

General Election Policy

Purpose:

Candidates for ASC are elected by a majority vote of the student population that they will represent. These policies and procedures are in place to protect the voting interests and rights of students, and are upheld by the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) who is hired by the Augustana Students' Association.

Policy:

None-of-the-Above Options

- All ballots must contain a “none-of-the-above” option.

Intent to Run

- Prospective candidates may declare their intent to run by emailing the DRO with the position they are interested in.
- A prospective candidate may declare their intent to run for the upcoming election when nominations officially open.
- A prospective candidate is not *required* to submit an intent to run in order to run for office.
- A prospective candidate who has submitted their intent to run is not *obligated* to run for office.
- Once a name has been submitted to the DRO, he/she shall notify the VP Communications who will then post the name in the “Intent to Run” section of the ASA website.

Appeals

- Candidates may register an election guideline grievance to the DRO in the form of a written and signed statement.
- Candidates that wish to appeal the DRO's decision to remove them from election have 72 hours to submit an appeal giving reasons why he/she feels they have been treated unfairly. Such appeals must be submitted in writing to the ASA Executive Director. The DRO must submit reasons for his/her decision in writing as well. To successfully appeal the DRO's decision, the candidate must receive a unanimous vote in favor by the Student Review Board based on all information submitted. The decision of the Student Review Board is final.