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Vote Necessary: A majority
Sections: 7-1 through 7-12
Intent: To update the Elections Rules

1 Section 7-1 Elections Authority

2 A. Authority of all elections shall be vested in the Elections Committee, Judicial Council in consultation with the Elections Director.

4 Section 7-2 Policies and Procedures


6 1. The policies and procedures of ASMSU elections shall be contained in the elections Policies and Procedures Manual.

8 B. Amending Policies and Procedures

9 1. The President or President’s delegate shall have the responsibility of editing and updating the Elections Policies and procedures manual as needed.

11 2. Any changes to the Elections Policies and Procedures Manual shall be subject to a majority approval by the Senate.

13 Section 7-3 Candidacy

14 A. Eligibility

15 All candidates, declared and write in shall meet the following requirements to be considered eligible for election:

17 1. Be an ASMSU Member as defined in the ASMSU Constitution.

18 2. Candidates shall be notified of their eligibility for candidacy within three days following the filing deadline.

20 1. All candidates shall be ASMSU members as defined in the Constitution.

21 2. Students must be enrolled in a major in the college for which they are holding candidacy.
3. Any student enrolled in a major in more than one college shall be eligible to represent the students of the colleges in which they are enrolled.

4. Candidates shall be notified of their eligibility for candidacy within three school days following the filing deadline.

Section 7-4  Write-in Candidates

A. Write-in candidates shall be governed by the same rules as declared candidates as defined in the Elections Policies and Procedures Manual.

Section 7-5  Elections Schedule

A. Primary Election

1. A primary election shall be held for the president and vice-president ticket if more than two tickets have applied for and are eligible for candidacy.

2. No primary election shall be held for Senate candidates.

3. The primary election will occur on the two weeks prior to the general election.

B. General Elections

1. General Elections shall be held annually on the Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the penultimate meeting of the outgoing Senate.
Section 7-6  

Voting

A. **All** MSU-Bozeman students, as defined in the Constitution, may vote in ASMSU elections.

B. Students may vote only for Senators, Executive positions, At-Large positions, Executive positions, and ballot measures.

C. All students may vote for candidates of At-Large positions, Executive positions, and all ballot measures.

Section 7-7  

Campaigning

A. Campaigning shall be defined as the use of any written or verbal presentation in the name of any candidate or ballot measure.

B. All candidates and sponsors of ballot measures shall not break any University, local, state, or federal laws, ordinances, rules or regulations while campaigning.

C. No candidate shall use ASMSU positions, funds, time, equipment or supplies to aid in their campaigning.

Section 7-8  

Concurrent Terms

A. No person may hold candidacy for ASMSU elected offices which have concurrent terms.

Section 7-9  

Results

A. All election results shall be posted and made public within 2 days following the election.

Section 7-10  

Special Elections

A. Special elections shall be elections called for by the proper authority, as designated in the ASMSU Constitution, for the purposes other than the election of officers or for the purpose of a run-off election.

B. Special elections shall be held when considered necessary by a majority vote of the ASMSU Senate or as a result of a valid student initiative.

Section 7-11  

Senate Districts

A. The ASMSU Senate shall be composed of twenty-one student senators representing each of the Academic Colleges with the exception of the College of Graduate Studies, the Division of Graduate Education, Graduate School, Honors College, and Gallatin College.
The College of Graduate Studies will be considered as part of the College of EHHD for purposes of allocation of Senate Seats.

Sec. 7-12 Allocation of Senate Seats

A. Using data from the Office of the Registrar, seats shall be allocated to each college based on the number of students, undergraduate and graduate, enrolled in that college.

B. The allocation process shall occur as follows:

1. The number of students in each college shall be divided by the total number of students enrolled at MSU.

2. The proportions shall then be multiplied by 18.

3. The product of the multiplications shall be rounded to the nearest integer value using normal rounding practices. This result shall be the allocation to each college.

4. The total number of seats allocated previously shall be subtracted from 21. The result of the subtraction shall be the number of at-large seats.

C. Each college shall be guaranteed a minimum of one seat, as long as at least 25 percent of the students in that college are eligible to vote in ASMSU elections. The allocation process may be modified in order to accommodate this requirement.

D. Reallocation of seats shall take place in the spring of every odd year prior to the start of the election cycle using the enrollment headcount of the previous fall. The Senate President Speaker and the Elections Director shall work together to ensure that seats are allocated according to the Bylaws.

E. In the event that there are fewer candidates than available seats for any given position, the filing deadline for that position shall be extended by three academic days. Any seats that cannot be filled in this time shall become At-Large positions for that election only. If there are too few At-Large candidates for the resulting number of At-Large seats, the ASMSU Senate shall appoint the appropriate number of At-Large senators within three regularly scheduled meetings following the election.