

# **Sam Houston State University**

## **Homecoming Election Code**

Revised Fall 2003

### **Article I. Qualifications for Candidates**

- A. To run for King: a male student must meet the requirements for junior and be currently enrolled at SHSU as a full-time student with a 2.3 GPA.
- B. To run for Queen: a female student must meet the requirements for junior and be currently enrolled at SHSU as a full-time student with a 2.3 GPA.

### **Article II. Procedures for Filing**

- A. Complete an application form as provided by the Election Commission.
- B. Return the completed application form and a fee designated by Student Activities.

### **Article III. Campaigning**

- A. Campaigning may not be done until the official campaign opens. Campaigning shall be limited to personal solicitation, by word of mouth.
- B. All candidates are liable for the actions and remarks of people campaigning on their behalf.

### **Article IV. Elections**

- A. Voting shall take place on two consecutive class days.
- B. Polling hours are from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm.

### **Article V. Requirements to Vote**

- A. Students must have a valid SHSU computer account.
- B. Each voter is allowed two votes, one for King and one for Queen.
- C. Voting by proxy is strictly prohibited.

### **Article VI. Tabulation of Votes**

- A. Results shall be tabulated by the Election Commission and Vice President of SGA in the presence of a faculty/staff member with Election Commission Chairperson presiding. Results are to be tabulated in private.
- B. After tabulation is deemed official, there shall be no recounting of the results unless a request is made in the form of an official protest. The recount may only be undertaken in the presence of the Vice President of SGA and the Chairperson of the Election Commission and the knowledge of all parties directly involved.
- C. Election Commissioners are not to release the results of the elections to anyone. The Election Chairperson or his or her designee shall however, be allowed to announce those candidates who have secured positions without giving specific titles.

## **Article VII. Results**

- A. The male candidate with the most votes shall be crowned King.
- B. The female candidate with the most votes shall be crowned Queen.
- C. The next two male candidates with the greatest number of votes shall be crowned Dukes of the Royal Court.
- D. The next two female candidates with the greatest number of votes shall be crowned Duchesses of the Royal Court.
- E. In the event of a tie for Queen or King, a runoff election shall be held. The loser of the runoffs becomes a member of the Royal Court along with the candidate with the next highest votes.
- F. In the event of a tie for the Royal Court, all candidates in the tie automatically become part of the court.

## **Article VIII. Protests**

- A. Official protest must be filed in writing with any member of the Election Commission within twenty-four hours following the closing of the polls. Results will be considered unofficial until the protest period has ended. In individual races where protests have been filed, the results will be considered unofficial until the Election Commission has ruled on the protests.
- B. The Election Commission must rule on the protest within twenty-four hours. The Election Commission may:
  - 1. Rule on the protest, thus turning it down.
  - 2. Disqualify a candidate.
  - 3. Call a new election.
  - 4. Place a student on election probation.
  - 5. Impose a fine not to exceed ten (10) dollars, payable to the SGA Treasurer within seven (7) days.
- C. Any Election Commission protest may be appealed to the Supreme Court within one (1) class day.
- D. The Supreme Court must rule on appeals within three (3) days from receipt of the appeal. The court may:
  - 1. Uphold the Election Commission's ruling on protests submitted.
  - 2. Disqualify a candidate.
  - 3. Call a new election.
  - 4. Place any student on election probation.
  - 5. Place any student on election suspension.
  - 6. Impose a fine not to exceed twenty-five (25) dollars payable to the SGA Treasurer within (7) days.

## **Article IX. Election Probation and Suspension**

- A. Individuals citing election violations of this code should contact an Election Commissioner, through the SGA Office.
- B. Any student placed on election probation shall lose the right for one year from the date of the offense to:
  - 1. Vote in campus elections and referendums
  - 2. Run for any office or title.
  - 3. Sign petitions dealing with referendums, recalls, initiative.

- C. Names and periods of probation of students placed on Election Probation shall be submitted to the campus media and sent to the Vice President of SGA.
- D. Election Probation may be appealed to the Supreme Court.
- E. Any member of the Election Commission may put any student on Election Probation with the approval of two-thirds of the Election Commission.
- F. Anyone of the Election Suspension is subject to penalties of Election Probation for the remainder of their enrollment at SHSU.

#### **Article X. Title of King and Queen**

- A. Male students winning the title of King shall not be allowed to run for and hold that title again for the remainder to their matriculation at SHSU.
- B. Female students winning the title of Queen shall not be allowed to run for and hold that title again for the remainder of their matriculation at SHSU.

**If you have any questions?  
Call SGA Office @ 936.294.1938**