

Student Government Fall 2010 Election Packet

Frequently Asked Election Questions:

Why Should I Join Student Government?

We discuss what is going on around our campus and in the world, plan events, and help decide school policy. We have a lot of fun and it is a great way to get involved! Students involved in student organizations tend to do better in school- it's a fact!

Who is Eligible?

If you are a full time student at Fairmont State University or Pierpont Community & Technical College you can run for several positions in Student Government. Most positions require a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA. Academic Standing is not required for positions open to First Year Freshmen. Some positions are institution and class rank specific. Full time means you are taking at least 12 credit hours this semester. The Vice President Executive Position has additional eligibility.

What SG Positions are open:?

FSU Faculty Senate (1)

FSU House of Representatives (3)

Pierpont Board of Governors (1)

Pierpont Representative (2)

Pierpont House of Representatives (4)

Pierpont Faculty Assembly (1)

Freshman Senator (3)

Sophomore Senator (1)

Junior Senator (1)

Senior Senator (2)

Vice President (1):only 09-10 SG members "in good standing" at the end of their 09-10 term are eligible

How do I get on the ballot to run for Student Government?

Nominate yourself at one of the SG meetings. OR

File with the Student Government Advisor in 305Colebank

When are Nominations: You can nominate yourself at any one of these times/meetings:

Thursday, Aug. 26 at 12:30 in 128 Hardway during an SG meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 2 at 12:30 in 128 Hardway during an SG meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 9 at 12:30 in 128 Hardway during an SG meeting.

When is the Deadline for Nominations?

Thursday, Sept. 9 at 12:30 in 128 Hardway Building.

Mandatory Nominee Meeting: All students running for Student Government must also attend *one* of these meeting options!

Thursday, Sept. 2 at 12:30 in 128 Hardway during an SG meeting. OR

Thursday, Sept. 9 at 12:30 in 128 Hardway during an SG meeting.

How do I check to make sure I will remain On the Ballot?

You must attend one of the Mandatory Nominee Meetings during a regular Student Government Meeting at 12:30 in 128 Hardway on Sept. 2 or 9. Turn in a Nominee Information Form at one of the Mandatory Meetings. Turn in your Campaign Expenditure Report by noon on Sept. 13 to 304 Colebank in order to remain on the ballot. Follow *All* Campaign Rules in order to remain on the ballot.

When Can I Begin my Campaigning?

As early as Monday, August 30. In order to begin your campaign, you must attend an SG Meeting in order to accept your nomination and have your eligibility verified by completing the Nominee Information Form. You cannot campaign until you have your Nomination verified.

When are the Elections?

Tuesday, September 14th from 10AM- 7PM.

Where Can I Vote?

You can vote on-line by logging onto the FSU or Pierpont or Library homepage. Click on the Student Government Election link on the homepage. We will also have a few computers set up in the Falcon Center Main Street area for on-line voting.

Who Can Vote?

All students are allowed to vote for the Student Government elections.

When will the Student Government Election Results Be Posted?

We will know the results on Sept. 14 after 7PM, the day of voting.

Where will the Student Government Election Results Be Posted?

The election results will be posted outside the Student Government Office on the Second Floor of the Falcon Center by 9pm. We will also send a campus wide e-mail announcing the results.

What If You Win the Election?

All nominees with the most number of votes in their category must then participate in Student Government. Some positions will have more than one nominee winning their position.

What am I required to Attend if I am Elected into Student Government?

Your first official Student Government meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 12:30 in 128 Hardway Building.

ALL regular Student Government meetings *every* Thursday, at 12:30 in 128 Hardway for the entire school year!

The *mandatory Student Government Retreat*, Friday thru Sunday, Sept. 24-26.

We will give you more details at the Sept. 16th Student Government meeting.

You can receive Institutional Excuses if you have a Friday late afternoon or Saturday morning class.

All Student Government sponsored events for the entire year.

When & Where are the Student Government Meetings?

All Student Government members meet every Thursday at 12:30 in 128 Hardway Building, fall and spring semesters.

Where is the Student Government Office?

The Student Government Office is on the 2nd Floor of the Falcon Center, down the hall beside the Convenient Store/Smoothie Shoppe. This is where you will go for your Office Hour.

Questions?

Contact Laurie Johnston at 367-4705 in 305 Colebank

Or E-mail ljohnston@fairmontstate.edu

or Timmy at tsmith34@students.fairmontstate.edu

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE RULES AND PROCEDURES

- All expenditures and donations for each candidate in the Student Government Election shall not exceed **\$200.00**
- Any material donated to a candidate shall be valued at fair market value. An affidavit stating the amount and the nature of the donation, signed by the donor shall be included in the **Campaign Expenditure Report** and provided by the said candidate to Sue Conrad (304 Colebank).
- Fair market value is defined as the price paid by a bona fide purchaser of materials.
- Each candidate for office shall file a **Campaign Expenditure Report** even if zero amount was spent.
- The **Campaign Expenditure Report Form** is **Due: by Monday, September 13th before 12NOON in 304 Colebank Hall.**

The **Campaign Expenditure Report** shall include:

- 1) Candidate's name, address and phone number
 - 2) A detailed report of campaign expenditures, donations listing each item or expense incurred, and the total amount of the campaign.
 - 3) All receipts itemizing items purchased for campaigning.
- **Any candidate who fails to turn in a Campaign Expenditure Report Form by 12NOON on Monday, September 13 will have his/her name removed from the ballot and will no longer be considered a candidate.**
 - Everyone must turn in a **Campaign Expenditure Report Form**, even if you spend no money!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - Helpful Hint: Keep your receipts! I need to see all receipts turned in with the campaign expenditure reports.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT Fall CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES

What IS campaigning? The following actions are allowed:

- **When Can I Begin my Campaigning?**
As early as Monday, August 30. In order to begin your campaign, you must attend an SG Meeting in order to accept your nomination and have your eligibility verified by completing the Nominee Information Form. You cannot campaign until you have your Nomination verified by the Advisor to Student Government!
- Hanging up a **flyer and/or posters** on the **general purpose bulletin boards** on campus. **The accepted flyer/poster size is 8.5" by 11", and should not exceed 11" by 14"**
- Posters, signs, and public notices of any type may be displayed **only on the general purpose bulletin boards provided for that purpose on campus**. Putting **paid ads in The Columns** for your candidates.
- Voting by a candidate is allowed, and encouraged! Please do this without drawing any attention to yourself at the actual Voting Table in the Falcon Center!
- **Handing out flyers/candy**, etc. for yourself or your ticket. This is *not* allowed within 15 feet of the Election computers set up in the Falcon Center for voting, on the day of voting.
- **We encourage candidates and supporters to rally outside the Falcon Center on the day of voting, September 14th.**
- **Sign standards** can be placed in the ground on campus, but must be removed immediately following voting.
- Students have been granted permission before to speak in the **Residence Halls**, but must get this approved w/ Dan Gockley in 201 Hardway, prior to approaching the Residence Halls. If you plan to campaign in the Residence Halls day of voting, you must get a signed **Campaigning Approval Form** from Dan Gockley and you must stay in the main lobby of each Residence Hall. You may put flyers on the bulletin boards in the lobbies only. Please be polite and respectful. Mr. Gockley does not have to allow you to campaign in the Residence Halls, and you are entering the home of students. **BE POLITE!**
- The only exception in relation to hanging flyers on doors is that you may hang a flyer on your *own* Residence Hall room door, or your friend may hang your flyer on their room door if they have your permission.
- Creating a **website** is allowed, but cannot be linked from any FSU/PC&TC website. You may campaign on myspace or facebook, or other social websites. You may only mention your own name or ticket on the sites. Any mention of another candidate on your site/page is a campaign violation.
- **Reserving a space on campus** to hand out food or literature is allowed during campaigning, but must be limited to one day/one space per

person. You must call 367-4950 to reserve any space on campus. Remember- you cannot do this in the Falcon Center on Sept. 8th, at all.

- **Campus Apartments** are part of campus; you may hang a flyer on the bulletin board in Building G. You may ask friends in the apartments to hang a flyer on their doors for you, as per Porter Stiles.
- You must remove all signs, flyers, or posters immediately following the election.

What IS NOT allowed?

- You cannot begin campaigning until your nomination has been verified by the Advisor to Student Government!
- Although campaigning is allowed, **THERE WILL BE NO CAMPAIGNING AT ALL WITHIN 15 FEET OF ANY COMPUTER LAB OR THE ELECTION COMPUTERS SET UP IN THE FALCON CENTER ON THE DAY OF VOTING! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Flyers or posters posted on **internal or external walls, windows or doors, or unapproved bulletin boards**, are not allowed.
- **Any signs, posters or flyers found incorrectly displayed will be removed by the Advisor to Student Government or her designee and you will face an Election Violation Investigation following the election.**
- **Banners** of any size or shape are **not** permitted during Fall Elections.
- Any **campaigning off campus is not allowed.**
- **Harassing people** asking them rudely to vote for you on the day of voting is NOT ALLOWED!
- **Obstructing or interfering** while other candidates' campaign is Not Allowed.
- **Sending your friends, family or fellow club members to the Election Computers or Computer Labs** to campaign for you is Not Allowed!
- **Walking people to the Election Computers or Computer Labs**, in order for them to vote for you, is Not allowed.
- Campaigning in **Residence Halls without signed permission** from Dan Gockley is not allowed. Campaigning anywhere other than the Main Lobby in each Residence Hall is not allowed. Putting flyers under the doors is not allowed.
- Candidates may not go door to door campaigning in the Residence Halls or Campus Apartments.
- You cannot send **mass e-mails** to any group on campus asking them to vote for you... unless you are a member of that group! A campus wide e-mail is not allowed to be sent to all students asking them to vote for them. Please refrain from using the Student Government e-mail group or facebook group please!
- Asking **faculty or staff to campaign for you** is not allowed.

- **Writing on classroom chalkboards, dry erase boards,**
- **Chalking any sidewalk on campus** is absolutely is not allowed.
- Posting flyers **under windshield wipers or on car windshields** is not allowed!
- Campaigning off campus is absolutely not allowed. **No flyers/banners/poster are to be hung on or in your vehicle/apartment/house.**

Violation of Election Rules and Procedures

- Any candidate who has been accused of a violation of any election procedure, other than Article V, Section 7-A-3, shall remain on the ballot during the elections. Immediately upon the completion of the election, an in-depth investigation shall be conducted by the Elections Committee, Student Government Advisor, and the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Investigation Committee shall determine the validity of the accusation. If the candidate is found to be in infraction of the rules, the said candidate is disqualified.
- ANY CANDIDATE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE CAMPAIGNING REGULATIONS, NOT ATTENDING THE MANDATORY MEETING OF CANDIDATES, OR NOT ADHERING TO THE CAMPAIGN DATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO AN INVESTIGATION AND REMOVED FROM OFFICE.
- **Any candidate who fails to turn in a Campaign Expenditure Report by 12NOON on Monday, September 13th will have his/her name removed from the ballot and will no longer be considered a candidate.**

**FSU/Pierpont Student Government 2010
Residence Hall Campaign Approval Form**

***Original goes with candidate, please make a copy which stays with Director of Residence Life ***

- **Guidelines for Campaigning in the Residence Halls:**
 - **Days of Campaigning: Monday, August 30st through Tuesday, September 14th.**
 - **Once Dan Gockley has signed your Campaign Approval Form, you are allowed to do only the following actions:**
 - Sit at a table in the main Lobby of each Residence Hall and hand out flyers asking residents to vote for you prior to the day of voting. You cannot walk around the wings/hallways or go door to door.
 - Campaign in the Residence Hall Lobby day of voting.
 - You must stay in the main lobbies of each Residence Hall.
 - You may put flyers on the bulletin boards in the main lobbies of each Residence Halls.

- Campaigning in **Residence Halls without signed permission** from Dan Gockley is **not allowed**.
- Campaigning anywhere other than the main lobby in each Residence Hall is not allowed.
- Campaigning or entering the computer labs in any of the Residence Halls is not allowed.
- Putting flyers under the Residence Hall bedroom doors is not allowed.
- Attaching flyers to room doors is not allowed by the candidates.
- Residents may decide to hang a candidate's flyer on their own door.
- Candidates who live in a Residence Hall may hang flyers on their own doors.
- Any candidate can be asked to leave the Residence Halls if the Director of Residence Life feels you are acting inappropriately or causing disruptions in the Residence Halls.
- Any candidate found to be in violation of these campaigning rules is subject to an investigation and can be removed from office if the Election Committee has evidence to support the violation.

Candidate's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Director of Residence Life Signature _____

Date _____

*** Please ask the Secretary to the Director of Residence Life to make a copy of this and give it to Dan Gockley. You should take this original with you to the Residence Halls.***

Residence Hall Monitor:
If the above form is signed by Dan Gockley, the candidate has permission to enter the Residence Hall and campaign in the Main Lobby of each hall. Please read the above conditions for clarity. This form stays with the candidate.

Questions? Call Laurie Johnston at 367-4705

Sample

**Sample Campaign Expenditure Report #1
(Follow if you spent money to campaign)**

Name: John Smith

Your address: 1234 Maple Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554

I spent a total of \$ 12.50 on my campaign for Student Government.

Please list the items & amounts spent on your campaign:

1. Include all donated items in this list, along with an estimated amount of their value.
2. Attach all receipts to this report.

Item Description	Item Cost (Real or donated value)
• paper	\$10
• paint	\$2.50
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Your signature: *John Smith*

Sample

**Sample Campaign Expenditure Report # 2
(Follow if you spent \$0)**

Name: John Smith

Your address: 1234 Maple Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554

I spent a total of \$ 0 on my campaign for Student Government.

Please list the items & amounts spent on your campaign:

1. Include all donated items in this list, along with an estimated amount of their value.
2. Attach all receipts to this report.

Item Description	Item Cost (Real or donated value)
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Your signature: *John Smith*

Campaign Expenditure Report Form

Name: _____

Your address:

I spent a total of \$_____ on my campaign for Student Government.

Please list the items & amounts spent on your campaign:

- 1. Include all donated items in this list, along with an estimated amount of their value.
- 2. Attach all receipts to this report.

Item Description	Item Cost (Real or donated value)
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Your signature: _____

All nominees must have this Campaign Expenditure Report completed and turned into 304 Colebank by 12NOON on Monday September 13th, 2010 or you will be removed from the ballot.

Fall 2010 Student Government
Nominee Information
 (Please print in dark ink neatly)

Name: _____
 FSU or Pierpont Student? (Circle One)
 FSU/Pierpont ID or Social Security#: _____
 Cell phone #: _____
 Local phone #: _____
 Local Address: _____
 FSU/Pierpont e-mail: _____

My class rank is _____ for Fall 2010:
 (FR SO JR SR)

Nominated Position: Please check only One Position:

- Pierpont Board of Governors
 - Pierpont Representative
 - Pierpont House of Representatives
 - Pierpont Faculty Assembly
 - Freshman Senator
 - Sophomore Senator
 - Junior Senator
 - Senior Senator
 - FSU Faculty Senate
 - Vice President – only 09-10 SG members “in good standing at the end of their term” are eligible
- I do accept this nomination to Student Government

 Signature required

All nominees must have this form turned in by Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010.

Nominee Forms can be turned in to 304 Colebank by 12 noon OR to the Advisor to Student Government in 128 Hardway by 12:30 PM on Thursday, Sept. 9.

All Nominees must submit an Expenditure Report to 304 Colebank by 12noon on Monday, Sept. 13 or they will be removed from the ballot. All Nominees must submit an Expenditure Report to 304 Colebank by 12noon on Monday, Sept. 13 or they will be removed from the ballot.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX	
THIS BOX TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AFFAIRS	
CUMM GPA -INCLUDING TRANSFER CREDITS	_____
CREDITS THIS SEMESTER	_____
TOTAL EARNED CREDITS COMPLETED- INCLUDING TRANSFER AND 2YR	_____
CLASS RANK- AS PER BANNER	_____
ENROLLED IN: FSU DCTC	_____