1. **Student Elections Guidelines**
   - Please be advised that these rules are subject to change at any time. The commission will notify all candidates of these changes as they occur.

2. **Commission**
   - The commission will oversee the election process as well as address and resolve disputes and other issues that arise.
   - Any commission member is allowed to investigate an infraction.
   - The Student Association and/or its affiliates (including the SA Elections Commission) are not liable for monetary losses associated with a candidate’s campaign efforts and will not, under any circumstance, reimburse candidates for campaign costs.
   - The Student Association and/or its affiliates (including the SA Elections Commission) shall not be held responsible for any damages that may result from a possible change of election dates.
   - All concerns, complaints, or questions about the election process can be directed to uastudentelections@gmail.com.

3. **Mandatory Meetings**
   - All candidates must attend one mandatory meeting held by the Commission. If a candidate is unable to attend one of those meetings, they must supply a valid excuse.
   - A valid excuse will be accepted only if received 24 hours before the last candidates meeting.
   - A valid excuse can include, but is not limited to a class scheduling conflict, a work conflict evidenced by a boss’s name and phone number for an on/off campus job, or a valid medical or family emergency.
   - The excuse will be validated by a member of the Elections Commission.
   - A candidate that does not attend the meeting will not be allowed to start campaigning until given approval to do so by the Commission.

4. **The Campaign**
   - Campaigning may not begin until 12am after the final candidates meeting.
   - Campaigning will be defined as, but not limited to, actively seeking the vote of the student body via campaign speeches, poster posting, flyering, social media campaigns, website campaigns, dorm storming, meeting with student groups or statements of the candidate’s platform.
   - Character attacks are not allowed. Character attacks are defined as any form of defamation of character or disparagement.
   - Policy disagreements ARE ALLOWED, Example: “I believe your goal is unattainable because of a lack of funds.”
   - Candidates are not allowed to table on campus. Only candidates for the positions of President and Vice President are allowed to do so, and the Commission will set guidelines and rules for that during the spring election.
5. **Posters**
   - Posters for elections must be approved by Student Involvement as per their posting rule, but ALL colors will be approved. You will be allowed to post one poster per pillar and observe the general rules of posting (no posting over someone else’s poster).
   - The posting rule will be regulated by the Office of Student Involvement. All complaints regarding posters shall be referred to the Office of Student involvement.
   - Posters hung on any of the Quads or Apartment areas will need to be stamped/approved by Student Involvement. Please follow the rules for EACH living area (which may be different for each one).

6. **Banners**
   - Banners are not permitted to be hung in the campus center.

7. **Dorm Storming**
   - The hours for dorm storming have been set for weeknights from 6pm - 10pm and weekends from 1pm - 6pm. All candidates must check in at the appropriate quad office and show their student IDs. Only approved IDs are allowed to dorm storm.
   - Up to 2 additional people may also be approved by Residential Life to dorm storm on the candidate’s behalf. The information for those 2 people must be submitted when the self-nomination form is submitted.
   - The candidate may also have up to 2 people accompany them when dorm storming, but these additional people may not dorm storm on their own.

8. **Endorsements**
   - An endorsement is defined as a statement of support of a candidate.
   - Seeking an endorsement is defined as contacting a student group to make an appointment for after the candidates meeting. You may not campaign to a student group before the candidates meeting and according to all other guidelines.
   - UAlbany Faculty endorsements will not be allowed in any regard.
   - Candidates are allowed to receive endorsements from student groups. These endorsements cannot be communicated using any SA funded equipment.
   - Student groups may use their listservs to endorse candidates. These emails however must follow the Student Code of Conduct and section 610 ethics policy. These emails cannot contain any defamation of character or malicious statements.
   - These endorsements may be included on posters and communicated through social media sites. They also may have the candidate’s flyers with them while tabling.
• Candidates are allowed to receive endorsements from Student Association E-Board Members. The endorser cannot use Student Association equipment, actively endorse the candidate during Student Association office hours, or actively endorse the candidate in the Student Association office.
• Student groups may not put endorsed candidates on their posters and flyers, candidates may only put endorsements on their own posters and flyers.

9. **Ethics**

• All candidates are expected to conduct themselves and their campaigns in an ethical and appropriate manner. Violations of ethical behavior will be investigated and put under review by the commission.
• Candidates are responsible for the people working on their campaigns or campaigning on their behalf. This includes but is not limited to the conduct, behavior, and actions of those individuals.

10. **Nicknames**

• Candidates will be allowed to use nicknames on the ballot, but need to be appropriate to their given/formal name. (i.e. Bill for William, etc.)
• Nicknames must be submitted on the nomination form to provide for adequate time for approval.

11. **SA Funds and Equipment**

• No SA funds or equipment can be used for campaign purposes. This includes but is not limited to: photocopying fliers, making phone calls, emails (including listservs, computers, etc.) and no campaigning is to take place in the SA office at any time.

12. **Violations, Sanctions, and Punishments**

• Any complaints against candidates should be sent directly to uastudentelections@gmail.com
• The Elections Commission will investigate all filed complaints and respond with an appropriate sanction if deemed necessary.
• Any sanctions or punishments issued against candidates are up to the discretion of the Elections Commission.