

SBA Elections for Academic Year 2016-2017

SBA Elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chairs (2), Student Senator¹ (1), 3L Representatives (4), and 2L Representatives (4) will be held from Wednesday, March 30th – Thursday, March 31st, 2016. If you are interested in running, please print a packet and complete all relevant steps explained in the attached rules. The packets are due on Thursday, March 24th at 4PM.

Important Dates:

Thursday, March 24th at 4PM – Packets are due in the Student Group Reimbursement Box by the lockers in Kushner Lounge (VH 110B). Personal statements are due via email (law.sba@nyu.edu), both by 5PM.

Friday, March 25th at 9:00AM – Campaigning Begins

Wednesday-Thursday March 30th & March 31st – Elections Held (online voting)

Friday, April 1st at 4PM – SBA Transition Ceremony

**Questions? Concerns? Email the Election Coordinator:
law.sba@nyu.edu**

¹ The Student Senator serves on the Student Senators Council with Senators from all of the NYU Graduate, Undergraduate and Professional Schools. Candidates for the Student Senator position must be available to attend weekly SSC/UCSL meetings on Thursday evenings from 4-8PM in addition to weekly SBA meetings. This is in order to represent the Law School within the NYU community. Meetings are generally held in the Kimmel Center.

Nomination Petition for SBA Positions

Name:

Signature:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

This petition applies to all candidates. **President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Social Chairs (2) require 50 signatures from eligible voters. Student Senator, 3L Representatives (4) and 2L Representatives (4) require 25 signatures from eligible voters.** The Student Senator represents the law school on the University Student Senate and is on the Executive Board of the SBA.

Students may sign petitions for more than one candidate for the same position. See election rules for who may sign petitions for each respective position.

Completed petitions **must** be returned to the Student Group Reimbursement box in Kushner Lounge (VH 110B) by **4PM, Thursday, March 24th**.

Along with the petition, candidates must submit a one-page statement and (optional) photograph via email. This statement and photo will be made available to the electorate. Photographs deemed inappropriate by the Elections Committee will not be made available to the electorate.

Please direct any questions and **send your personal statements** to the Election Coordinator at **law.sba@nyu.edu**.

Submission of a petition indicates knowledge by the candidate of all relevant election rules and an intention to abide by them. Copies of the SBA Constitution are available at: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/students/studentbarassociation/foundingdocuments/constitution/index.htm>.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, NOMINATE _

AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF _

Printed name:

Signature:

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Election Rules

Voting

All JD and LLM Students may vote for the SBA Officers on the Executive Board. Only current 2Ls may vote for the 3L representatives and only current 1Ls may vote for the 2L representatives.

Petitions

Completed petitions must be returned to the Student Group Reimbursement box in Kushner Lounge by **4PM on Thursday, March 24th 2016**. Students may sign petitions for more than one candidate for the same position. Candidates must sign the petition to evidence that they have read the election rules and understand that violation of the rules is grounds for disqualification.

Personal Statements

Candidates are also required to submit a personal statement via email to law.sba@nyu.edu. Personal statements for positions must be **no more than 500 words** in length. They can be as short as the candidate would like. Candidates may include a photo of themselves in the email for publication along with their personal statements. All of the personal statements and photographs will be made available to the student body before and during the election.

Posters

Candidates are allowed a maximum of four posters, each no larger than 11" by 14" (one each for Mercer, D'Agostino, Vanderbilt, and Furman). Candidates must follow each building's posting policy in Mercer and D'Agostino to post their posters. If candidates wish to share poster-space with other candidates, then their number of posters is correspondingly increased—i.e. two candidates who share all of their posters are permitted to post a maximum of 8

posters, with the same rules applying to location distribution; if two candidates produce two joint posters, then each candidate may also post three "solo" posters.

Phoning

Telephoning individual students is permitted. Telephoning students on behalf of a candidate is not permitted. Mass texting by, or on behalf of, a candidate is also not permitted.

Leafleting

Any form of leaf letting is **NOT** permitted.

Email

Emailing your friends to ask or remind them to vote for you is permitted. However, mass messages (defined as emails directed to 10 or more students) are **restricted to three times** during the campaign period. A Coases listserv or any other listserv posting constitutes one mass message. In sending mass emails, candidates must "cc" **law.sba@nyu.edu**. Note that all e-mails sent by, or reasonably interpreted to be on behalf of the candidate, count toward the limit, so please use sound judgment. A mass e-mail sent on a candidate's behalf will, at the discretion of the Election Committee, count towards the candidate's e-mail limit.

Parties

During the election period (from when petitions are available until after the election), candidates are NOT permitted to hold, or have held on their behalf, election parties. Election parties are defined by the SBA as those parties where candidates, or others in support of those candidates, post or distribute campaign materials, give a speech on behalf of any individual's candidacy, or where groups of 10 or more students gather to plan campaigning activities.

Facebook, Gmail, Twitter, NYU Listservs

Candidates **may** make their Facebook, Gchat, and Twitter (or equivalent) status messages reflect their candidacy. Candidates may create Facebook Groups, but Facebook Messages are governed by the same rules as mass messages for e-mails. Any mass message via e-mail or Facebook will count towards the 3 mass message limit. Wall postings do not count as messages, but please do not make multiple wall postings.

Chalking and Classroom Announcements

Candidates are permitted to chalk classroom boards once during the period leading up to the election. However, please be respectful of classroom decorum and mindful of other groups that use chalkboard space to advertise their events. Do not take up more space than is necessary. Additionally, should any campaign messages be deemed inappropriate by the Elections Committee, a candidate may be disqualified. Campaign messages, chalking, or announcements may be deemed inappropriate for referencing other candidates or individuals.

Classroom announcements are permitted, subject to the discretion of the professor. Please note that professors are **NOT** required to allow campaign announcements during class. Written permission for a classroom announcement must be received from the professor prior to class, and a copy of this must be submitted to the SBA via email at law.sba@nyu.edu. This will help ensure that the election process does not hinder the learning environment, which should always be the first priority for classroom activities during scheduled class times.

Violations

Any violation of these election rules may result in the disqualification of a candidate, whether the violation is performed by the candidate or by a candidate supporter. Complaints regarding violations should be submitted in writing and will be considered by

the Elections Committee. Complaints or questions should be emailed to **law.sba@nyu.edu**. The Election Committee has the final decision on election matters.

The Election Committee is comprised of all 3L and LLM students currently on the SBA.

Good luck!