

ARTICLE XVII: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS

Section I: General Elections

17. Write-in candidates are those candidates who missed the deadline or switched tickets after the deadline. Write-in candidates may be voted for, but will not appear on the ballot. Write-in candidates shall be approved under the following conditions:
 - a. Candidates must furnish independent proof of good academic standing from the First Year of Studies or the Office of the Registrar.
 - a. The Election Committee shall not undertake the responsibility for informing the student body of write-ins placement on the ballot.
 - b. A petition with ~~150 signatures~~ **50% of the required signatures for the position** must be submitted.
18. To win the election, a candidate/ticket must receive fifty percent plus one of the valid votes cast.
 - a. A run-off shall be held between the two highest vote ~~getters~~ **getting candidates/tickets** if no candidate/ticket received the required total on the first ballot.
 - b. There shall be no option for abstention on the runoff ballot for any runoff election.**
 - c. In the event of a tie in a **Senatorial or Hall President election** ~~the run-off election for a residence hall Senator or Hall President~~, additional run-off elections shall be held in the individual residence hall until a majority is obtained.
 - d. In the event that **there is a tie between the two candidates/tickets** ~~no candidate/ticket receives 50% plus one of the valid votes cast~~ in the run-off election for the Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, Class Officers, Off-Campus President, or Off-Campus Senator, the Student Senate shall convene a closed meeting and select the winner by a majority vote.
 - i. ~~Senators must cast their votes for the candidate capturing the plurality of his constituency's votes. Each senator shall be informed of the vote in his or her constituency by the Judicial Council President immediately preceding the meeting.~~
 - ii. Prior to the meeting, the Judicial Council president shall present each senator with the voting breakdown from the Senator's respective dorm.**
 - iii. ~~In the event of a tie within a constituency, In light of this information, the each Senator representing that constituency may cast his vote freely.~~
 - iv. If the Senate stands equally divided, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
 - v. All senators must be present at the meeting.
 - vi. Strict penalties shall be enforced for breaking policies surrounding closed meetings.
 - vii. Following the vote, the meeting shall be opened and the decision of the Senate shall be announced to the Student Body.
 - viii. If a Senator cannot attend this meeting, his/her vote shall be made by the Judicial Council President according to the plurality of this dorm. If there is no plurality, the vote must be abstained.
 - e. Candidates have the right to request a recount in all elections, but as a matter of procedure the Election Committee will recount all elections decided by less than twenty-five votes.

