

CHAPTER 4 – ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND ELECTIONS

ARTICLE I. ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Section 4-1-10. Authority.

(A) The Elections Commission shall exist as a service to the student body, conducting the student body elections and inauguration.

(B) Authority shall be derived from and regulated by the Student Government Constitution and Codes. Any changes made to Chapter 4 of these codes after January 1st shall not go into effect until after the upcoming election has concluded.

(C) The Elections Commission shall act as an independent body, advised by the Student Government coordinator.

Section 4-1-20. Funding.

(A) Funding shall be derived from student activity fees on the same basis as other Student Government bodies.

(B) All expenditures by the Elections Commission shall be approved by the elections commissioner and the Student Government coordinator.

(C) The Student Government advisor shall be authorized to disburse funds necessary to conduct elections in accordance with the Student Government Constitution and Codes.

Section 4-1-30. Composition.

The Elections Commission shall be composed of the elections commissioner, the deputy elections commissioner, and seven (7) to nine (9) assistant elections commissioners, as follows:

(A) The publicity chair;

(B) The marketing and outreach chair;

(C) The candidate relations chair;

(D) The posting regulations chair;

(E) The debate chair;

(F) The violations chair;

(G) The inauguration chair;

(H) And, optionally, two other chairs, whose titles shall be determined by the elections commissioner.

Section 4-1-40. Nomination and confirmation.

(A) The student body president shall nominate the elections commissioner for consideration by the Student Senate within two (2) weeks of his or her inauguration.

(B) The elections commissioner shall nominate the deputy elections commissioner for consideration by the Student Senate by the conclusion of the spring academic semester.

(C) The elections commissioner shall nominate all assistant elections commissioners for consideration by the Student Senate by October 1st.

(D) No member of the Elections Commission may take office without being nominated, being interviewed by either the Student Senate Powers and Responsibilities or Judiciary Committee (or both committees in the case of the elections commissioner and deputy elections commissioner), being confirmed by the Student Senate, and taking the Student Government oath of office.

(E) In the event that the office of elections commissioner becomes vacant, the student body president shall nominate a replacement within two (2) weeks of the initial vacancy.

(F) In the event that the office of deputy elections commissioner becomes vacant, the elections commissioner shall nominate a replacement within two (2) weeks of the initial vacancy.

(G) In the event that an assistant elections commissioner position becomes vacant and the total number of assistant elections commissioners falls below seven (7) as a result, the elections commissioner shall nominate a replacement within two (2) weeks of the initial vacancy.

(H) The attorney general may, if requested by the Student Government coordinator, direct the postponement of the election if the minimum staff is not appointed and approved within the time limits stated herein.

Section 4-1-50. Duties of the elections commissioner.

Duties of the elections commissioner shall include, but may not be limited to:

(A) Implementing, in good faith, Chapter 4 of these Student Government Codes;

(B) Reviewing the Student Government Codes with all members of the Elections Commission and ensuring awareness of these codes;

(C) Providing a copy of Chapter 4 of these Student Government codes, along with the official candidates' packet, to all student organization presidents no earlier than January 1st;

(D) Procuring all materials necessary to conduct student body elections;

(E) Nominating and training the deputy elections commissioner and assistant elections commissioners;

(F) Selecting and training any poll workers deemed necessary;

(G) Overseeing the publicity and marketing surrounding all student body elections;

(H) Overseeing the planning and holding of the candidate interest meetings, the official candidates' meeting, the candidates' debate, any violation hearings, and the announcement of election results;

(I) And overseeing the tabulation of results of all student body elections;

Section 4-1-60. Duties of the Elections Commission.

Duties of the Elections Commission shall include, but may not be limited to:

(A) Meeting regularly with the Student Government coordinator, beginning four weeks prior to the student body election;

(B) Publicizing student body elections to ensure that students are aware of the dates and times for candidate interest meetings, the official candidates' meeting, the candidates' debate, and voting;

(C) Communicating effectively and consistently with candidates prior to and during the campaign period to ensure that the candidates are aware of all rules, regulations, procedures, and relevant actions by the Elections Commission;

(D) Establishing and maintaining posting regulations and the official candidates' packet, and providing this information to candidates during the official candidates' meeting;

(E) Planning and holding candidate interest meetings and the official candidates' meeting;

(F) Planning and holding a debate for candidates for executive office at least one (1) week prior to the regular student body elections;

(G) Establishing a process for hearing and considering complaints of election violations and fraud, and making decisions on such complaints following those hearings;

(H) Monitoring all write-in procedures and reporting any irregularities or violations to the elections commissioner;

(I) Assuring the security of all ballots and other election records for a period of thirty (30) days after the student body election. If the election is contested, records must be retained until a settlement is reached;

- (J) Tabulating the results of all elections and certifying those results;
- (K) Planning and holding an event to announce the results of all regular and other elections;
- (L) And planning and holding an inauguration for elected candidates on the Wednesday following spring break.

ARTICLE II. STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS

Section 4-2-10. Date and time.

- (A) So long as class is in session, the regular student body election shall be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday three weeks prior the University's spring break.
- (B) So long as class is in season, any runoff student body election shall be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday during the week following the regular student body election.
- (C) All elections shall last for a period of two (2) consecutive days, beginning at 9:00 AM on the first day and lasting until 5:00 PM on the second day.
- (D) If an election is determined to be null and void, a new election shall take place at a time to be determined by the Elections Commission, with the approval of the Office of Student Affairs.

Section 4-2-20. Offices elected.

The following elected offices shall be filled in the designated spring elections: student body president, student body vice president, student body treasurer, and student senators.

Section 4-2-30. Election procedures.

- (A) In elections for executive offices, a winner shall be determined at such time that one candidate gains a majority of the votes cast, which shall be defined as fifty (50) percent of all votes cast, plus one vote.
- (B) In elections for executive offices, a run-off election shall be held if no candidate receives a majority of votes cast for a particular office. The two persons receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be eligible for the run-off election.
- (C) In elections for Student Senate, a winner or winners shall be determined as stated in the Student Government Constitution.
- (D) In elections for Student Senate, a run-off election shall be held in the event of a tie for one or more seats.
- (E) In the general election, but not in any run-off election, a candidate may be elected to an executive office or to the Student Senate by write-in ballots. All write-in candidates winning their election shall be notified by the Elections Commissioner after it is determined that this person is eligible to serve.
- (F) For a referendum to appear on the ballot it must be published in The Daily Gamecock at least one (1) week prior to the vote of the student body pursuant to the Student Government Constitution. If necessary, a referendum may appear on the ballot in an abbreviated form, as determined by the Elections Commission.

Section 4-2-40. Student Senate districts.

- (A) The electoral districts of the Student Senate and the apportionment of the fifty (50) Student Senate seats shall be as follows:
 - (1) District 1 (College of Arts and Sciences) – thirteen (13) seats;
 - (2) District 2 (College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management) – four (4) seats;
 - (3) District 3 (College of Social Work) – two (2) seats;
 - (4) District 4 (Darla Moore School of Business) – seven (7) seats;
 - (5) District 5 (College of Education) – three (3) seats;
 - (6) District 6 (College of Engineering and Computing) – four (4) seats;
 - (7) District 7 (College of Mass Communications and Information Studies) – three (3) seats;

- (8) District 8 (School of Law) – two (2) seats;
 - (9) District 9 (College of Nursing) – three (3) seats;
 - (10) District 10 (South Carolina College of Pharmacy) – two (2) seats;
 - (11) District 11 (South Carolina College of Pharmacy – Pre-Pharmacy) – two (2) seats;
 - (12) District 12 (Arnold School of Public Health) – three (3) seats;
 - (13) And District 13 (School of Music) – two (2) seats.
- (B) Any school or college having more than one hundred (100) full-time students (as defined by the University Registrar) shall have a corresponding Student Senate district, and each district shall have at least one (1) seat.

Section 4-2-50. Student Senate reapportionment.

(A) Each fall, the Elections Commission shall review the enrollment figures for each academic college and school at the University for the purpose of reapportionment of Student Senate districts.

(B) The apportionment of Student Senate seats shall occur as follows:

(1) Each district shall be assigned one (1) seat.

(2) The additional seats assigned to each district shall be derived by dividing the number of full-time students (FTS) enrolled in that particular college or school by the number of FTS enrolled in the University, and then multiplying the result by the number of seats remaining after all districts have been assigned one (1) seat. This formula shall be as follows:

Additional seats per district = (FTS enrolled in the college or school) * (Remaining seats)
(FTS enrolled at the University)

(3) All number of remaining seats per district shall be properly apportioned by the whole number, excluding the decimal.

(4) If a district receives no whole additional seats through this process, assign one of any remaining seats to each district bringing them to two (2) seats. If not possible, award the seats based on the decimal value in descending order. By receiving this additional seat, these districts are excluded from the remaining apportionment process.

(5) If seats still remain, they shall be allocated to the districts based upon which districts' had the highest decimal value. In descending order, the remainder of additional seats per district shall be apportioned based upon the above formula. (For instance, a district with 2.6 additional seats per district shall be awarded a remaining seat over a district with 1.3 or 3.3 additional seats per district).

(C) Once the apportionment of seats is calculated, the elections commissioner shall transmit the calculations and a recommendation for reapportionment (if necessary) to the student body vice president, who shall refer them to the chair of the Student Senate Powers and Responsibilities Committee.

Section 4-2-60. Candidate filing and fees.

(A) The Elections Commission shall plan and hold a period during which any candidates wishing to be placed on the ballot for a particular office must file for election in the Student Government office. Filing shall start at 9:00 AM on the Monday seven (7) weeks before the University's spring break and continue through 5:00 PM on that Tuesday. If that Monday is a holiday, filing shall start at 9:00 AM on the Tuesday seven (7) weeks before the University's spring break and continue through 4:00 PM on that Wednesday.

(B) During the filing period, each candidate shall submit a filing form certifying that he or she meets the requirements for the office, has read the appropriate rules, and grants the Student

Government advisor permission to certify his or her academic eligibility. In accordance with university policy, no student can be approved for candidacy if he or she is currently on academic probation or is otherwise not in good standing with the University.

(C) During the filing period, each candidate must provide to the elections commissioner a list of his or her campaign staff, and must update this list if the membership of his or her campaign staff changes. A person who operates on the behalf of a particular candidate shall be judged a member of that candidate's campaign staff if it is determined that this person received explicit or implicit encouragement to campaign on that candidate's behalf. If it is determined that this person is a member of that candidate's campaign staff, he or she may be given consideration for the purposes of assessing elections fraud or elections violations against that candidate.

(D) The filing fee to run for Student Senate shall be a non-refundable amount of five (5) dollars.

(E) The filing fee to run for executive office shall be fifty (50) dollars, of which forty-five (45) dollars is refundable, provided that all of the candidate's campaign materials are removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the last election to the satisfaction of the Elections Commissioner. If not, the money is forfeited to the Elections Commission.

(F) A receipt for fees paid shall be issued to each candidate by a Student Government office staff employee upon the candidate's filing.

(G) The student body treasurer shall keep on file for one year a copy of each receipt issued. These shall constitute a public record.

(H) All collected monies shall be deposited to the Student Government elections account, as prescribed by University policy.

(I) Candidates filing to run for Student Senate may only do so in a district according to their academic certification pursuant to the Student Government Constitution.

(J) A candidate running for an executive position may simultaneously file for a seat in the Student Senate. In the case of the candidate winning both the executive election and Student Senate election, that candidate will be moved to the executive office, and the vacated Student Senate seat will be given to the next candidate with the highest votes.

(K) Candidates must file for office using their names as listed in University records. The candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot shall be subject to approval by the Elections Commission.

(L) If a student seeking a Student Senate seat is a member of the South Carolina Honors College, that student shall seek the seat that represents the college the he or she is enrolled in for his or her major.

(M) After the filing deadline has passed, the elections commissioner shall give the names of the applicants to the Student Government advisor for verification of eligibility.

Section 4-2-70. Candidates' meeting.

(A) The Elections Commission shall plan and hold an official candidates meeting that shall be mandatory for all candidates.

(B) The date of this meeting shall be determined during the fall semester, and candidates shall be informed of the meeting and its date and time when they complete the filing process.

(C) If a candidate is unable to attend the mandatory meeting, the candidate, to be eligible to run for office, must:

(1) Submit a written excuse to the Elections Commission prior to the mandatory meeting;

(2) And meet with the Elections Commission within two (2) business days after the mandatory meeting.

(D) At this meeting, the Elections Commission shall provide a copy of the official candidates' packet for all candidates, which must contain Chapter 4 of these Student Government Codes, the posting regulations, a copy of the University Solicitation Policy, a copy of the Carolinian Creed, contact information for members of the Elections Commission, and any other information deemed necessary.

(E) At this meeting, all candidates must sign an agreement affirming that they have read the documents mentioned above and fully understand all of their meanings and implications. It is the responsibility of the Elections Commission to explain any ambiguities or answer any questions that the candidates may have.

Section 4-2-80. Campaign period.

(A) The period in which candidates may campaign shall begin immediately following the official candidates' meeting and shall end upon the conclusion of the final voting period for that candidate's particular race.

(B) There shall be two distinct periods of campaigning: Soft Campaigning and Hard Campaigning.

(1) Soft Campaigning may consist of all campaign methods not including:

(a) Those in violation of these Student Government Codes;

(b) The distribution of campaign promotional items such as cups, t-shirts, food, beverages, and items related to the exchange of food, beverages, or consumer products;

(c) Or the holding of campaign rallies or special events.

(2) Hard Campaigning may consist of all campaign methods not including those in violation of these Student Government Codes.

(C) The period of Soft Campaigning shall begin with the conclusion of the official candidates' meeting and shall end at the conclusion of the Wednesday four (4) weeks before the University's spring break.

(D) The period of Hard Campaigning shall start at the conclusion of Soft Campaigning and shall end at the conclusion of the final voting period for each race.

(E) The distribution of campaign promotional items to campaign members, as named at the official candidates' meeting, shall not be prohibited at any point during the campaign period.

Section 4-2-90. Polling locations.

(A) Students may vote from any computer with access to the designated online voting system.

(B) The Elections Commission may designate other polling locations where voting may be encouraged and facilitated by the Commission.

(C) The Elections Commission shall determine whether an area constitutes a polling location for the purpose of complaints of election violations or fraud.

(D) Every person eligible to vote in the student body elections shall receive an email from the University reminding them to vote. This email must contain a link to online voting system, instructions for voting, and candidate information or a link to candidate information. This email shall be sent out the day of elections to students' official University email accounts. In case of a runoff, new, or special election, the same requirements apply.

Section 4-2-100. Voting procedures.

(A) The Student Government advisor, in coordination with University Technology Services, shall be responsible for the implementation and preparedness of all ballot information for the elections.

(B) Voting shall occur through the designated online voting system and all ballots shall be automatically tallied by the system.

(C) Voters shall access the election site through the website of the designated online voting system.

(D) All students registered at the University of South Carolina-Columbia campus will be provided electronic ballots for regular and other elections. The ballot shall be appropriate based on their college or school of enrollment.

(E) Each student will be allowed to access the electronic ballot to vote one time. Additional attempts to access the site shall not be allowed.

(F) If not possible through electronic randomization, the order of candidates' names on the ballot shall be determined through a random drawing to be conducted by the Elections Commission during the mandatory candidates' meeting only for contested races. Candidates' names in uncontested races will appear in alphabetical order.

(G) Each candidate's name on the ballot must contain no more than twenty-five characters or letters. Each candidate is responsible for viewing the ballot on the online voting system and verifying the correct spelling of their name on the ballot with the Student Government advisor no later than four (4) days prior to the election. Any requests for a change of ballot information must be submitted in writing four (4) business days prior to the election and must be issued a receipt by the Student Government advisor.

(H) The online voting system must be accessible for at least seventy-five (75) percent of the allotted election time available during any election. If it is not, that election may be considered null and void at the discretion of the Elections Commission.

(I) Students wishing to submit a write-in ballot during the general election must do so through the electronic voting system. If unavailable, students may submit a write-in ballot at the Student Government office polling location by the following process:

(1) The student shall present to the poll worker a picture identification.

(2) The student shall log onto the online voting system and submit a blank ballot.

(3) The student shall be provided a paper ballot by the designated member of the Elections Commission monitoring the write-in location. This paper ballot must contain the names of all executive candidates and senatorial candidates for the student's college or school of enrollment, spaces for the student to write-in votes for each office, and an envelope.

(4) The student shall indicate his or her selections on the ballot, seal the ballot in the envelope, and place it in the designated ballot box.

(J) The Elections Commission shall be responsible for providing the following items at the write-in polling station located in the Student Government office:

(1) One large, lockable ballot box;

(2) Write-in ballots and envelopes;

(3) Instructions for any poll workers;

(4) And materials to designate the polling location;

Section 4-2-110. Tabulation and notification.

(A) A member of the Elections Commission must be present to close the write-in polling location at 5:00 PM on the final day of the regular student body election and to transport the ballots to the counting location. Candidates for executive office may have one observer present from the time the poll closes until the tabulation of the write-in ballots is complete.

(B) The attorney general must be present as an observer at the time the write-in ballot box is opened and until the tabulation is complete. The attorney general shall be responsible for the security of the area where counting is taking place. If the attorney general is not present, the chief justice of the Constitutional Council or an individual designated by the Student Affairs shall substitute.

(C) The tabulation of the write-in ballots is the responsibility of the Elections Commission. The Elections Commission shall count the write-in ballots under the direct supervision of the elections commissioner.

(D) Upon completion of the tabulation of write-in ballots and their addition to the total vote count, the elections commissioner shall certify the results prior to publishing the results.

(E) The Elections Commission shall announce the results of the elections on the evening of their certification, barring any pending complaints of election violations or fraud.

(F) The elections commissioner shall post a copy of the results within twenty-four (24) hours of their certification, at which time the official results shall constitute a public record. The record on file in

the Student Government office shall include the total number of ballots cast and the total votes cast for each candidate.

(G) Anyone wishing to contest an election must do so within twenty-four (24) hours after the posting of the official vote tabulation results by the Elections Commissioner. Contests must be filed during normal business hours.

ARTICLE III. ELECTION VIOLATIONS

Section 4-3-10. Definition.

An election violation shall be defined as any willful act, deed, or conspiracy that violates the provisions of these codes. An election violation may occur on any date during or before the campaign period.

Section 4-3-20. General rules and regulations.

(A) In all instances, candidates and members of a candidate's campaign shall, in addition to these codes, observe and abide by:

(1) The University Solicitation Policy;

(2) And the posting regulations as provided in the official Candidates' Packet.

(B) Prior to the campaign period, a candidate may communicate with others for the purpose of enlisting campaign members, but shall not campaign for the explicit purpose of acquiring votes.

Section 4-3-30. Electronic communication.

(A) Phone calls or text messaging may only be directed at individuals who have a pre-existing relationship with the candidate or the campaign member performing the contact.

(B) No candidate may campaign through any listserv or webpage operated by the University.

Section 4-3-40. Oral communication.

(A) Candidates wishing to reserve tables for their campaign shall do so through the Elections Commission. Tables may only be reserved on the days of the election, and on one day during the week prior to the election, to be determined by the Elections Commission.

(B) Candidates or members of a candidate's campaign may not solicit organizations to set up speaking times until that candidate has filed for office.

(C) Candidates or members of a candidate's campaign are prohibited from soliciting on off-campus residences, which include private homes, condominiums, or apartment complexes, unless they have signed written permission by the owner or complex manager and submit a copy of that written permission to the Elections Commission.

Section 4-3-50. Materials-based communication.

(A) All fliers, banners, promotional items, and other forms of materials-based communication to be posted or distributed must be approved by the Elections Commission in advance.

(B) Candidates wishing to reserve space for banners for their campaign shall do so through the Elections Commission. Banners may be displayed as soon as campaigning begins.

(C) Campaign materials:

(1) May not be distributed before the official candidates' meeting;

(2) May be distributed following the official candidates' meeting, but in a person-to-person manner only during student organization meetings or at times designated by the Elections Commission for oral and materials-based communication;

- (3) May only be placed in University posting locations and other places specifically designated for announcements and public notices;
- (4) May not be placed on dormitory doors without the consent of the resident;
- (5) May not be placed in any official polling location (e.g. a computer lab);
- (6) May not employ any officially trademarked or copyrighted materials (e.g. the University logo, seal, etc.);
- (7) And may include stick-on decals, as long as the decals are of the type that do not leave a residue upon removal.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION FRAUD

Section 4-4-10. Definition.

- (A) Election fraud shall be defined as any willful act, deed, or conspiracy that violates the integrity of the electoral process during the voting period.
- (B) Elections fraud shall include the following acts, committed by the candidate or members of his or her campaign:
 - (1) Attempting to vote or voting in place of another;
 - (2) Attempting to procure or procuring – by the payment, delivery, or promise of money or other article of value – another to vote for or against any particular candidate or ballot measure;
 - (3) Attempting to procure or procuring – by the use of threats or intimidation – another to vote for or against any particular candidate or ballot measure;
 - (4) Attempting to make disparaging assertions with the intent to defame by slander, libel, or other injurious process against other candidates or campaigns;
 - (5) Attempting to influence or influencing a voter who is in the process of voting;
 - (6) Or attempting to monitor or monitoring a voter who is in the process of voting.

ARTICLE V. COMPLAINTS AND HEARINGS

Section 4-5-10. Filing.

- (A) Any student, faculty member, or staff member can file a complaint of an alleged election violation or election fraud.
- (B) Any complaint of an alleged election violation must be may be filed with the Elections Commission at any time up until two (2) business days following the conclusion of the final voting period for the particular race in question.
- (C) Any complaint of alleged election fraud must be filed with the Elections Commission during normal business hours and within two (2) business days of the incident in question.
- (D) The person filing the complaint:
 - (1) Must state in that complaint who was involved, what was done, where the act occurred, and any other known, relevant information;
 - (2) Must be informed that he or she may be asked to testify before the Elections Commission or at any other level of the appeals process;
 - (3) And must be informed that his or her name could be made publicly available in accordance with governmental regulations at the time of filing the complaint.

Section 4-5-20. Response.

- (A) The Elections Commission shall, in a timely manner, inform the person filing a complaint of an alleged election violation or election fraud that the report has been received;

(B) The Elections Commission must send an email to all candidates by 3:00 PM each business during which campaigning is allowed, detailing any complaints received and the time at which the Elections Commission will convene to consider the complaint.

Section 4-5-30. Hearing.

(A) The Elections Commission shall convene to consider a complaint at a time no earlier than 6:00 PM on the day that the complaint is filed and no later than two (2) business days after the complaint is filed.

(B) During the hearing of a complaint, the candidate against whom the complaint was filed has the right to be present at all times during which the complaint is being considered and to witness all documentation against him or herself, with the exception of any period reserved solely for deliberation by the Elections Commission, Constitutional Council, or Office of Student Affairs, which shall not include any candidates or campaign members.

Section 4-5-40. Decision.

(A) The Elections Commission shall announce its decision in response to a complaint immediately following the hearing of the complaint.

(B) The Elections Commission may, with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its total membership, disqualify any candidate, including write-in candidates, who do not comply with the rules and regulations set forth in these codes. Written notifications of disqualification must be filed with the attorney general as they are forwarded to the candidates.

(C) The Elections Commission shall refer violations of University policy concerning general student conduct to the Office of Student Judicial Programs. In the event that a person found to have committed an election violation or election fraud is not a member of a campaign, he or she will be referred to the Office of Student Judicial Programs.

(D) The Elections Commission shall not impose a penalty exceeding the amount of the filing fee or the disqualification of a candidate.

(E) The Elections Commission shall conduct a new election for each race significantly affected if it is determined that election fraud has occurred and has had a significant impact upon the result of the election.

Section 4-5-50. Appeal.

(A) A candidate may appeal any decision of the Elections Commission, but must do so within one (1) business day of the Elections Commission's decision.

(B) Any appeal of a decision by the Elections Commission, if determined to have sufficient merit to warrant consideration, shall be heard by the Constitutional Council.

(C) The Elections Commission may, by a majority vote of its total membership, forward responsibility to rule on any decision directly to the Constitutional Council without making an initial ruling.

(D) A candidate may appeal any decision of the Constitutional Council, but must do so within one (1) business day of the Constitutional Council's decision.

(E) Any appeal of a decision by the Constitutional Council, if determined to have sufficient merit to warrant consideration, shall be heard by the Office of Student Affairs.

(F) The attorney general shall represent the decision of the Elections Commission during all levels of appeal.

(G) The outcome of any decision by the Elections Commission or Constitutional Council shall be postponed until the appeals process is complete.

ARTICLE VI.
INAUGURATION

Section 4-6-10. Date.

The inauguration of new Student Government officers shall be held no earlier than one (1) week and no later than (3) weeks following elections.

Section 4-6-20. Accommodations.

(A) Efforts shall be made to accommodate the University President.

(B) A reception shall be planned for the event, as well as advertising and the purchase of any other materials needed to conduct the event in a traditional manner.

(C) All costs associated with inauguration shall be charged to the Student Government Elections Commission budget.

Section 4-6-30. Oath of office.

(A) The Student Government oath of office shall be as follows:

I, [name], do solemnly pledge to faithfully execute the office of [name of office], to abide by the Student Government Constitution, to uphold the Carolinian Creed, and to represent my constituents to the best of my ability.

(B) The chief justice of the Constitutional Council shall administer the oath of office to the incoming officers. If the chief justice is unavailable, an associate justice of the Constitutional Council or the outgoing president pro tempore of the Student Senate may administer the oath.

(C) All elected Student Government officials (the student body president, the student body vice president, the student body treasurer, and student senators) must take the oath of office upon their inauguration.