



— **ASCWU** —
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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Land Acknowledgement

Central Washington University acknowledges the people who have been on this land since time immemorial. The Ellensburg campus is on lands ceded by the Pshwanapum and other bands and tribes of the Yakama Nation in the Treaty of 1855. The Yakama people remain committed stewards of this land, cherishing it and protecting it, as instructed by elders through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands, and give thanks to the legacy of the original people, their lives, and their descendants. We also recognize the histories of land theft, violence, erasure and oppression of Indigenous communities. It is not enough to only make an acknowledgement. We have a responsibility as occupants of these lands to hear the call to action made by Indigenous peoples, and to support their ongoing fight for sovereignty, equity, justice, healing, and the protection of land resources.

Why Student Leadership Matters

DEAR WILDCATS—

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 ASCWU elections. Student leadership matters because it is one of the most direct ways students shape the quality, accessibility, and culture of campus life. Decisions about services, programming, advocacy, and priorities are stronger when they are informed by the people living the student experience every day. Student government helps ensure that student needs aren't an afterthought but a starting point.

Leadership in ASCWU is also an opportunity to practice democratic skills that carry far beyond CWU: listening across differences, building coalitions, communicating clearly, and following through. It means representing students you know and students you haven't met yet, those who live on campus and those who commute, those who feel fully connected and those still finding their place. In that work, respect and accountability matter as much as ideas.

The Election Commission's job is to protect a process that is fair, transparent, and accessible. This packet is designed to help every candidate compete on a level playing field, understand expectations, and focus on engaging the student body with clarity and integrity. You'll find key dates, required filings, campaign rules, and participation opportunities, along with the standards that keep elections focused on community, not conflict.

Whether you run to solve a problem, amplify a voice, or bring new energy to campus, we're glad you're here. We look forward to an election season that reflects the best of CWU: thoughtful, spirited, and student-centered.

Sincerely,

ASCWU Election Commission

Board of Directors Positions

PRESIDENT: The President is the chief student representative for ASCWU and the primary spokesperson for student government. They set the direction and priorities of the Board of Directors, build relationships with campus leadership, and ensure ASCWU work stays coordinated, timely, and student-centered. The President chairs Board of Directors meetings, supports major initiatives, and helps align committees and projects to ASCWU goals. This role requires strong communication, accountability, and the ability to lead collaboratively across different perspectives.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT: The Executive Vice President supports the President and helps ensure the organization runs smoothly day to day. They step in for the President when needed and take a lead role in internal operations, governance participation, and student representation in key budget and fee processes. The Executive Vice President coordinates committee involvement and appointments, supports administrative processes, and helps maintain compliance with meeting and public accountability expectations. This role is ideal for a student leader who is organized, steady, and systems minded.

SENATE SPEAKER: The Senate Speaker leads the Student Academic Senate and is responsible for creating a clear, efficient, and welcoming environment for student representatives to do their work. The Speaker chairs Senate meetings, manages agendas and procedures, and serves as the primary link between the Senate and the Board of Directors. They support student-led legislation, resolutions, and initiatives, and help ensure Senate voices and concerns are meaningfully represented in ASCWU decision-making. This role fits someone who can facilitate meetings, build consensus, and keep groups moving forward.

DIRECTOR OF EQUITY AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS: The Director for Equity & Multicultural Affairs leads equity-focused student government work and supports the Equity & Services Council (ESC), serving as the primary link between the ESC and the Board of Directors. This position advocates for students from historically marginalized communities and helps elevate concerns, needs, and proposals into ASCWU priorities. The Director builds relationships with student organizations and campus partners, supports equity-centered programming, and helps coordinate initiatives that strengthen belonging and access. This role requires strong collaboration, care, and the ability to center student voice in meaningful, practical ways.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE AND FACILITIES: The Director for Student Life & Facilities focuses on the parts of campus that students interact with every day: student spaces, services, traditions, and the overall campus experience. The role elevates student feedback about facilities and services, participates in advisory conversations related to student life, and helps coordinate major events or initiatives that strengthen campus engagement. The Director works closely with campus partners connected to facilities and student services to ensure student needs and experiences shape planning and improvements. This position is best suited for a spirited student leader who values community-building and wants to strengthen collaboration between students and campus partners.

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: The Director for Governmental Affairs leads ASCWU's civic engagement and advocacy work, especially around local and state policy that impacts students. This role helps develop and communicate student priorities; coordinates efforts related to legislative engagement; and supports voter education and participation initiatives. The Director also helps ensure required compliance with advocacy-related activities and strengthens relationships with relevant partners and stakeholders. This position is best suited for a student leader interested in policy, organizing, and representing student needs beyond campus.

Student Academic Senate Positions

The ASCWU Student Academic Senate is the student-led body that works to ensure students have a meaningful voice in the academic and campus-life decisions that shape their experience. Senate members collaborate with campus partners, gather and elevate student perspectives, and advocate for policies and practices that support student success. Through thoughtful dialogue, shared governance, and consistent outreach, the Senate helps connect student needs to university action.

Grounded in equity and inclusion, the Senate is committed to creating a welcoming environment where all students feel represented and heard. The group prioritizes transparency, accountability, and broad participation, inviting students from diverse identities, backgrounds, and academic paths to engage in the issues that affect them. By promoting involvement and civic leadership, the Senate strengthens the campus community and helps students see how their voices can drive real change.

Senators represent the academic interests and experiences of their peers by bringing student perspectives into conversations about academics, policy, and campus improvement. They gather input, raise concerns, and work with campus partners to help build a stronger and more supportive learning environment. This role is good for a student who values communication, collaboration, and advocating for the needs of their peers.

ELECTED STUDENT SENATORS FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- One (1) Senator from the College of Business
- One (1) Senator from the College of Arts and Humanities
- One (1) Senator from the College of the Sciences
- One (1) Senator from the College of Education and Professional Studies
- One (1) Senator from the Graduate School
- Two (2) Senators at Large

APPOINTED STUDENT SENATORS:

- One (1) Senator for Athletics
- One (1) Senator for Disability Services
- One (1) Senator for Douglas Honors College
- One (1) Senator for International Students
- One (1) Senator for Sustainability
- One (1) Undergraduate Transfer Student Senator
- One (1) Senator for Veterans and Military-Connected Students

UNIQUE ELECTORAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

- One (1) Senator for the ESC
 - Must be currently involved with an ESC organization to apply.
 - This position is voted on internally by ESC Representatives from organizations in good standing.

ASCWU Candidate Eligibility

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS:

To be a candidate and a seated officer, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have completed (36) credit hours, of which (24) credit hours shall be completed at Central Washington University. These credits will be confirmed by the beginning of Summer Quarter following elections.
- Be in good academic standing (not on academic warning or probation) with a Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher by the completion of Winter quarter 2026.
- Final hiring will require a Student Employment background check.
- May not be serving on the Election Commission for the Spring 2026 ASCWU elections.

TERM OF OFFICE:

- All elected officers shall begin their term of office on June 16.
- The term of office will end on June 15 of the following year.
- No student may serve more than two terms (to include partial terms) as an officer of the ASCWU Student Government.
- Officers are expected to maintain eligibility requirements throughout the term. Failure to maintain eligibility may result in removal.
- Vacancies occurring during the term will be filled in accordance with ASCWU governing documents and applicable elections or appointment procedures.

Filing Procedures

FILING PROCEDURES:

A complete application must include all three of the following components:

1. Candidate Registration Form
 - a. Submitted through CWU Engage (Suitable)
 - b. Opens at 8:00AM on Tuesday, March 03, 2026
2. 150-word personal statement
3. Signed Campaign Staff Disclosure Forms
 - a. Must be completed by each campaign staff member

All required documentation must be emailed to ASCWU.Elections@cwu.edu no later than 11:59PM on Monday, April 01, 2026, in order to be considered as a Registered Candidate.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

Write-in candidates are candidates who do not register. These candidates' names will not appear on the ballot. An open line will be included under the names of filed candidates on the ballot. To cast a vote for a write-in candidate, voters must fill in the name of the candidate on the line provided. To be understood for identity and for vote to be counted it must be full name, (first and last name). A write-in candidate can be any student who fits all other criteria for election.

- Write-in candidates are subject to all election codes and regulations including Declaration of Intent and Eligibility, Campaign Code Compliance Statement, Advertising Compliance Statement, and Spending Cap Compliance Statement.
- All write-in candidates are subject to the fine and penalty structure as outlined in the Elections packet.

INITIATIVE PETITION AND REFERENDUM:

INITIATIVE: A new proposition that is initiated by a constituent group within the represented population, which is established by the people and voted upon by the people (petition).

REFERENDUM: A proposition that is brought to the attention of or referred to the people by the representatives of a governance body responsible for the entire population of constituents.

Proposals to place mandatory student fees on the General Election ballot must be approved by the ASCWU Board of Directors before they may be formally presented to the Elections Commission. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Board of Directors.

WITHDRAWAL OF A CANDIDATE:

Candidates wishing to withdraw from the election must email a written statement of withdrawal to the ASCWU Elections Commission no later than 5:00PM on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Candidates who withdraw are still subject to all election fines levied by the Election Commission.

CAMPAIGN SPENDING CAP:

There are certain limits to how advertisements and campaign materials will be conducted during the campaign. The spending cap for the Election shall remain no more than \$200.00. Receipts must be scanned and emailed to Millie Tinoisamoa (Millie.Tinoisamoa@cwu.edu) no later than Monday, May 11, 2026 by 5:00PM. Receipts will be reviewed by the Election Commission.

Any material item used in the campaign whether it was purchased or gifted will be considered an in-kind donation and count against a candidate's total election expenditures. Volunteers may offer their assistance to a candidate in regard to services included but not limited to taking photos without counting against a candidate's spending cap, as long as the volunteers do not professionally offer that service as a means of employment. ***The spending cap is not a budget provided by any university entity and you will not be reimbursed for any expenditure used to promote yourself in these elections.***

RECEIPTS AND ITEMIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

Each candidate who chooses to use money for their campaign must provide their documentation. Receipts must be scanned and emailed to Millie Tinoisamoa (Millie.Tinoisamoa@cwu.edu) no later than 5:00PM Monday, May 11, 2026.

Charges for office supplies will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Commission believes that the fair market value of a receipt is being violated, it may assess fair market values. This includes graphic design or media publication used in social media outlets that are professionally produced. Advertisements not represented by a receipt may also be assessed at fair market value by the Election Commission.

Any candidate who withholds financial information from the Election Commission and/or violates the aforementioned cap by more than ten percent (10%) will be disqualified. Receipts will be reviewed by the Election Commission.

Candidate Campaign Code of Conduct

The Associated Students of Central Washington University Student Government (ASCWU-SG) exists to provide leadership to students. In order for the process to provide a political experience for the candidates and a high quality of leadership for the Associated Students, certain rules must be adhered to.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Allowed:

- RSOs and ESCs may host student-led discussions about candidates, as long as all candidates are given the opportunity

Not Allowed:

- Organizational endorsements by ESCs or RSOs
- Endorsements by any student holding an official title (regardless of branch for ASCWU)
- e.g.: Senators, ESC/RSO Board Members, committee members, Board of Directors
- Serving on a campaign team would count as an endorsement
- Endorsements by CWU faculty, staff, or departments
- Endorsements by community organizations

To ensure a fair and equitable election process, clear guidelines govern candidate endorsements. Candidates are permitted to engage in informational conversations with RSOs. RSOs may also encourage or facilitate student-led discussions with candidates for the purpose of promoting informed participation in the election. Candidates are encouraged to speak to different RSOs, to gain student to student connection. Additionally, individual students (excluding e.g.: Senators, ESC/RSO Board Members, committee members, Board of Directors, and ASCWU staff) may endorse candidates in their personal capacities, provided such endorsements do not imply organizational or institutional representation.

However, to maintain neutrality and preserve an equitable campaign environment, certain endorsements are prohibited. ESCs and RSOs may not formally or informally endorse candidates. This restriction is necessary to prevent the creation of an unfair advantage for candidates who may have pre-existing relationships with specific organizations, thereby ensuring that no candidate benefits from institutional alignment or organizational influence. Similarly, members of the ASCWU Board of Directors, Student Academic Senate, Equity & Services Council, ASCWU staff, Elections Commission, RSO Boards, and CWU faculty and staff are prohibited from endorsing candidates in any way that could reasonably be perceived as institutional or official support.

These guidelines are intended to uphold fairness, neutrality, and integrity throughout the election process. For any questions regarding endorsements, please email ASCWU.Elections@cwu.edu.

DRUG & ALCOHOL PROMOTION:

All candidates and student leaders must maintain a positive and professional image in both public and private settings. Because candidates for elected office are viewed as representatives of the University, the use of drugs or alcohol to attract, encourage, or influence student participation in an ASCWU-SG election is prohibited. Such conduct is inconsistent with the mission and values of the election process and may result in immediate disqualification pursuant to the bylaws of the Election Commission and the Council of Probity.

COMMERCIAL, HOME & VEHICULAR CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING:

Student government elections should be free from the influence of private interests. Specifically, organizations or companies should not use a candidate to promote or acquire a stronger advertising presence on the CWU campus. Therefore, candidates are prohibited from promoting an organization or product in association with a campaign. This would include coupons, discounts, and general advertising (example: candidates cannot hang

their posters in any business and business cannot promote or sponsor a candidate). Campaign material can be displayed at private homes and at homes owned by organizations at the owner's discretion.

Advertisement

Candidates for elected positions are encouraged to find innovative, creative ways to advertise their campaign. Candidates are encouraged to check for regulations prohibiting a particular form of advertising. If a candidate is in doubt about any regulation, the candidate should ask the Election Commission for a ruling prior to posting. Candidates can buy airtime at a radio station to promote their candidacy; however, the cost of that airtime goes against their spending cap. Candidates may not use or pay for services from the Publicity Center. The CWU office of the Publicity Center supports all candidates equally by providing access for photo/video for official campaign media needs in addition to producing and publicly promoting candidate and election information.

BAN ON THE USE OF WASHINGTON STATE MATERIAL:

The use of Washington State material is strictly prohibited. This shall include, but not be limited to, copiers, software, electronic mail, phones, automobiles, paper, general office supplies, and equipment used in the production or distribution of campaign information. The replication of copyrighted or stolen material is prohibited.

HANDBILL ORDINANCE:

In the City of Ellensburg and on the Central Washington University campus, leaving flyers on cars, windows, doors, etc., is considered a violation of law. All violations of local, state and federal law will result in candidate disqualification.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

- No SnapChat
- Social media profiles must be public and available to the Elections Commission Instagram
- No anonymous platforms, such as Fizz
- Campaign profile pages should be separate from personal accounts Candidates may have

Candidates shall regulate and maintain a professional presence on social media outlets. Posts from friends, pages created for campaign purposes, and campaign staff comments are to be monitored throughout the campaign. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the Elections Commission and may be considered negative campaigning. Misuse of social media outlets by the candidate that result in slander or libel (see below) will be reviewed.

Candidates who choose to create pages for their campaign must directly notify the Election Commission and provide their account username.

NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING:

Candidates shall refrain from negative campaigning. This shall include, but not be limited to, making derogatory remarks to elicit negative feelings in, or about, a candidate, “smearing,” or in other ways defaming/attacking another candidate or organization.

SLANDER OR LIBEL OF OTHER CANDIDATES:

Slander (saying things that are untrue that defame character) may result in immediate disqualification. Libel against one’s opponent (publication of things that are untrue that defame character) may result in immediate disqualification.

PERSONAL FAVOR CAMPAIGNING:

Promises of personal favors, such as quid pro quo, by candidates and/or campaign staff members are prohibited. Offered in attempt to gain votes or influence during the election process is prohibited. Any violations may result

in immediate disqualification. ‘Personal favors’ should not be confused with exploratory conversations regarding leadership positions, platform plans, or proposed initiatives.

Candidates are encouraged to run on student issues and policies that do not constitute personal favors. For example, “If you vote for me, you will get X Y Z”.

ADVERTISING OFFENSES AND FINES:

	OFFENSE	PENALTY
1	Misrepresentation or fraudulent Campaign material	\$50 and/or disqualification
2	Use of state material for personal use	\$30 - \$200.00 and/or disqualification
3	Use of slanderous and libelous Communication	Disqualification
4	Posting of campaign materials online prior to Campaign Kickoff Meeting	\$50
5	Violation of Election Campaign spending cap	No reimbursement and/or disqualification
6	Election violations	\$30.00 - \$200 and/or disqualification

All fines and penalties are applied against a candidate’s total spending cap.

2026 ASCWU Elections Calendar & Commitments

<p>Tuesday, March 03, 2026 8:00AM</p>	<p>Candidate Filing Opens Visit the election site for details www.cwu.edu/ascwu/elections</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 01, 2026 SURC 301</p> <p>5:30 - 6:30PM: Candidate photos <i>Headshots taken for official election materials. Those with excused attendance will receive further instructions.</i></p> <p>6:30-7:30PM: Kick-off Meeting</p>	<p>Campaign Kick-Off/Info Session- This meeting is <u>required</u> for all candidates, their campaign managers, and additional campaign staff team members. Candidates will meet the other candidates, review campaign rules, and get their questions answered. Advertising and campaigning may begin following this meeting. Notify the Election Commission via email 24 hours in advance if any member of the above cannot attend. ASCWU.Elections@cwu.edu</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 01, 2026 11:59PM</p>	<p>Campaign staff roster and social media profile filing due Completed campaign staff roster and a list of all social media platforms and account names intended for campaigning must be emailed to ASCWU.Elections@cwu.edu.</p>
<p>Monday, April 06-23, 2026</p>	<p>Candidate Forums and Debates Meetings with general student body and representative student groups across campus, moderated by Election Commission members.</p>
<p>Monday, April 06, 2026 SURC Pit</p> <p>3:00PM</p>	<p>Board of Directors (BOD) Candidate Introduction Session: candidates will join the in-person meeting and be prepared to give a 2-minute introduction and share platform. Q&A as time allows.</p>
<p>Monday, April 06, 2026 SURC Pit</p> <p>5:00PM</p>	<p>Student Academic Senate (SAS) Candidate Introduction Session: candidates will join the in-person meeting and be prepared to give a 2-minute introduction and share platform. Q&A as time allows.</p>
<p>Friday, April 10, 2026 Black Hall 107</p> <p>2:00PM</p>	<p>Equity & Services Council (ESC) Candidate Introduction Session: candidates will join the in-person meeting and be prepared to give a 2-minute introduction and share platform. Q&A as time allows.</p>
<p>Monday, April 13, 2026 SURC 137</p> <p>6:00PM</p>	<p>Candidate Forum (general student body) Candidates will be prepared to give a 2-minute introduction and share platform. Q&A as time allows. Virtual option available for centers.</p>

Monday, April 13, 2026 11:59PM	Deadline to file as Write-In Candidate for General Election.
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 SURC 137 6:00PM	ASCWU Debates Moderated by the Election Commission.
April 22, 2026 SURC 137 5:00-7:00PM	Meet your Candidates! Open-house style opportunity for students to meet and chat with their candidates.
April 23, 2026 SURC 137 5:00-7:00PM	Meet your Candidates! Open-house style opportunity for students to meet and chat with their candidates.
April 27 – May 01, 2026 CWU Engage (Suitable)	ASCWU General Election Voting opens 8:00AM, April 27, 2026 Voting closes at 5:00PM, May 01, 2026
May 04, 2026	Final Results posted by 5:00PM, May 04, 2026, unless disputed, if so, posted by 5:00PM, May 7, 2026.
June 08, 2026 SURC Theater 5:00PM	ASCWU Student Government Inauguration

*** If there are 3 or more candidates for any position as of 5:30PM on Wednesday, April 01, 2026, then a Primary Election will be held.

The Primary Election will be held from April 27 – May 01, 2026; with results posted by 5:00PM Monday, May 11, 2026.

The General Election will then be held from May 18-22, 2026, with results posted by 5:00PM Monday, May 25, 2026. ***

Voting Policy

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

All members of the Associated Students of Central Washington University who are enrolled in at least one (1) credit are eligible and encouraged to vote in ASCWU elections. Each eligible student may cast one ballot in the Primary Election and one ballot in the General Election. Voting more than once in either election is a violation of WAC 106-120-027(16) and may result in disciplinary.

If you believe someone has violated election rules, report the concern to the Elections Commission as soon as possible by emailing ASCWU.Elections@cwu.edu.

VOTING WILL BE ENTIRELY ONLINE:

All voting will take place online to support an accurate, accessible, and flexible election process. Voting will be conducted through CWU Engage. Students will vote by logging into CWU Engage (using the Suitable App) and navigating to Forms.

Election Returns

- The Election Commission and/or its designees will carry out the counting of the votes.
- Unofficial election results for both the Primary and General Elections will be posted on the ASCWU webpage (www.cwu.edu/ascwu) within five (5) hours of the polls closing.

Official results will be posted no later than two (2) business days following the closing of the polls, except when a written dispute has been filed. A dispute must be filed with the Election Commission by 5 P.M. no later than two (2) business days following the close of polls. The Commission shall render its decision regarding the dispute within three (3) University business days from the filing of a dispute. Official results will be posted after the grievance process as applicable.

Election Commission Contact Information

TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMISSION, PLEASE EMAIL: ASCWU.ELECTIONS@CWU.EDU.

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Election Commission By-Laws

By order of the ASCWU-SG Constitution and By-laws, the Election Commission consists of five students with ASCWU advisor (s).

ELECTION COMMISSION BY-LAWS:

- The powers and duties of the Elections Commission shall be limited to those enumerated within the ASCWU-SG Constitution, these By-Laws, and the Election Code
- The Elections Commission will have at least three (3) members and a maximum of ten (10).
- Any active student enrolled at CWU is eligible to serve on the Elections Commission, though when seating the Commission, the Elections team reserves the right to inquire about an applicant's expected graduation date, and study abroad plans for the fall and winter Quarters.
- The term of membership for the Elections Commission shall continue until the Assembly seats the elected officers for a new term after the next year's regularly scheduled ASCWU Elections, though membership may be renewed for more than one term.
- In the event of a vacancy on the Elections Commission, the Assembly shall choose a student to fill the vacancy.
- Elections Commission, per the ASCWU-SG Constitution and these By-Laws, shall adjudicate all allegations of election violations and shall attempt to handle all cases speedily and efficiently
- A voter is entitled to vote only for candidates within each designated position poll which they are running for, as defined in these By-Laws.
- No elected officer of Student Government, nor a member of his or her hired office support staff, may serve on the Election Commission.
- Election rules and procedures not listed in the By-Laws or Constitution may be adopted and amended by the Elections Commission
 - The Election Code and any amendments thereafter must be filed with the ASCWU Advisor(s) no later than a week prior to the final Elections meeting before ASCWU General Election and presented to the ASCWU Executive Vice President for a consent resolution. Following the final Elections meeting prior to the general elections, the most recent Election Code that has been consented by the Elections Commission will be in force.
 - The Election Code shall be made available by the Elections Commission for public inspection.

DUTIES:

- Approve forms for the election requirements.
- Upon complaint or upon its own motion, investigate and report apparent violation of the codes or by-laws. The Council of Probity will be the appellant and review the decision made.
- Enforcement by the Election Commission is according to the powers granted by the By-Laws.
- ASCWU-SG Constitution and guidelines of the Election Code.
- Be present and supervise virtual and in-person debates and forums.
- Oversee all Election voting procedures.

ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY:

- Adopt, amend, and rescind suitable administrative rules to carry out the policies and the purpose of the election with ASCWU-SG approval.
- Make decisions on own motions, audits, and field investigations.
- Adopt and promote a code of fair campaign practices.
- Suspend election code, with the approval of the Student Government, under extenuating circumstances.

- After a hearing, may suspend or modify any of the reporting requirements in a particular case if it finds that literal application works a manifestly unreasonable hardship, and that the suspension or modification will not frustrate the election
- Has the authority to create rules and procedures that arise which are not outlined in this document or in the ASCWU-SG constitution with the approval from the SG. Candidates cannot retroactively be punished.
- When an issue is presented to the Election Commission, the names will be blacked out so the commission can remain unbiased.

FILING A GRIEVANCE WITH THE COMMISSION:

- A Grievance Form must be brought to the Election Commission within one week of the end of the relevant election OR within two (2) University business days from the date of the incident.
- A Grievance Form may be a written and signed letter, a signed E-mail, or a recorded verbal complaint addressed to the current Election Commission Chair via E-mail.
- Allegations will be received by the Chair of the Election Commission (who will have an email address posted to the ASCWU website once candidate registration opens at which he or she can be reached) who will present the Grievance Form, in its entirety, to the rest of the commission. Grievance Forms or any other complaints will be investigated. Candidates should not contact individual members of the Election Commission regarding their complaints. Information submitted to individual members of the Election Commission will not be considered. The investigation will put the official results on hold until complete. Appeals will occur with the Council of Probity.
- Any student, club/organization, or any member of the Election Commission or Student Government may submit a Grievance Form. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.
- Upon receiving a Grievance Form, the Election Commission will:
 - Determine whether an actual violation has occurred.
 - Issue and enforce an appropriate order following such determination.
 - When a grievance is contested, the Commission shall hold a hearing to determine whether a violation has occurred.
 - The Commission may refer to the Assistant Attorney General or other enforcement agency for advisement.
 - The Commission may require an individual or organization to stop the activity that constitutes a violation.
 - No individual penalty assessed to a candidate by the Commission may exceed the maximum penalty for the offense if a maximum penalty exists.
- If the Commission's order is not satisfied, and no petition for review is filed within two (2) University business days, the Commission may disqualify a candidate from the election.
- A candidate has two (2) University business days to appeal, in writing, the decision of the Election Commission to the Council of Probity. The Council of Probity will use the Election Code, the ASCWU-SG Constitution & Bylaw's, and the relevant Washington Administrative Codes (WAC) to render its decision.
- Appeals are to be submitted to the Election Commission at ASCWU.Elections@cwu.edu.

SANCTIONING OF DEBATES, FORUMS, AND BROADCASTS:

The Elections Commission may sanction debates, forums, and broadcasts for the purpose of promoting fair candidate engagement, informed student participation, and equitable access to the election process. All sanctioned events shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the election code and any procedures established by the Elections Commission.

Each sanctioned debate or forum shall include a designated moderator and may include one or more members of the Elections Commission to help ensure fairness, maintain order, and support compliance with election rules. Student questions may be reviewed or facilitated through the moderator or Elections Commission representative in order to preserve relevance, fairness, and decorum.

The Elections Commission shall determine which sanctioned events are required for candidates and shall provide timely notice of those expectations. Required events may include forums hosted by recognized student governance bodies, student organizations, residence life groups, or other university-affiliated entities approved by the Elections Commission.

Candidates are expected to attend all required sanctioned events unless excused by the Elections Commission. Requests to send a proxy must be submitted in advance and may be approved only under circumstances deemed appropriate by the Elections Commission. The Elections Commission may establish additional procedures regarding attendance, proxy participation, format, and candidate conduct at sanctioned events.

Members of the Elections Commission are encouraged to attend campus-wide debates, forums, and broadcasts whenever practicable to support equitable administration of the election process and promote student participation.

CERTIFICATION OF A CANDIDATE:

The Election Commission, in consultation with the ASCWU Advisor, shall certify the eligibility of candidates in accordance with the established eligibility criteria. The Election Commission may bar or remove any candidate who fails to satisfy the certification requirements. Removal of a candidate from the election requires an affirmative vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the Election Commission.

PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS:

If, by the Campaign Kickoff event, three or more candidates have filed for any position, a Primary Election shall be conducted. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in the Primary Election shall advance to the General Election ballot.

Only candidates who are determined to be eligible following the Primary Election shall appear on the General Election ballot. In the event of a tie in the General Election, a runoff election shall be held within seven (7) days to determine the winner.

Candidates shall be informed of the election results before they are released publicly.

Campaign Staff Disclosure Form

PURPOSE:

This form documents individuals who are working on a candidate's campaign. After a candidate officially declares, the Elections Commission will send this form to the candidate. It is the candidate's responsibility to share the form with all campaign staff and ensure each staff member submits it.

WHO MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM:

Any person who supports a campaign in any capacity, including (but not limited to): creating or editing campaign materials, posting or managing campaign content, distributing materials, tabling, canvassing, publicizing events, or representing the campaign in-person or online.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION (COMPLETED BY CAMPAIGN STAFF):

Candidate Name: _____

Office/Position Candidate Is Seeking: _____

Campaign Staff Member Name: _____

Campaign Staff Member Phone Number: _____

Campaign Staff Member Email Address: _____

CWU AFFILIATION:

Student Staff Faculty Community Member Other

CAMPAIGN ROLE(S) (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

Materials/Design Social Media Tabling/Canvassing Communications/Outreach

Event Support Other: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT:

By submitting this form, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I understand that my actions, online and in-person, may be viewed as representing this campaign and may impact the candidate I support.
2. I agree to follow all ASCWU Student Government election policies, procedures, and guidance issued by the Elections Commission and applicable Central Washington University rules.
3. I understand that violations of election rules by campaign staff may result in consequences for the candidate, which may include fines, sanctions, disqualification, and/or referral to the appropriate university conduct process, as applicable.
4. I affirm that I have reviewed the election policies and understand my responsibilities and expectations as a campaign staff member.
5. I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ASCWU.ELECTIONS@CWU.EDU
NO LATER THAN 11:59PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 01, 2026.**