



## Student Government Association

SGA-02-2526

# A Resolution on Enhancing the SGA Election Process and Supporting Candidate Participation

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association is elected to represent the interest of current student of Minot State University; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of a Student Government Association is to act on all issues affecting current and future Minot State University students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association is dedicated to promoting transparent, accessible, and effective student government elections; and,

**WHEREAS**, a total funding allocation of \$18,800 has been established—which includes scholarships for two semesters—with funds designated as follows: a \$200 print shop credit per candidate to ensure effective campaigning, and a \$400 scholarship per semester per senator (approximately \$8,800 per semester for a 22-member Senate, totaling \$17,600 for the academic year), recognizing that such scholarships are essential to incentivize student service; and,

**WHEREAS**, the election events have been scheduled with the following considerations:

- An SGA Election Campaign Event is proposed for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to serve as a town hall where candidates can present their platforms using their allocated print shop credits; and,
- Election Day is constitutionally mandated to occur on the last Friday of March (March 28, 2025), therefor the election will be held that day.

**WHEREAS**, proposed constitutional amendments seek to:

- Require the Election Committee to host an SGA Election Campaign Event annually,
- Permit part-time students to vote and run in SGA elections without the need for special approval, and
- Allow students to run for SGA President without prior SGA experience,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Student Government Association hereby:

1. Allocate the designated funds—\$200 per candidate for campaign materials and \$400 per semester per senator—to support a robust and effective election process.
2. Schedule the SGA Election Campaign Event for March 26, 2025, and ensure Election Day is observed on March 28, 2025, with further review on whether to combine these events or host them separately in compliance with constitutional requirements.
3. Pass all tabled SGA Constitution amendments with respect to easing election access

### Article II. Membership

1. Officers and senators must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
2. Officers ~~and senators~~ must maintain full-time student status.
3. Membership shall consist of all registered students who have paid activity fees to Minot



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### Article V. Elections

#### Section 1. Elections

1. Officers and senators shall be selected through election by the student body or through appointment for one-year terms.
2. **Full-time** Students enrolled at MSU, including candidates, may vote in SGA elections.
3. Candidates seeking any officer position must have served as a member of the Senate for one academic year or gain approval of the Senate.
4. Candidates may run for one Officer position and one Senator position but shall only hold one.
5. The interim between election and taking office shall serve as a mandatory training period.

6. Part time students may run for election to any senator position they otherwise qualify for pending approval by the senate on a case by case basis.

#### Section 6. Election Committee

1. The Election Committee shall be formed by the President in the spring semester.
2. The Election Committee shall facilitate the Spring Election before the final Friday in March.
3. This committee's charge shall be to:
  - a. Organize and facilitate the Spring General Election
  - b. Recommend and facilitate a Fall or Midterm General Election if necessary.
  - c. Facilitate and regulate nominations, campaigning, and the election process
  - d. May make recommendation to president to filling all vacancies in the Senate.
  - e. **Host an SGA candidate event the week of any SGA election that is held**
4. Membership shall include:
  - a. Chair: SGA Advisor
  - b. One Senator representing the College of Arts & Sciences.
  - c. One Senator representing the College of Education & Health Sciences.

- d. One Senator representing the College of Business.
- e. Two Senators representing the Senate at large.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Election Committee is directed to take the necessary actions to implement these measures in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Student Government Association.



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