GSA Election Rules

Officer Elections for the GSA are held once every year, in March. The GSA will announce the election on its website and in the monthly eNewsletter. The following rules will be posted on the website.

1. Nominations
   a. The Elections Committee will begin accepting nominations on the 1st of February. The nomination period will close on the Monday of the week preceding spring break.
   b. The Elections Committee will decide each year whether nominations will be received by the committee as a whole or by a designated member of the committee.
   c. A nomination will consist of an email stating the name of the candidate, his or her department and school, and the position sought. (A form may be employed to facilitate this process.)
   d. Candidates may either nominate themselves or be nominated by another member of the GSA. If the latter, the Election Committee will contact the potential candidate by email within 48 hours of receiving the nomination. The candidate will have 48 hours to respond.
   e. Eligible candidates must be members of the GSA as defined in the GSA Constitution (Article 1, Section 2).
   f. Once a nominee's eligibility has been confirmed, he or she becomes a candidate.

2. Candidacy
   a. In order to facilitate constituent awareness of the candidates, each one will be given a page on the GSA website. Candidates must submit at least a photo and a statement of intent. Candidates may submit other materials as well. (See suggestions.)
   b. Candidates are not limited to campaigning via the website.

3. Voting
   a. Voting will take place via the website, beginning at 9 am the Monday of the second week following spring break and continuing through 5 pm that Thursday.
   b. Each member of the GSA may vote once for each position. If any member does not wish to vote for any of the nominated candidates, write-in votes will be accepted.
   c. The Elections Committee will send reminder emails to the Graduate student body before voting begins, once during the week, and mid-day on Thursday.

4. Results
   a. If a write-in candidate garners the greatest number of votes, the Election Committee will contact that person to see if he or she desires the position. If so, they will then confirm eligibility.
   b. In the event of a tie, a run-off will be conducted.
   c. The results will be announced on the following Monday.