



2024 Student Senator Elections Packet

Thank you for showing interest in the Associated Student Government's Student Senator positions. Student Senate convenes weekly on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm ET in the Joslin Senate Chamber or remotely to discuss matters of interest and concern to the student body. Student Senators serve as the primary means of information gathering for the administration and services of the university. Senators are responsible for collecting the concerns of their constituents to present to the body, researching and writing legislation, and debating important policy changes.

Sixteen Academic Senators will be Elected:

College of Arts & Science Social Science/Humanities (4 seats)

College of Arts & Science Hard Science (2 seats)

Farmer School of Business (4 seats)

Education Health & Society (2 seats)

College of Engineering & Computing (2 seats)

College of Creative Arts (2 seats)

Seventeen Off-Campus Senators will be Elected.

This packet contains:

Information Cover Sheet & ASG Bylaws

Important dates to remember:

April 19th: Election petitions are released and eligible for submission.

May 3rd: **Election petitions are due at 5:00 PM ET.** Candidates may not begin campaigning until receiving an email from Speaker Bakshi confirming that their packet has been certified.

May 7th -

May 9th: Elections will take place from **7:00AM May 7th to 7:00PM May 9th ET.** Candidates will then be notified if they have been elected to serve as a student senator.

Questions? Please contact Tia Bakshi, Speaker of Senate, at ASGSpeaker@miamioh.edu

Instructions

Read through this packet to understand the requirements and responsibilities of being a Student Senator.

Please fill out this checklist to verify you have read and completed all required items:

- By checking this box, you acknowledge that the Associated Student Government and the Office of Residence Life have permission to check your eligibility to join this organization. Your acknowledgement means that advisors will ensure you're in good standing with the Office of Community Standards
- I have filled out all the information requested correctly on [this Google Form](#): Candidates **MUST** share link to collaborate on petition **before** gathering signatures to ASGSpeaker@miamioh.edu
- I have read all the special election information
- I have received 35 undergraduate signatures from current Miami University (Oxford campus) students

Senate Election Information

- I. Eligibility
 - A. *Senators At-Large must be full-time undergraduate students at Miami University.*
 - B. *Off-Campus Senators must be full-time undergraduate students at Miami University who currently reside off-campus (i.e. not in University Housing).*
- II. Candidate Qualifications
 - A. A Candidate can only announce their candidacy for a single Open Seat, even if they meet the eligibility requirements for more than one.
 - B. Each Candidate must meet the eligibility requirements laid out above. Should a candidate be found to not meet these requirements, their petition will be denied.
 - C. Members of the Office of Residence Life may not run for On-Campus Senate Seats. They are instead represented by the Resident Assistant (RA) Senator.
- III. Petitions
 - A. Each candidate must submit a petition to be certified by the Elections Committee.
 - B. Petitions must contain 35 signatures of Miami University undergraduate students.
 - C. Petitions must be turned in by 5:00pm ET on May 3rd.
- IV. Election Procedures
 - A. After your petition has been certified and Candidates have been selected, you will be sent a confirmation email on the night of May 3rd.
 - B. The Election shall take place from May 7th 7am to 7pm on May 9th.

SECTION 604

Election of Student Senators

604.C. Off-campus candidates for Student Senate are as follows:

1. All candidates for Student Senator will be elected by off-campus undergraduate students. Each off-campus undergraduate student may vote for up to thirteen candidates.
2. Elections for off-campus senators must be held within the last eight weeks of Spring Semester, after student body elections, as determined by the Speaker of the Student Senate in consultation with the Elections Committee.

604.D. Academic Senator candidates for Student Senate are as follows:

1. All candidates for Academic Student Senator will be elected by undergraduate students in the college that they are running to represent.
2. Elections for Academic Senators must be held within the last eight weeks of Spring semester, after the student body election, as determined by the Speaker of Student Senate in consultation with the Elections Committee.
3. Students with multiple majors in different divisions may only run for one office in one division.

604.E. Each candidate must submit a petition and application to the Speaker of the Senate certifying that the candidate qualifies and agrees to abide by and fulfill all duties and regulations set forth in the ASG Constitution, Love & Honor Code, and Bylaws.

1. The petition shall contain the signatures of 35 students who reside in the district from which the candidate is running.
2. Each petition and application will be examined and certified by the Speaker of the Senate.

604.F. If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of seats in a district, the

deadline for filing petitions and applications for that district shall be extended 48 hours.

604.G. At the conclusion of the process outlined in 604.F., if the number of candidates declared does not exceed the number of seats in the district, those candidates shall be the Student Senators for that district.

604.H. Further elections-related rules, sanctions and instructions shall be recommended by the Elections Committee to the Student Senate for approval.

604.I. Should an election end in a tie, a new election shall be held between only the candidates who tied for the position, with the new election beginning within 3 weekdays of the end of the previous election. In this election, voting must be open for at least a 12-hour period and shall be available to every eligible student in that constituency.

ARTICLE I. The Student Senate

SECTION 101

The Student Senate shall be composed of the Speaker of the Student Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore, 51 Student Senators, an advisor, and the Executive Cabinet of Associated Student Government.

101.C. There shall be seventeen Off-Campus Senate seats.

1. Seventeen students shall be elected by undergraduate students living off campus.

101.D. There shall be sixteen Academic Senate seats.

1. Academic Senate seats shall be apportioned under the guidance of the Speaker of the Student Senate, in consultation with the Secretary of Academic Affairs.
 - a. For the purposes of allocating Academic Senate seats, the College of Arts of Sciences shall be divided between the Biological & Physical Sciences

and the Social Sciences & Humanities.

- i. Biological and Physical Sciences and Mathematics include: Biochemistry, Biological Physics, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering Physics, Environmental Earth Science, Geology, Mathematics, Medical Laboratory Science, Microbiology, Physics, Quantitative Economics, Statistics, Zoology.
 - ii. Social Sciences and Humanities include: American Studies, Anthropology, Black World Studies, Classical Humanities, Classical Languages (Greek and Latin), Comparative Religion, Diplomacy and Global Politics, East Asian Languages and Cultures, Economics, English/Creative Writing, English/Linguistics, English/Literature, English/Professional Writing, French, Geography, German, Gerontology, History, Individualized Studies, International Studies, Italian Studies, Journalism, Latin American and Latino/a and Caribbean Studies, Media and Culture, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Russian and East European and Eurasian Studies, Social Justice Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Strategic Communication, Urban and Regional Planning, Women's and Gender and Sexuality Studies.
 - iii. Any new or additional majors added will be added to the respective section under the discretion of the Elections Committee.
2. The responsibility of an Academic Senator remains with the college to which they were elected.

SECTION 106

The Powers and Duties of the Student Senators, in addition to those set by the district that they represent, shall be:

106.A. To attend a training session to be conducted by the Speaker of the Senate.

106.B. To attend all regularly scheduled and called meetings of the Student Senate, to vote on all initiatives, bills, budgets, or proposals before the body, and to draft appropriate legislation as the member shall deem necessary.

106.C. To hold, for at least one hour a week, regularly scheduled office hours in the ASG office as assigned by the Speaker of the Senate.

106.D. To communicate the ideas and concerns of their constituents through the proper channels and to inform their constituents of the Student Senate activities.

1. Within one week of their elections to notify all their constituents of their election and to indicate where they will be available to their constituents.

106.E. To attend one multicultural event per semester from a list provided by the Secretary for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

106.G. To attend a bystander intervention training program once per year from a list provided by the Secretary for Safety