SGA Senate
Elections
Nomination Petition
2020

Required Material: The following must be emailed to sgaciachair@wpi.edu by Friday, November 20th, 2020, at 5 p.m. Special arrangements can be made if necessary by contacting sgaciachair@wpi.edu.

➢ 60-80 signatures of currently enrolled WPI undergraduate students (Optional)
➢ Signed Agreement to SGA Campaign Regulations
➢ Academic Release Form
➢ Eligibility Form

Nominees that do not meet the required regulations outlined above, as well as those outlined in the SGA Bylaws (see attached form), will not be included in this election process. The Elections Committee of the Student Government Association reserves the right to disqualify any candidate that does not fulfill the posted regulations, with or without notice to the nominee.

Election Schedule:
➢ Packets will be accepted from 7:00 am November 9th to 5:00:00 p.m. November 20th by email to sgaciachair@wpi.edu
➢ Campaigning may begin as soon as the packet has been received.
➢ Web Voting will begin at 7:00:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30th, and end at 5:00:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4th. Voting will take place online at http://www.wpi.edu/+sgavote.
➢ Results will be announced in an email to all undergraduates.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the SGA Elections Chair at sgaciachair@wpi.edu.
Academic Release Form 2020—SGA Senate Elections

In an effort to support the academic mission of WPI, the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution mandates that only “members who are in good academic standing, as determined by Institute regulations, may hold elected or appointed offices.” Institute regulations state that:
1. The student must complete at least $\frac{4}{3}$ units of work in two successive terms, including Military Science, Physical Education and Consortium courses.
2. The student must complete at least $\frac{8}{3}$ units of work in four successive terms, including Military Science, Physical Education and Consortium courses.
3. First-year students must have passed $\frac{2}{3}$ units of work during A-term.

Please indicate below if you authorize the Registrar's Office to release your name on a list intended to determine your academic eligibility at the start of every term for serving on the WPI Undergraduate Student Government Association.

_____ YES, I give permission for the Registrar's Office to release my name on a list indicating my eligibility status.

_____ NO, I do not give the Registrar's Office permission to release my name for the purposes of determining academic eligibility. *By indicating "no", I realize that I am waiving my right to be in the Student Government Association.*

Signature ____________________________________ Date __________________________

Printed Name ________________________________ WPI Box # __________________ WPI ID Number ________
Agreement to SGA Campaign Regulations
From the SGA Bylaws, Title VIII, Article II, Section VI,

Section 5. Campaign Regulations
A. Candidates should make every effort not to be in the same room as anyone who is voting.
B. Candidates will make every effort to clean up or remove all their campaign materials within three business days after the end of the election.
C. All candidates will be respectful of other candidates. Negative Campaigning is strictly forbidden.
D. All candidates must abide by any other regulations set forth by the Elections Chairperson and approved by the Elections Committee outlined in Title 8, Section 6.
E. Voters having issues (electronic or otherwise) can visit the Student Government office during business hours to receive help and utilize Campus Center computers.

For any questions on campaign policies and regulations please contact Elections Chairperson at sgaciachair@wpi.edu

Consent of Nominee:
By signing this form, I hereby pledge to follow the SGA Campaign Regulations, as laid out in the SGA Bylaws and copied above. I realize that any violation of the Campaign Regulations is strictly prohibited. I give permission to the Elections Chair to evaluate the commission of any infraction and report it to the committee comprised of the selected SGA seniors who will determine appropriate sanctions. Such sanction(s) may include, but are not limited to: public reprimand, reduction of votes, exclusion from the election in question, or invalidation of a victory.

Signature of Candidate

Date
Eligibility Form

By signing below, I certify that I meet the following criteria outlined by the SGA bylaws:

Section 1. Eligibility

A. Any undergraduate student seeking an Executive or Legislative office must be enrolled at Worcester Polytechnic Institute at the time of elections.

B. All students seeking Executive Branch or Senate positions must be planning to fulfill their entire term of office as a Worcester Polytechnic Institute undergraduate.

C. No member of the Undergraduate Student Government Association shall hold more than one (1) Executive and/or Legislative office at a time, with the exception of those offices designated in the Constitution as "- elect".

D. Undergraduate students seeking an Undergraduate Student Government Association office or a position on the Campus Hearing Board must be in good academic standing as determined by Worcester Polytechnic Institute regulations.

E. Inactive Terms
   a. Undergraduate students seeking Executive or Legislative office who are unable to attend a majority of the regularly scheduled Senate meetings during an academic term will be deemed inactive.
      i. Prior to any given academic term, if a Senator knows they will miss a majority of Senate or appointed Committee Meetings due to a recurring conflict, said Senator must do the following in order to be deemed “Half Inactive”:
         1. Meet with the President to discuss expectations and responsibilities for that term
         2. Complete said expectations and responsibilities by the end of the term and report their completion to the Secretary
      ii. During this situation, an Interim Senator will be appointed by the President and said “Half Inactive” Senator will have no voting power.
   b. Candidates shall only be given one (1) inactive term or two (2) half inactive terms during their elected office. c. During an inactive term, an Interim Senator shall be appointed by the President. Inactive Senators of the Undergraduate Student Government Association shall have no voting power.

F. Questions concerning the eligibility of students remaining in or running for Undergraduate Student Government Association office along academic or behavioral guidelines will be answered by the Elections Chairperson according to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Campus Code of Conduct.

Signature of Candidate ____________________________ Date ____________

Inactive Terms: (If Applicable) (A) (B) (C) (D)
Short Answer Questions

1. Why would you like to be a Senator in WPI’s Student Government Association?

2. In your mind, what are the responsibilities of a senator?

3. If you are elected, what do you hope to accomplish as a senator?
Nomination Petition

This portion of the packet is OPTIONAL. If you would like to collect signatures you must do so electronically. Please reach out to students and ask if you may digitally print their name below. This relies on the honor system; if you would like to collect signatures to show your interest, then please do not fill in anyone’s name who does not consent to give it to you. To mitigate unnecessary contact, please DO NOT have anyone else sign this form in-person. Again, this portion is OPTIONAL.

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate ______________________ for the office of

Student Government Association
Senator.

WPI Email address of candidate: ______________________

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Received:______ By (Senator Signature)______________________________

Date:______