

UASRA ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All candidates shall be any registered tenant (18 years and older) of University South at the time of the elections and through the term following the elections.
2. Candidacy statements, 200 words or fewer, must be submitted via email to the Chair **no later than 9:00 p.m. April 14th, 2017.**
3. By submitting a candidacy statement, the Candidate agrees to abide by and accept all the rules and regulations as set out here.
4. Candidates can only apply for one position.
5. Employees of UCLA Business Enterprises, UA/S or the Office of Residential Life cannot hold a UASRA officer or Unit Representative Position.
6. Descriptions for each open position are listed at: <http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/organization/forum/housing-associations/uasra/elections/>
7. To read the By-laws for each position visit: <http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/organization/forum/housing-associations/uasra/usara-governing-documents/>

CAMPAIGNING REGULATIONS

1. Each candidate is responsible for the actions of all people and organizations participating in his or her campaign.
2. Candidates shall only make or distribute factually accurate, non-defamatory, and non-disparaging statements and materials. Candidates shall not allow others to make or distribute on their behalf statements or materials in conflict with these election codes. Candidates shall not endorse those statements or materials that conflict with these election codes, ie liking a facebook post.
3. Candidates shall limit campaigning to those activities not prohibited by the current University Apartments South Resident Handbook.
4. Funds or other resources (including email accounts, credentials and contacts) of the UASRA may only be used in elections for nonpartisan purposes (such as the mechanics of the electoral process). Any violation of this rule may result in disqualification.
5. In order to have campaign flyers/posters approved for posting and distribution, candidates must submit their flyers to the Election Chair **no later than April 21st, 2017.** The Election Chair and UASRA President must approve and stamp ALL campaign flyers/posters. Digital campaign flyers, approved by the election chair, for non-representative positions will be posted to the UASRA website and Facebook page by the election chair. Flyers in UASRA/UAS management glass cases are not permitted (door to door distribution and boards in laundry rooms are allowed).
6. All flyers and public posts regarding the election shall be in English only.

7. All election communication, including conversations, by candidates shall be limited to discussing your platform. Any offer or trading of incentives or like items in exchange for votes is not allowed and violation may result in disqualification.
8. In alignment with the rules of the UASRA Facebook group, any negative posts by any member against a candidate are not allowed and will be taken down as soon as possible. During the election period the election chair and UASRA Advisor will have authority to determine which posts are in violation and to remove them. A designated election Facebook event page will be setup for all conversations pertaining to the election. Candidates are not allowed to campaign or participate in campaign conversations on the UASRA Facebook page.
9. Verified violations of any of these rules will result in disqualification following one warning from the election coordinator and/or UASRA advisor.

VOTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each registered Tenant 18 years or older of University South Apartments is permitted one ballot. UASRA election and voting will be online only. In the case of multiple ballots cast by one registered tenant, all of that tenant's ballots will be disqualified. If the Election Committee determines that a candidate cast multiple ballots, the candidate will be disqualified from the election.
2. Voting shall be by secret ballot. All voters must fill out and submit their own ballot. Candidates are not allowed to provide voters with digital devices in order to vote for them. Candidates must not be present or nearby when voters are casting their votes.
3. The winner will be the candidate with the largest number of votes cast for the office.
4. Voters can vote for only one candidate per position. If a voter votes for a unit representative that does not represent the unit they live in, or votes for multiple unit representatives, their votes for all unit representatives, including their own, will not be counted. However, their votes for general board members will be counted.
5. (In the event of a tie) A tie will be broken at the following General Assembly among the newly elected officers and Unit Reps by secret ballot overseen by the Election Committee.
6. The Residential Life Advisor shall retain all online ballots for thirty (30) days after the election or for thirty (30) days after all appeals have been adjudicated, whichever is later.

VIOLATIONS AND APPEALS

1. The Chair shall consider violations of these codes upon receipt of a formal complaint by ORL or any complaint made within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the election by email to the Chair or ORL Advisor.
2. Within two academic days of receipt of such notice as mentioned in Paragraph 1 of this section, the Chair and previously elected "Election Committee" shall meet to discuss the proposed violation. All decisions of the Committee shall be rendered by a majority vote.
3. The request for such a meeting shall be filed with the UASRA President.

4. The Committee's decision may be appealed to the General Assembly within three (3) academic days after the Committee's decision. If such an appeal is sponsored by two-thirds (2/3) of the registered General Assembly attendees (see Article IV of the UASRA Constitution), a special meeting of the General Assembly shall be called within two academic days to consider this appeal. The election ballots shall remain sealed until the UASRA reaches its decision.
5. In the event the Committee or the General Assembly with a 2/3-majority vote declares the election invalid, the ballots shall be destroyed without being unsealed. If the Committee or General Assembly does not declare the election invalid in accordance with this Section, the election results shall be final and binding. In the case of a candidate being disqualified through this process, the candidate with the next highest number of votes will be given the position, without declaring the entire election invalid.
6. The Chair has the power to impose any penalty she or he deems just and proper up to and including disqualification of the candidate subject to the appeal process above.

* Election Codes are subject to change with 2/3-majority approval of the General Assembly.