all ineligible candidates

ELECTION SCHEDULE


Approval Process: Monday, February 10th, 2020 - Friday, February 16th, 2020 NO Campaigning.

Campaigning Allowed: Monday, February 17th, 2020 – Completion of voting, March 5, 2020. Candidates may campaign only after receiving verification from the ERC or SG Advising Offices.


Run-Off Election (if needed): Tuesday, March 11th, 2020 - Wednesday, March 12th, 2020
Senators Job Duties

**Travel:** Travel mostly consists of local campus events/meetings with the occasional trips to the other two campuses as needed.

**Time Commitments:** This position will be allotted a maximum of 10-20 hours per week depending on perspective leadership role.

**Job Responsibilities:**
- Attend all weekly senate meetings and committee meetings for which they are voting members
- Complete the number of audits per semester as required by statutes
- Write and approve all System-wide legislation
- Communicate regularly with the USF community and their constituents
- Perform all other duties as necessary to the position and the operation of the System-wide legislative branch

NOTE: All job duties are subject to change. If you would like more information on the position you are applying for please contact the SG Advising Offices.
Candidate Information Meetings

All candidates MUST attend at least one meeting, as required by Student Government Statutes, to be placed on the ballot. You will be DISQUALIFIED if you fail to attend a meeting. If your schedule conflicts with all of the times listed below, contact the Supervisor of Elections to request an individual appointment. You must do so AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR to the final listed meeting time. You may attend a meeting on any campus. If any changes occur, applicants will be notified via official USF email.

Monday, February 10th, 2020: 3:00-4:00 PM Tampa Campus- MSC 4200, St. Pete Campus- SLC 1500, Sar/Man Campus- SMC A118

Wednesday, February 12th, 2020: 6:00-7:00 PM Tampa Campus- MSC 4200, St. Pete Campus- SLC 1500, Sar/Man Campus- SMC A118

Contact Information

Tampa Campus- Jaykwon Hosey, Supervisor of Elections: Jhosey@usf.edu
St. Pete Campus-Maria Starr email at mariastarr@mail.usf.edu or Bob Herron, robertherron@mail.usf.edu
Sarasota Manatee Campus- Andrea Anchorea, anchorena@sar.usf.edu

Office Hours

Tampa Campus- Supervisor Jaykwon Hosey:
Mon & Wed 9:00AM – 1:00 PM,
Tues & Thurs 10:00AM-3:00 PM
Friday- 9:00AM-5:00PM
*Hours subject to change

St. Pete Campus- Available by appointment

Sarasota Manatee Campus- Available by appointment
Election Information

- Each Campus will have the following number of Senators to elect: 60 in total for all campuses:
  - Tampa - 44
  - St. Pete - 9
  - Sarasota/Manatee - 7
- Only paperwork submitted to the Elections Rules Commission with a time stamp will be recognized as received, including this application.

Campaigning Overview

- Campaigning may not take place before the official campaigning period, which begins Monday, February 17th.
- Campaigning may not take place until after you have been notified by SG Advising or the ERC that you are approved to campaign.
- The following are major violations, which will result in disqualification:
  - Any threat or act of violence or attempt to commit extortion or blackmail
  - Slander or libel against any student, staff, or faculty
  - Knowingly providing false information or withholding financial records or budget changes
  - Any attempt to commit, accept, or negotiate a bribe
  - Destruction or theft of another campaign’s materials
  - Tampering with voting software or attempting to cast more than one vote
  - Attempting to set up unauthorized or mobile polling stations
  - Coercing a student to vote
  - Abusing official capacity for the benefit of a campaign, if a University employee
  - Any violation of the Student Body Constitution
  - Using SG resources for the purpose of campaigning
  - Condoning others to commit these acts
- The following are minor violations. The first minor violation is a warning, and each subsequent minor violation carries a fine of $20. After seven (7) minor violations, a candidate will be disqualified:
  - Using A&S funded materials to further a campaign, with the exception of student free printing allocations
  - Sliding campaign materials under doors of residence halls or on vehicles
  - Posting signs or chalkin in unauthorized locations
  - Campaigning within 100 feet of an official polling station
  - Campaigning within any SG Agency or Bureau
  - Early campaigning
  - Using University administrators, USF Spirit Squad, NCAA athletes, or any University employee as endorsement of a campaign
  - Any violation of the Election Code of Ethics
  - Condoning others to commit these acts
- Please refer to Student Government Statutes Title VII for more information on the elections process that can be found on the SG website: https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-government/elections/index.aspx
Candidate Biography and Photo

Candidates may include a biography and photo to be used in official Student Government media- to be included on 1 page. The biography will be limited to a maximum of 200 words and must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections, via email and in a separate document, by Friday, February 14th by 5:00 PM. The Elections Rules Commission is not responsible for any grammar, formatting or spelling mistakes and will post only what the candidate submits.

1. Write a biography with a maximum of 200 words
2. Save in a PDF ONLY
3. Email this file as an attachment to the Supervisor of Elections at your respected campus
   - Tampa- Jaykwon Hosey at jhosey@usf.edu
   - St. Pete- Maria Starr email at mariastarr@mail.usf.edu or Bob Herron, robertherron@mail.usf.edu
   - Sarasota/Manatee- Andrea Anchorea, anchorena@sar.usf.edu
4. Any documents emailed to my @mail account will not be accepted
5. Deadline: Friday February 14th at 5:00 PM

EXAMPLE: My name is Rocky D. Bull and I am a junior majoring in Biomedical Sciences here at the University of South Florida. I am currently the Public Relations officer for the Economics Scholar Society as well as an active member of Black Student Union and Alliance of Concerned Students. Ever since arriving on the Tampa campus I have been looking for a way to get involved and give back to the student body and I feel being your Senator is the best way I can do that. As a Senator I will fight to make Student Government more transparent so you can see where your money goes. In addition I will help to bridge the gap between Student Government and the student body by relaying real student concerns and getting your input on important matters. Finally as a Senator I will stand up for any student concern even when it differs with my opinion because I am a Senator for the students. VOTE RDB March 2nd-March 5th.

The photo must include only yourself and may not include any University or SG trademarks or logos.

Your Bio must be a 1-page PDF document with your name, photo, and Bio.
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**Applications due at 5:00 pm**

- **Candidate Meeting** 3-4pm, Tampa MSC 4200, USFSP SMC A118, USFSP SLC 1500
- **Candidate Meeting** 6pm-7pm, Tampa MSC 4200, USFSP SMC A118, USFSP SLC 1500
- **Candidate Meeting** 11-12pm, Tampa MSC 4200, USFSP SMC A118, USFSP SLC 1500

- **Campaigning begins 12:00AM**
- **Thirsty for Your Knowledge** 1-3pm USFSP Student Commons
- **Games with the Candidates 2:00-3:30PM - AMP**
  - Debate #1-Gov/Lt/Local MSC Ballroom
  - 7pm USFSP Debate-Student Commons
- **Debate #2-System Wide MSC Oval Theatre - 7pm**
- **Cookout w/the Candidates 12:00pm, MSC AMP**
- **Candidates & Cupcakes 12:00pm USFSP Student Commons**

- **Voting 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**
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- **Campaigning ends Results announcement Tampa Noon 12pm, MSC4200**
**Events Overview**

- **Sarasota/Manatee- Thirsty for Your Knowledge- Tuesday, 2/18, 1-3pm- USFSM Student Commons:** Come enjoy a beverage and learn about the candidate’s platform issues.

- **Tampa Campus- Games with the Candidates – Wednesday 2/19, 2:00-3:30 p.m. – MSC Amp:** This event will take place during Bulls market and will provide an opportunity for candidates to interact with student voters in a social setting so students are able to get to know who is seeking to represent them.

- **Tampa Campus- Debate #1 Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Campus Council – Wednesday 2/19, 7:00 p.m. – MSC Ballroom:** The Governor/Lieutenant Governor tickets, and the Council Reps will square off in a Q&A style debate. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Senatorial candidates are encouraged to arrive at this time to mix and mingle with each other and with student voters and honored guests. The debate will begin at 7:00 p.m.

- **Sarasota/Manatee- Debate #1 Governor/Lieutenant Governor/Campus Council – Wednesday 2/19, 7:00 p.m. –USFSM Student Commons**

- **Tampa Campus- Debate #2 System Wide President/Vice President – Monday 2/24, 7:00 p.m. – MSC Oval:** Members of each ticket will face off with the others in a debate. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the debate to begin at 7:00.

- **Sarasota/Manatee - Debate #2 System Wide President/Vice President – Monday 2/24, 7:00 p.m.: Watch party in the Student Commons (Live Stream from Tampa)**

- **Tampa Campus- Cookout with the Candidates – Tuesday 2/25, 12:00 p.m. – MSC Amphitheatre:** Food and refreshments will be provided in the MSC Amphitheatre where candidates will have the opportunity to interact with student voters and present their platforms.

- **Sarasota/Manatee- Candidates & Cupcakes- Thursday, 2/27 12-2pm- USFSM Student Commons:** Meet the candidates and discuss issues while enjoying cupcakes.

- **Tampa Campus-Results Announcement – Friday 3/6, 12 noon – MSC 4200:** Find out who the results of the General Election.