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S.A. Resolution #10 Amendments to Election Rules for Fall 2021

ABSTRACT: This resolution updates the Student Assembly Election Rules for the Fall 2021 Election. This is necessitated by the ongoing public health restrictions related to COVID-19, and the ability to return to in-person elections, petition, and campaigning.

Sponsored by: Patrick J. Mehler '23, Director of Elections

Whereas, the Student Assembly Bylaws (§IV, 3, F, line 409) task the Elections Committee with coordinating and implementing the regular and special elections of the Student Assembly, and

Whereas, to appropriately coordinate and implement the Student Assembly Elections, the Election Rules must be updated, and

Whereas, the campus is still under some restrictions for in-person gathering, petitioning and campaigning related to COVID-19, and

Whereas, the Campus Code of Conduct has been reformed to incorporate less judicial procedures in the new Student Code of Conduct and in doing so removed the Judicial Codes Counselor, and

Whereas, the inclusion of definitions within the Election Rules establishes clearer procedures in challenge hearings, and

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly approves the Fall 2021 Student Assembly Election Rules attached as Appendix A to this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Assembly Election Rules

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41 Article I: Election Guidelines

42 Elections are the foundation upon which representative governance rests. These rules are designed to
43 protect the rights of all candidates, as well as all members of the University community, and to ensure
44 that the election process takes place in an open and fair arena. Candidates must respect the rights and
45 privileges of all members of the Cornell community, and follow all election guidelines outlined in this
46 document. Election rules are subject to the approval of voting members of the Student Assembly each
47 semester.

48 A. Voter Eligibility

49 To vote in an election for a seat in the Student Assembly (SA) or for the directly elected seats on the
50 University Assembly (UA), a person must:

- 51 1. Be a full-time, matriculated undergraduate student enrolled in a degree-granting unit of the
- 52 Ithaca campus of the University; and,
- 53 2. Be a member of the constituency for which the seat is designated, if it is designated for one of
- 54 the following:
- 55 a. Specific to college of enrollment
- 56 b. Freshman
- 57 c. Transfer

58 B. Definitions

59 The following words throughout the Election Rules are defined as such:

- 60 1. Candidate: is any person who has successfully completed the outlined steps to become a
- 61 candidate, as described in these Election Rules.
- 62 2. Classroom: is any space in which a professor, teaching assistant, or any other instructor holds
- 63 prescribed class time. "Classroom" includes in-person, hybrid, and online courses.
- 64 3. Cyber Bullying: is the act of bullying in any online space. These election rules follow the same
- 65 definition of bullying as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and applicable university
- 66 policies or governmental laws.



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- 67 4. Individual or self-promoting publicity: is any outreach events, office hours, postings, or public
68 facing events, whether in-person or virtual, in which interaction with, or promotion of, the
69 candidate is a substantial reason for the act.
70 5. Petitioner: is any person seeking signatures to become a candidate.
71 6. Social Media: is any online service that allows users to share, create, or post content for social-
72 networking purposes. Social media services include, but are not limited to: Instagram, Snapchat,
73 TikTok, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, Reddit, MySpace, Pinterest, YouTube, and
74 CampusGroups.
75 a. Email, GroupMe, WhatsApp, Signal, SMS texting, and private messaging features on
76 other applications are not social media.
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78 C. Candidate Information

79 1. Eligibility and Requirements

80 To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the petitioning deadline specified in the election calendar:

- 81 1. Be eligible to vote in the election for the seat and plan to remain seated so for the full term
82 for which they are seeking election.
83 a. Candidates should not plan to pursue study abroad programs or internships that would
84 require them to leave the Ithaca campus for any semester during their tenure.
85 2. Submit a completed candidate registration form and any associated materials required in that
86 form. You may not register for more than one position on the candidate registration form.
87 3. Submit petitions endorsed by the required number of people who are eligible to vote in the
88 election for that specific position, which is the lesser of 10% of those eligible to vote for that
89 specific position or:
90 a. 300 for President and Executive Vice President
91 b. 75 for Womxn's Issues Representative At-Large, Minority Liaison At-Large, First
92 Generation Student Representative At-Large, and International Students Liaison At-
93 Large, LGBTQIA+ Students Liaison At-Large, Students With Disabilities
94 Representative,
95 c. 150 for all other at-large seats
96 d. 100 for Arts and Sciences seats
97 e. 25 for Transfer seat
98 f. 75 for all other seats
99 4. Not already hold a directly-elected voting position on the SA and/or UA for the term for
100 which they are seeking election.
101 5. Have never held or currently hold the role of Chair of the Research and Accountability
102 Committee.
103 6. Have not resigned for a reason other than a Health Leave of Absence or been removed from
104 the SA or from a directly elected UA seat during the Student Assembly term prior to the
105 academic year of the term for the seat being elected.

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106 To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the commencement of voting as specified in the elections
107 calendar:



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113 1. Apply online to serve on at least one committee of the SA.

114 The Office of the Assemblies, assisted by the Elections Committee, will review submitted materials for
115 compliance with petitioning requirements as follows:

- 116 1. A sampling method may be used as long as at least 10% of required signatures are validated for
117 all petitions and all required signatures are attempted to be validated for any petition found to be
118 ineligible.
- 119 2. All petitions will be available for viewing only to members of the Cornell community and may
120 be examined in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall after the announcement of
121 candidates. Petitions may not be photocopied once submitted.
- 122 3. The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections, who will then notify any
123 necessary candidates who failed to meet petitioning requirements prior to the announcement of
124 candidates.
- 125 4. Candidates who are listed on the ballot but found to have not fulfilled eligibility requirements
126 prior to tabulation of results will be disqualified with vote counts untallied and discarded.

127 2. Petitioning

128 In order to demonstrate that they will be a respectable representative of the student body at large, and/or
129 of the community they vie to represent, candidates are required to collect a certain number of petition
130 signatures. The required number of petition signers is designated above. In accordance with university
131 policies in place at the time, and at the direction of the Elections Committee, petition forms will either
132 be “in-person” paper forms (available from the SA Elections website), or “virtual/remote” online forms
133 (available by link from the SA elections website). Candidates are expected to maintain the highest
134 standards of integrity when collecting petition signatures. In addition to the Early Campaigning rules
135 detailed in Article 1, Section C(1) of these elections rules, the following restrictions are in place to
136 ensure fairness during the petitioning period. Candidates may not:

- 137 1. Announce their candidacy on social media platforms under any circumstances
- 138 2. Announce their candidacy in front of a classroom, during class hours, or in interference of the
139 learning environment in order to collect signatures

140 Supporters of potential candidates may collect petition signatures in accordance with the above rules.
141 The names and netID of both the potential candidate and the individual who collected the signatures
142 must be noted on the petition form.

143 3. Written Statements

- 144 1. Each candidate is asked to submit a short statement, which may be no more than 1,250
145 characters, including spaces (NOT word count) via the online Candidate Profile portal.
146 Submissions must be plain text.
- 147 2. Statements will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee.
- 148 3. Statements may not include names of any political coalitions.
- 149 4. If a candidate’s statement does not conform to these guidelines, the statement will not be posted.

Deleted: For the Fall 2021 Election all petitioning will be completed using paper forms found on the elections website.



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152 **4. Pictures**

153 Photos will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee. Candidates
154 may submit a photograph of themselves that conforms to the specifications noted in the online candidate
155 registration form, or have their photo taken by a staff member in the Office of the Assemblies.

156 **5. Candidate Forum**

157 All candidates are encouraged to participate in the Candidates' Forums held by the Elections Committee
158 during the campaign period. The Elections Committee will be responsible for planning, coordinating,
159 and marketing these forums. At the forum, candidates are encouraged to discuss their experience,
160 platforms, and more. Candidates are also encouraged to use the forum as an opportunity specifically to
161 discuss why they are more qualified for the contested position than their opponent(s). The Director of
162 Elections shall reach out to student organizations that receive funding from the Student Assembly,
163 encouraging them to use the candidate forum as an opportunity to consider candidates for endorsements.

164 **D. Election Guidelines**

165 **1. Early Campaigning Prohibition**

166 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must not participate in the following campaign
167 activities until campaigning **officially begins**:

- 168 1. Distribution of online campaign materials to the public.
- 169 2. Making speeches or statements to student organizations.
- 170 3. Promoting their candidacy through email, social networking tools, or other digital media

171 The Elections Committee may challenge or disqualify a candidate if a violation is found to compromise
172 the fairness of the election.

173 **2. Restrictions for Current SA Members**

174 Current SA members seeking reelection:

- 175 1. Must refrain from any form of individual or self-promoting publicity during the petitioning
176 period.
- 177 2. Must not host constituency outreach events that are meant to fulfill an outreach requirement from
178 the deadline for election materials through the last day of voting.

179 **3. Compliance with University Policies and Student Code of Conduct**

180 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must be aware of and comply with all applicable
181 policies and provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:

- 182 1. Use of Cornell Name, Logo & Artwork policy
- 183 2. Event Registration policies
- 184 3. Facilities reservation policies, including Willard Straight Hall area reservation policies



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- 185 4. University Postering & Chalking policies
186 5. Residential & New Students Programs' policy for postering in residence halls
187 6. Dining hall policies, including a prohibition of distributing printed campaign materials in dining
188 halls without permission from authorized staff, and as designated in the Student Code of
189 Conduct,
190 a. Please note that it is against the University Postering and Chalking Policy to chalk on any
191 vertical surface, regardless of the location.
192 7. Intimidation tactics and cyber-bullying online is strictly prohibited.

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193 A violation of any University policy is a violation of these rules and therefore grounds for a challenge if
194 it compromises the fairness of the election. It is the candidate's responsibility to read the referenced
195 documents and be familiar with the rules and regulations established within them. The Director of
196 Elections may also refer any reported violations to the Office of Student Conduct and Community
197 Standards (OSCCS) or any other appropriate office, which may impose disciplinary remedies and
198 penalties according to its own rules and procedures.

199 **4. Campus Mail**

200 Candidates and their supporters acting on their behalf may not use Campus Mail for campaigning
201 purposes.

202 **5. Electronic Communications and Social Media**

203 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

- 204 1. Cannot receive campaign support through a Cornell Administered list-serv. E.g. The Cornell
205 Athletics Department
206 2. Must comply with Cornell University IT policies

207 **6. Campaign Finance**

208 Candidates or supporters acting on their behalf must submit all receipts and/or proof of fair market value
209 with the signed expense report to the Office of the Assemblies by the deadline specified in the election
210 calendar. Candidates who do not submit receipts and/or proof of fair market value will be presumed to
211 have spent \$0 on their campaign.

- 212 1. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not exceed the \$25 limit for out-of-pocket
213 expenses and fair market value of donations of materials, professional services, and/or money
214 a. Fair market value is the value at which something is to be obtained normally if
215 documentation of its dollar value is not provided.
216 b. If there is a supporting receipt for goods used in a candidate's campaign, then the value
217 of that good is the dollar value on the supporting receipt as long as the transaction was
218 conducted at arm's length.
219 c. For donated materials, professional services, or other goods for which no official receipt
220 is provided, candidates must seek the most plausible assessment of the fair market value
221 of the good. Professional services will be defined as any work for which the given



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individual/donor is typically compensated. Volunteer time donated by full-time students, who are not professionals (have received payment for service) in the area of their volunteer effort, will not be considered professional services.

- d. Paid advertisements and related costs on social networking sites or other websites must also be accounted for at fair market value.

2. Candidates will be eligible for up to \$25 in reimbursements to cover out-of-pocket expenses from the campaigning period that can be used towards the following expenses: website expenses (web hosting, domain names, and online advertising) or any other promotional materials approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of these election rules.
3. Candidates may use any platforms at their disposable, granted they are free. If these platforms require purchasing, candidates are required to report this in their expense report form.

7. Endorsements

All registered student organizations receiving funds from the Student Assembly are encouraged to endorse candidates. If an organization chooses to endorse a candidate, it is expected to abide by the guidelines below.

1. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) funded and Student Activity Fee (SAF) byline funded organizations may endorse candidates. All groups must act in a way that is fair and balanced when deciding on the endorsement of candidates.
2. The Elections Committee may recommend that the SA impose fines on or revoke allocated funds from organizations failing to comply.
3. If a member of the Elections Committee sits on the Executive Board or governing body of an organization, that organization is prohibited from endorsing candidates.

All registered students, except candidates, are encouraged to individually endorse candidates once the campaign period officially begins.

8. Campaign Ethics

Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

1. May not, at any time before, during or after the elections, harass, threaten, or coerce others.
2. May not provide anything of material value to a member of the Cornell community to further themselves in the election or to promote their candidacy.
3. May not compel any person to endorse their candidacy, assist their campaign, or act as supporter as an explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a group or organization.

E. Restrictions on Ticketing and Slates

1. General Rules

Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not:



1. Include any other candidate's name, a common "ticket" name, or a shared slogan and/or symbol on any promotional materials or within any form of electronic communication and/or media.
2. Share or pool campaign finances with any other candidates or supporters acting on their behalf.
3. Distribute any promotional materials, send any electronic communication, or utilize any other form of electronic media on behalf of any other candidate except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President and/or Executive Vice President races.
4. Campaign with or on behalf of each other or engage in any coordination of campaigning activities except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President or Executive Vice President races.

2. Special circumstance for the President and Executive Vice President elections

Candidates in any race, besides those running for the position of President or Executive Vice President, will be given the freedom to distribute promotional material, send electronic communications, campaign on behalf of, and speak for candidates in the President or Executive Vice President races. Candidates who choose to do so are considered supporters and are held accountable to all clauses in these rules that pertain to candidates and their supporters. The President and Executive Vice President candidates are strictly prohibited from coordinating activities. Candidates are strictly prohibited from performing the actions above for candidates not in the President or Executive Vice President races.

3. Plagiarism

Candidates may not disseminate written statements, promotional materials, or electronic communications that are plagiarized or substantially copied from any such items created or distributed by any current or former candidate. Materials distributed by the Director of Elections, Elections Committee, and the Office of the Assemblies may be used as templates.

Article II: Direct Election of President and Executive Vice President

A. President and Executive Vice President (EVP) Designation and eligibility

1. Two of the six Undesignated At-Large Representative seats are for the directly elected seats of President and Executive Vice-President.
2. Candidates running for President and Executive Vice President who do not win their race will automatically be entered into two races for two Undesignated At Large seats, separate from the Undesignated At Large race. The candidates in each race, one for Presidential candidates and a separate one for Executive Vice Presidential candidates, will run for one available seat per race. In the event that there are no other candidates for a particular race, regardless of reason as to why, the seat shall go to the next highest voted candidate in the original Undesignated At Large race. No voting shall occur for these two races and the votes shall be tallied from the original counts for President and Executive Vice President.

Article III: Election Procedures

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A. The Election Calendar

1. The Director of Elections, in consultation with the Office of the Assemblies, will draft the election calendar prior to the semester of the election, and will be approved by the Elections Committee at a meeting in the prior semester if possible³.
2. Consideration shall be given to any religious holidays that may fall during the election period, guaranteeing that the right to free religious observance is afforded to all potential candidates.

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B. The Elections Committee

1. The Director of Elections shall serve as chair and a designated representative of the Office of the Assemblies shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of this Committee.
2. Members of the Elections Committee may not seek Student Assembly or University Assembly office for the academic year following their term of service on the committee.
3. The Director of Elections shall publish a list of Assembly seats to be filled, in accordance with Student Assembly Charter.
4. During a Challenge Review Meeting, the interpretation of the Elections Rules will lie with the sitting Elections Committee. A third party's, to be determined by the Office of the Assemblies, decision making process may only override the Committee's decision if and only if the Elections Committee did not follow the procedure outlined in the Election Rules. The third party may not overturn the Committee's decision unless a procedural error occurred.
5. Elections Committee members are expected to abide by the highest standards of personal conduct and integrity. Students are mandated to excuse themselves from serving on the Elections Committee if they plan to take part in a campaign. Therefore, members should not be involved in the campaigning process. All conflicts should be considered and resolved before the election cycle begins. Elections Committee members may not sit on the Executive Board of an organization that endorses candidates in an SA election. If an Elections Committee member sits on the Executive Board of an organization or sat on that Executive Board at any time during the same semester of a particular SA election, that organization may not endorse candidates in that SA election, or that Elections Committee member must resign from the Elections Committee.
6. The Elections Committee should be prepared to meet immediately following the challenge deadline to rule on all pertinent challenges. The Elections Committee shall use Robert's Rules of Order to consider challenges, in addition to the election rules. In the event of conflict, these election rules supersede Robert's Rules of Order. The Elections Committee has no power to overrule the election rules under any circumstances.
7. The Director of Elections shall give a final report on the results of the election when there are no remaining unresolved matters.

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C. Independence of the Elections Committee

1. While members of the Elections Committee are expected to abide by the highest standards of integrity, they also enjoy independence from undue interference. Hence, students may not falsely

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³ The Director of Elections should coordinate the schedule of the Student Assembly elections with other campus elections, such as those of the Student-Elected Trustee and Class Councils.



- accuse, harass, threaten or coerce any member of the Elections Committee for actions taken in their official capacity.
- Subject to the determination of the Elections Committee, any violation of this section can result in temporary or permanent disqualification from contesting elections to the SA or UA.
 - Members of the Elections Committee cannot personally endorse any candidates. However, members of the Committee may still privately vote in the elections themselves.

D. Voting and Tabulation

- The order in which names appear on the ballot shall be randomly selected.
- Uncontested candidates will not be listed for a vote on the ballot and will be deemed victorious pending the resolution of challenges.
- Results for challenged races will be posted after the Elections Committee has ruled on those challenges and all challenges have been fully resolved, including the ~~third party~~'s decision if present.
- The Elections Committee will not have access to the results prior to and during challenge deliberations. The Office of Assemblies will release election results after the Director of Elections or the Elections Committee has validated the election results.
- A printout of election results for qualifying candidates shall be posted on line on the relevant webpages of the election. Disqualified candidates will not have their vote tallies made available.

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Deleted: <#>The Student Assembly election results will be sent out to the entire student body via email using the Assembly's monthly email.

E. Challenges

1. Eligibility to Challenge

- Any member of the Cornell community may submit a challenge.
- The Director of Elections may submit a challenge.
- The Elections Committee as a body may submit a challenge by majority vote.
- Individual Committee members, except the Director of Elections, may not submit a challenge.

2. Challenge Deadlines

- Election challenges must be submitted by the election challenge deadline specified in the elections calendar.
- The Director of Elections or the Elections Committee by a majority vote can submit a challenge at any time before the declaration of results.
- No challenges will be accepted after these deadlines.
- Once submitted, a challenge becomes part of the formal record, and may not be withdrawn ~~for any reason or by any person~~.

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3. Format of Challenges

Challenges must be in writing, submitted on the signed Challenge Form, and accompanied by the following supporting documentation:

- Challenger's name



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- 398 2. Candidate's name
399 3. Date of challenge
400 4. Reason for challenge and supporting evidence

401 Challenges that fail to provide all required documentation will not be reviewed by the Elections
402 Committee.

403 4. Notification of Election Challenges

404 The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections who will send an email notifying
405 anyone who is named in an election challenge. The email will contain a scanned copy of the challenge.

406 5. Response to Election Challenges

407 A challenged candidate may request to review challenges to which they are a party in the Office of the
408 Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, who will share the challenges in a confidential setting. The challenged
409 candidate may then address written statements in response to the Committee. The challenged candidate
410 may request a hearing ~~in person~~ with the Committee.

411 6. Challenge Review Meeting

412 The Committee will schedule a meeting to review challenges in Executive Session. The Committee, less
413 temporarily recused members, will provide an opportunity for the challenged candidate to respond in
414 person if requested by the challenged candidate or a member of the Committee. [The Director of
415 Elections reserves the right to recuse any member of the Committee in the event of a conflict of interest.](#)
416 Members may either recuse themselves prior to challenge hearings or at the discretion of the Director of
417 Elections. For each challenge, the Committee will determine:

- 418 1. Whether a preponderance of evidence substantiates each alleged violation. This vote will be
419 taken for each violation individually, and a majority of the members present of the Elections
420 Committee is required to declare that a preponderance of evidence substantiates each violation;
421 2. Which, if any, substantiated violations or combination thereof compromised the fairness of the
422 election and constituted a material advantage to the extent the challenged candidate should be
423 disqualified. If the Committee finds either that a single substantiated violation or that a
424 combination of substantiated violations should require the disqualification of a candidate, with at
425 least two-thirds of the members present of the Elections Committee in the affirmative, may
426 disqualify the candidate.

427 7. Written Report

- 428 1. For each rule violation, the Director of Elections or a member of the Elections Committee as
429 delegated by the Director will create a written report thoroughly detailing the challenge(s), listing
430 the tallies of all votes taken by the Committee including the bifurcated voting process, the
431 decision made, and how the decision was reached.
432 2. The report is kept confidential and only released to the challenged candidate and the
433 challenger(s).



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- 434 3. A copy, with all names other than the challenged candidate redacted, is kept in the Office of the
435 Assemblies, 109 Day Hall.
436 4. For each challenge, the Committee will report to the challenger(s) and the challenged candidate
437 all evidence received/found, any violations substantiated, and any decisions to disqualify the
438 challenged candidate.

439 8. Reconsideration

- 440 1. If the Committee determines a candidate should be disqualified, the candidate may request
441 reconsideration within twenty-four hours of receiving the written report. To be reconsidered, the
442 candidate seeking such reconsideration must submit a request in writing to the Office of the
443 Assemblies, via email to assembly@cornell.edu, and the Director of Elections within twenty-
444 four hours of receiving the disqualification email from the Director of Elections. The statement
445 should address the specific findings in the written report to be reconsidered and should detail the
446 specific points where the Elections Committee failed to correctly enforce the challenge
447 procedure outlined in the Elections Rules Failure to submit all necessary documentation within
448 twenty-four hours will restrict the seeking for reconsideration and the Elections Committee's
449 decision will be final.
450 2. The Committee will convene in response to such a request. The Committee, after evaluating each
451 request for reconsideration, will take a vote requiring a simple majority to determine if the
452 previous decision to disqualify should be overturned. Email voting may be used by Committee
453 members.
454 3. If a disqualified candidate believes that the Elections Committee failed to correctly follow or
455 enforce the challenge procedure outlined in the Elections Rules after the Elections Committee's
456 reconsideration, they may request a review by a third party, selected by the Office of the
457 Assemblies, within 24 hours after the Election's Committee's Reconsideration vote.
458 4. The challenged candidate will submit to the third party, the Office of the Assemblies, and the
459 Director of Elections all original appeal materials that were previously submitted to the Elections
460 Committee as well as any additional materials that detail failures of the Elections Committee to
461 follow and enforce these Elections Rules within twenty-four hours.
462 5. The Elections Committee will submit all challenge reports pertaining to the candidate's appeal as
463 well as any additional materials refuting or agreeing with claims made by the challenged
464 candidate to the third party within forty-eight hours after the candidate appeals to the third party.
465 If the Elections Committee agrees with the candidate's appeal, a vote with a simple majority of
466 the seated membership of the Elections Committee in the affirmative may overturn their decision
467 before the third party completes a full review.
468 6. After a review of all materials sent by the candidate and the Elections Committee, the third party
469 will determine whether or not to take the case within twenty-four hours. If the third party deems
470 that the appealed case does not merit consideration, then the decision of the Elections Committee
471 will be final. If the third party takes on the case and finds that the Elections Committee did not
472 correctly follow and enforce the challenge procedure outlined in the Elections Rules, the third
473 party has the power to overturn the decision of the Elections Committee.

474 9. Confidentiality

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- 485 1. Members of the Elections Committee and parties to a challenge may not share the contents of
486 challenges, evidence, or decisions submitted to or received from the Committee, except when
487 explicitly permitted by these rules or by the Director of Elections. When publicly releasing
488 confidential information, the Director of Elections must redact the names of all individuals who
489 are not the challenged candidate.
- 490 2. A review of the Challenges may take place in coordination with the Office of the Assemblies,
491 109 Day Hall, by any member of the Cornell community. Challenges may not be photocopied,
492 screen-shared, photographed, digitally recorded or removed from the Office of Assemblies.