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ARTICLE I. ELECTIONS

Section 1 Election Types

- a. General Elections – Yearly elections held at the end of each spring Semester to select the following Academic School Year’s SGA Officers;
- b. Student Trustee Elections – Yearly elections held in conjunction with General Elections, or when the Office of the Student Trustee is Vacant;
- c. Constitutional Referendums – Elections held as a result of the SGA Amendment Process;
- d. Student Fee Referendums – Elections held as needed to amend the kinds or amounts of specific student fees at MSJC;
- e. Initiative or Recall Referendums – Elections held as a result of the SGA Initiative or Recall Process.

Section 2 Initiation of Elections

- a. General Elections may be initiated by Approval of the SGA Legislature and can be held any time during the last six weeks of each spring Semester;
- b. Student Trustee Elections will be initiated simultaneously with General Elections, or by 2/3 Approval of the SGA Legislature if the MSJC Student Trustee Office is Vacant;
- c. Constitutional Referendums may be initiated via the Amendment Process found in Article XIX of the SGA Constitution;
- d. Student Fee Referendums may be initiated with Approval of the SGA Legislature;
- e. Initiative or Recall Referendums may be initiated via the Initiative or Recall Process found in Article XVIII of the SGA Constitution.

Section 3 Election Procedure

- e. Results of the balloting will be posted on the school website the Monday immediately following the election;
- f. In case of a tie, a runoff vote will take place within ten school days following the first election. The runoff election candidates must follow the procedures outlined in this document;
- g. Senator Seats will be filled by candidates receiving the highest number of votes, in descending order, for each type of Senator;
- h. The candidate receiving the most votes will fill all other positions.

ARTICLE II. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Section 1 Authority

The Elections Committee's only authority will be to conduct SGA Elections and enforce the SGA Election Code.

Section 2 Membership

The Membership of the Elections Committee shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- a. The Elections Committee shall consist of at least three members of the SGA Legislature and MSJC Student Body;
- b. No member of the Elections Committee may become an election candidate for SGA Office in the same Academic School Year;
- c. The Elections Committee shall be chaired by the Elections Commissioner, who shall be the Commissioner of Institutional Effectiveness or their appointee;
- d. The Elections Commissioner may vote in Elections Committee meetings if and only if their vote would break a tie;
- e.

- d. Has not held the SGA Office sought in two or more Academic Sessions, if a candidate to an SGA Office that is a voting member of the Executive Council;
- e. Be eligible to enroll into or have completed a college-level English class, if a candidate to an office that is a Voting Member of the Executive Council;
- f. Must attend at least one Candidate Orientation Meeting on either the San Jacinto Campus or the Meniffee Valley Campus;
- g. Must be available to attend mandatory SGA retreats and other training activities should they be elected;
- h. Comply with the standards, rules, and regulations of the SGA Election Code, Administrative Regulations, and Board of Trustees/District policies.

Section 2 Probation

A student who has been placed on academic or behavioral probation at MSJC will be ineligible for candidacy or appointment until one semester after he/she is reinstated as being in good standing.

Section 3 First Semester MSJC Students

Any first Semester MSJC student who does not have completed course work on their MSJC transcript will be exempt from all grade point average (GPA) qualifications.

Section 4 Other Requirements

For any additional requirements for candidacy, please refer to the corresponding year's Election Packets.

ARTICLE IV. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Write-in Candidates shall be defined as students who actively campaigns for

- f. Be exempt from the total campaign expense limit of \$250 as listed in Article

- f. Total expense for campaign materials per individual candidate must not exceed \$250, including all donated campaign materials;
- g. Any campaign materials not purchased will have their price estimated by the Elections Committee according to fair market value;
- h. No candidate may receive financial assistance from any college club or organization;
- i. No

- f. A form requiring the signatures of fifty (50) different students if a candidate

- i. If an alleged candidate is being investigated after the start of the voting, the

- h. There shall be no further opportunities to appeal any rulings related to Student Government Association Elections following the final decision by the Vice President of Student Services.

Section 3 All Other Appeals

Any appeals not related to a violation of the rules and regulations of this document by a candidate for SGA Office shall be covered by this section. Such cases will adhere to the following procedure:

- a. If the Elections Committee is suspected of a violation of procedure, or other students or parties are suspected of attempting to disrupt an SGA Election,