

Code Section III

Elections Code

- 3.10 The By-Laws for elections shall be known as the Elections Code and shall govern all election matters of the ASCC.
- 3.20 **Certification of Election.** All ballots cast shall be counted on official tally sheets.
- 3.201 The official tally sheet shall have recordings of all the names of the qualified and disqualified candidates, number of votes cast for them, and the number of void or disqualified ballots.
- 3.202 All the official tally sheets shall be combined into the final official tally sheet.
- 3.203 The posted election results shall only indicate the names of qualified candidates and the number of votes cast for them.
- 3.204 Only if the write-in candidate is a qualified candidate and receives enough votes to be elected, shall the candidate's name and number of votes appear on the official posted results.
- 3.30 **Eligibility for Election.** Each candidate for an elective office shall file a petition with the Office of Student Activities. Students only with a petition on file are eligible to be placed on the ballot after an eligibility check has been made.
- 3.301 Such petition must be filed by the established deadline date or be invalid.
- 3.302 Such petition shall include current ASCC member signatures.
- 3.3021 Senate candidates must obtain at least 75 signatures.
- 3.3022 Presidential candidates must obtain at least 500 signatures.
- 3.303 Each candidate for elective office may also file a resume of not more than one hundred (100) words, containing the candidate's qualifications to be turned in to *Talon Marks*, then published within a reasonable period of time prior to the election in question. Candidates shall not misrepresent themselves in said resume.
- 3.40 **Dates of Elections.** Election days shall fall on Wednesday and Thursday days and evenings, with polling places located in no less than three (3) convenient campus locations. Polling places shall remain open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 3.401 The Presidential and Vice Presidential Election shall be held in April.
- 3.402 The Senate Election shall be held in September.
- 3.403 The Student Trustee Elections shall be held in April and will run under the same rules as the Presidential Election process. Polling places located in a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) convenient campus locations.
- 3.50 **Legal Ballot.** The legal ballot for elections shall be designated by the Elections Board.
- 3.502 Students wishing the ballot to indicate a campus organization must be a member in good standing and have written endorsement from the organization.

- 3.503 Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- 3.504 Voters shall not transfer ASCC Cards.
- 3.505 Defaced or improperly marked ballots shall be voided or disqualified.
- 3.60 **General Election Regulations.**
- 3.601 The winner of the Presidential Election must receive fifty percent (50%) or more of the total number of legal votes cast.
- 3.602 If no candidate receives this majority, then a run-off election shall be held between the two (2) top contending candidates.
- 3.603 In case of a declared tie in the general Presidential Elections, a run-off election shall be held.
- 3.6031 The Presidential and Vice Presidential Run-Off Election shall be held on the Wednesday and Thursday days and evenings immediately following the regular Presidential Election.
- 3.6032 The two (2) candidates in the run-off election shall be provided funds in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75) each by the ASCC to be used to cover their increased campaign costs caused by the run-off election.
- 3.6033 Said funds shall be subject to audit, and receipts for all expenditures shall be provided by the candidates.
- 3.604 Prior to the Presidential Election, the ASCC shall sponsor a debate or forum which shall include a public question and answer session.
- 3.605 In case of a declared tie in the run-off Presidential Election, the Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall determine the winner.
- 3.606 In the event of a tie for the ASCC Senate, those contested candidates shall not be confirmed until after grade eligibility for the semester has been determined.
- 3.607 In the event of a tie, when the grade eligibility does not change the final returns, those candidates who are deadlocked shall appear before the Associated Student Senate and shall be selected in the following manner.
1. The ASCC Senate shall vote, the candidate receiving a plurality shall be declared elected.
 2. The ASCC Senate shall then recommend to the Associated Student Body President that the other candidates be appointed to the first vacancies that occur.
- 3.608 No candidate shall use ASCC or District owned materials for the purpose of campaigning.
- 3.609 There shall be no campaigning or literature within twenty-five (25) feet of the polls.
- 3.610 Each polling place shall have two signs; one stating, "Polling Place" and the second sign to read the name of the election, such as, "Senate," "Homecoming Court," "Homecoming Queen," "Presidential," or "Special Election."

3.611 In the case of President and Senate Elections, on elections days the use of food (excluding lollipops/candy) by the candidates and their associates is prohibited. (this code is excluded from section 3.80)

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1. First offense: The ASCC Court shall remind the candidate/campaigner of the rules and regulations and tell them to correct the problem immediately (within 30 minutes)
2. Second offense: Failure to comply will result in a \$40.00 fee which shall be assessed to the candidate. This fee shall be paid within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
3. Third offense: Failure to comply with the above will lead to a progressive doubling of the fine, which shall be paid within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
4. Fourth offense: The Election Board shall take appropriate disciplinary action.

3.70 Special Election Regulations. Special elections shall comply with all regulations and meet all requirements of a general election.

3.701 Special elections shall be called by the President of the Associated Students when authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

3.702 Special elections shall be held on the second Wednesday and Thursday days and evenings at least ten (10) days after the authorization of the election. (If any of these days fall on a school holiday, the election will be held the following week.)

3.80 Failure to comply with the Elections Code shall result in:

1. First offense: The Director of Communications shall remind the registrant of the rules and regulations and tell the registrant to correct the problem within two hours, unless told otherwise by the Director of Communications.
2. Second offense: A \$40.00 fee shall be assessed to the registrant. This fee shall be paid within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
3. Third offense: This will lead to a progressive doubling of the fine, which shall be paid within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
4. Fourth offense: The Election Board shall take appropriate disciplinary action.

3.90 Ballot Counting Regulations

3.91 The Associated Students of Cerritos College elections ballot counting shall be conducted by the assigned election clerks in a secure area with supervision of the Director of Student Activities, Program Assistant #2, and the ASCC Court.

3.92 The campaigns of respective parties must appoint a campaign manager or representative who shall monitor the ballot counting. The representative shall be in their best behavior and discipline by the court in any incident.

3.100 Write-in Candidates

3.101 Write-in candidacy is open to anyone who wishes to elect themselves or campaign to be elected.

3.102 No write-in candidates shall make any ads, posters, or flyers as campaigns on campus.

3.103 Write-in candidates shall only promote themselves via word-of-mouth, social media, and t-shirts.

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Write-in candidates shall be allowed to hand out blank slips of paper with pens so that potential voters can properly spell candidates' names.

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Write-in candidates that promote themselves via social media must adhere to the rules set forth by the Cerritos College code of conduct.

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Any candidate who may have a complaint with any of their opposing candidates regarding online media must bring their proof of violation to Judicial Affairs.

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Write-in candidates are allowed to wear a T-shirt with their own name and their running mates name only.

3.104 All rules established by codes 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 3.60, 3.70, 3.80, and 3.90 shall be applicable to write-in candidates.