

AS RECALL ELECTION CODE

Section 1: Procedure

- I. Recall code activation
 - a. A recall election must be invoked by the means detailed in the AS Guiding Documents.
 - b. When a recall election is invoked, this election code is activated and has supremacy over all other codes during its duration.
- II. Campaigning
 - a. The campaign period shall begin the day after recall is evoked at 8:00 AM and end the Monday after exactly two weeks following the recall's activation at 8:00 PM.
 - b. Campaign activities are limited to only actions admitted by Section 2 of this code.
- III. Elections
 - a. The elections period shall last from the day exactly two weeks after recall is activated at 8:00 AM to the next Monday at 8:00 PM. The Elections Coordinator and Election Board Chair may change the dates and times of the elections with the approval of the AS Board of Directors and AS Senate In the event of technical issues that may occur.
 - b. When available, all voting processes for recalls will be conducted online.
- IV. Presentation of results
 - a. The results of the recall election must be verified and certified by the Elections Coordinator, the REP Director, and the Assistant Director of Representation and Governance.
 - b. The results of said recall election are effective immediately following the certification process and the publication of the results.

Section 2: Recall Election Policies

- I. Conduct
 - a. Anyone advocating for or against the recall of the position(s) involved must adhere to the following conduct agreement:
 - i. I have read and understand the AS Recall Election Code.
 - ii. I will conduct myself in a positive, honorable manner throughout the election.
 - iii. I will refrain from any malicious or unprofessional behavior towards the involved position(s), other campaigners, the Elections Coordinator, WWU staff, or any other students.
 - b. Under no circumstances are drugs or alcohol to be present, available, or provided at campaign related events, regardless of location or participant age.
 - c. Bribes, incentives or compensation in exchange for votes are prohibited.

- II. Campaigning:
 - a. No campaigning for or against the recall of any position can be done outside of the campaigning period detailed in Section I, Clause 2, for the elections code has no power outside of the activation of a recall.
 - i. The only exception is the campaigning to sign a petition activating recall, as is detailed in the WWU AS Guiding Documents.
 - b. The following campaign activities are prohibited throughout the entire recall election process:
 - i. Posting any physical campaign materials, including, but not limited to: posters, handbills, fliers, signs, banners, buttons, T-shirts or other clothing, food, drink, and any physical object which may be deemed by a reasonable person as constituting campaign material for or against a candidate or a measure.
 - ii. Bribes, incentives, or compensation in exchange for votes.
 - iii. The posting or writing of campaign materials or messages of any sort on classroom chalkboards or whiteboards, or on screen savers or backgrounds of any campus computer.
 - iv. Campaigning of any sort in the public interior spaces of WWU.
 - v. Verbal campaigning of any sort in academic classrooms.
 - vi. Spending any money in the creation of campaign materials, payment of labor, or any other purpose.
 - 1. The purpose of this restriction is that the Elections Coordinator would find it impossible to regulate or restrict spending without official campaigns for the recall or retention of any position(s).
 - vii. Using any WWU or AS resources, including, but not limited to: professional emails, email lists, university or AS funding, club resources, or departmental resources.
 - c. All activities relating to the recall election that are conducted online are considered campaign activities, and are held to the same standards and regulations as in-person campaigning, including the conduct agreement.
 - i. The creation of online social media groups, pages, or websites advocating for the recall or retention of the position(s) are allowed, given that they are filed and the link is emailed to the Elections Coordinator.
 - 1. Posts on individual students-at-large's social media pages do not constitute creating a social media group or page.
 - d. The logos of AS offices, officially recognized AS programs, WWU offices, and AS councils and committees (standing or ad-hoc) may not be used on any campaign materials or campaign websites. For the purposes of this provision, campaign social media sites are able to share items related to the groups listed above, but may not use these logos with any electronic campaign materials (e.g. profile picture, cover photo, etc.)

III. Grievances

- a. In the event that a candidate or any person associated with the campaign for the recall or retention of any position(s) violates the Election Code before or during the elections, an affected party or the Elections Coordinator may file an official grievance against that person.
 - b. Grievances may not be filed anonymously and all witnesses cited in a grievance must be named explicitly.
 - c. Official grievances may be filed by submitting an official grievance form to the Board of Directors Program Coordinator, who will forward them to the Election Board Chair. If the Election Board Chair has not yet been appointed at the time of the filing, they shall be forwarded to REP Director, who shall be authorized to assume the duties of the Election Board Chair until the time of their hiring. The date and time that the grievance is received shall be recorded upon filing. Grievance forms may be obtained from the AS Board of Directors' Office throughout the academic year.
 - d. Official grievances must be filed between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. within one school day of the time of discovery of the alleged violation, and must cite the specific section of the Election Code allegedly violated. Grievances filed that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted. Official grievances will be accepted only until 5:00pm on the Tuesday following the close of the elections
 - e. The Election Board will hold a grievance hearing within three (3) school days of the grievance being forwarded to the Board. Each party to the grievance shall have the option of confidentially disqualifying one member of the Election Board from a grievance hearing, with the exception of the Election Board Chair. The Election Board may take any action deemed appropriate and necessary to ensure fair elections. All actions by the Election Board are final and may not be appealed.
 - i. If an elections board does not have sufficient members to meet, the grievance hearing will be held by the REP director, the Assistant Director for Student Representation and Governance, and a group of between 5 and 12 students-at-large chosen by both.
 - f. The Election Board defines words within this code as needed.
 - g. The Elections Coordinator may not serve on the Election Board.
 - h. Penalties for violation of the Election Code and/or filing packet may include, but are not limited to, being charged up to \$50 disciplinary action.
 - i. All grievance hearings that lead to penalty will be sent to publications on campus for public release.
- IV. Voter eligibility:
- a. Any matriculated student enrolled at the main campus of WWU or studying abroad during the academic quarter in which a recall election(s) take place is eligible to vote in that election(s).

- V. Ballot structure
 - a. The ballot shall contain a single yes or no question for each position being recalled, the text of which will be:
 - i. “Do you vote to recall [NAME OF PERSON HOLDING POSITION] from the office of [NAME OF OFFICE]?”
 - b. The position(s) whose question receives more yes than no votes will be recalled, effective immediately following verification and publication.

- VI. Presentation of results
 - a. Results shall be posted on the AS Elections page by midnight the day voting for the recall election ends, given that it has been verified and certified by those detailed in Section I, Clause 4.