

ASCSI Student Senate Elections Packet Spring 2020



ASCSI Elections Introduction

Thank you for your interest in running for a student senate position! **As you go through this application, the last 3 pages will be March 20th, 2020, turned in or can be emailed to Hali1@CSI.edu by**

We are very excited for you in the upcoming days of the election. To make sure all candidates are aware of the election process, this elections packet contains the necessary information for a clear understanding campaign.

One significant item that all candidates need to be aware of is the mandatory meeting. The meeting will cover the basic information on elections week and what the Student Senate does for the student body. During this time, candidates are encouraged to ask questions about Student Senate and what it means to be a part of this student organization.

Finally, remember to be respectful to other candidates and always ask questions if you're unsure about something. Good luck!

Sincerely,

The ASCSI Student Senate

If you have any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding the election, other candidates, campaigning rules, broken rules, or voting procedures, please contact one of the following and they will contact you as soon as possible.

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Student Senate Office

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Student Senate Office

Candidate/Officer Eligibility and What to Expect

This year, the ASCSI Student Senate will need to fill 6 sophomore positions and 2 executive positions as president or vice president.

During Fall 2020, positions for Secretary and Treasurer will be available and voted upon within the 6 sophomores chosen.

To run as president or vice president you must have

- Experience in student congress.
- One semester experience in a parliamentary position, or experience in any standing council at CSI.

For all senate positions, candidates must be able to comply with the Constitution of the Associated Students of the College of Southern Idaho Senate, listed below.


- Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher to be considered for a position and maintain that 2.5 GPA or higher while enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits per semester.
- Maintain 4 office hours per week. (The executive office will keep 6 hours a week.)
- Attend regularly scheduled 3:15pm-6:00pm meetings weekly, date to be determined with current senate. (although most meetings will go much shorter than this).
- Special Senate meetings if needed.
- Attend and fulfill responsibilities for Senate sponsored activities.
- Fulfill assigned tasks and committed assignments.

Senator positions will be involved in one of these 6 standing councils:

- **Ambassadors Council**
- **Diversity Council**
- **Eagle Hall Council**
- **Interclub Council**
- **Program Board Council**
- **Sustainability Council**

In addition, incoming senators may also be involved in one of the following Senate entities: Public Relations, Sports and Rec, or Off Campus Centers.

Elections Timeline

<u>Event/Deadline</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mandatory Meeting	<u>Thursday, March 19th, 2020</u>	<u>3:00 P.M.</u>	Student Leadership Conference Room (Taylor SUB 233)
Application Packet Due	<u>Friday, March 20th, 2020</u>	<u>11:59 P.M.</u> <u>over email.</u>	Application located @ https://www.csi.edu/student-government/
Optional Candidate Profile & Campaign Speech Video			 Applications due to Hali1@csi.edu Send profiles to Hali1@csi.edu
Campaigning Begins (Online Social Media Campaigning with optional on-campus campaigning)	<u>Monday, March 30th, 2020</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	All CSI Campus: Twin Falls, Burley, Gooding, and Hailey vote.csi.edu
Voting Ballots Open	<u>Monday, March 30th, 2020</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	vote.csi.edu
Voting Ballots Close	<u>Friday, April 3rd, 2020</u>	<u>2:00 P.M.</u>	All CSI Campuses: Twin Falls, Burley, Gooding, and Hailey
Campaigning ends (Everything must be taken down by 6 P.M.)			
Results announced (over email)		<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	Your student email.

This will be the official timeline for the ASCSI 2020 Elections. All candidates are expected to adhere to the timeline. Please read through the timeline and make sure you will be able to follow all criteria. If you are unable to fulfill one of the items, please contact the elections committee Hali1@csi.edu

Campaigning Rules & Regulations

Please read all the following rules and regulations with an understanding that you will be held accountable for any violations. Any rules listed and not followed will be discussed by election committee.

Three-Strike Policy:

- ✓ **The elections will be ran using the three strikes policy.**
 - **Violation 1:** The candidate will be warned of their violation and the violation will be handled by the election committee. If not fixed in 24 hours, it will be counted as a 2nd violation.
 - **Violation 2:** The candidate will be warned a 2nd time and they will immediately cease all campaigning ability but will remain a declared candidate.
 - **Violation 3:** The candidate will be notified of their violation and their candidacy will be declared invalid.
- **Absolutely NO harassing of any student to vote during election days.**
- **Do not hang around the poll table when people are voting and campaign.**
- **Do not interfere with Eagle Hour.**

Mandatory Meeting:

- ✓ The mandatory meeting requires all interested candidates to be present
- ✓ You will be officially recognized as a candidate once the Declaration of Candidacy has been filled and turned in **March 20th, 2020.**
- ✓ If you absolutely cannot make this meeting, prior arrangements must be made with the ASCSI President, ASCSI Advisor, or Elections Committee Chair through written message.

Complaints/Concerns:

- ✓ Complaints or concerns regarding the election, other candidates, voting procedures, campaigning rules, broken rules, etc. are to be reported to the ASCSI Elections Head Hali1@Csi.edu

Campaign Budget/Supplies:

- ✓ Candidates may not purchase food items for campaigning. The only items to be handed out will be packaged candy or small items other than food.

Sidewalk Chalk:

- ✓ Sidewalk chalk is allowed and encouraged for campaigning. Do not write on sidewalks that are covered by awnings, trees, etc...Anything that prevents rain and/or sprinklers from reaching it to wash it off.
- ✓ You do not have to clean up following the rule above, because they will be washed off by maintenance with time.
- ✓ There is no limit to how much you write or how big of an area it covers.

Posters:

- ✓ **Posters must be hung where cork strips are provided!**
- ✓ **The Office of the Student Affairs must stamp all posters before they're hung.**
- ✓ Posters **must be free** from vulgar, discriminatory, indiscreet and is prohibited.
- ✓ **There is a limit of 2 posters per building that cannot exceed 2' x 2.**
- ✓ No candidate will be permitted to post over another candidate's signs or remove another candidate's signs.
- ✓ Posters displayed in Eagle Hall may be hung in public places only and not in the private sections of the dormitory.
- ✓ Only 10-yard signs with metal rods on CSI ground. (**Do not** post signs in the lawn without maintenance approval.)

Do not campaign with any methods that will be destructive to the CSI campus! Any violation that causes damage to the campus will result in result in automatic ineligibility and disciplinary action.

Social Media:

electronic reader boards, master calendars, campus marquees, and the student E-mail system cannot be used for campaigning.

- ✓ You can start using social media once campaigning officially begins
- ✓ All social media posts pertaining to the ASCSI elections must be vulgar/graphic free.
- ✓ Graphic posts shall be defined as: containing nudity, partial nudity, drugs, alcohol, unlawful, hateful, pornographic, violent, discriminatory, and sexually suggestive photos.

Be creative, be respectable, and have fun. Just reading this means you're willing to make a difference for your fellow students, so show it! Have fun!

Candidate Profile

Although not required, candidates are strongly recommended to submit a small profile about themselves. This profile will help show voters who the candidates are, what they look like, and what they are campaigning for. Please read the details below to get a good understanding of how to create your profile.

Biography:

The biography portion will be added to the online ballot. Voters will read a brief description based on who you are, why you're running, experience, etc. There is no exact way to write your biography, but rather addressing the criteria imperative to building your campaign. Your biography can be written at 500 words or less. The following guiding questions should help you build your profile, but are not required to be answered:

1. What type of extra-curricular activities have you participated in and what experience did you gain from them?
2. What experience do you have with parliamentary procedure?
3. Why do you wish to join to the Student Senate?
4. Any other important points that should be addressed?

Campaign Picture:

Your campaign picture is the most valuable tool you have. It gives students a chance to remember who you are and recognize you while you're on campus. Along with that, your picture will be displayed on the advertisement TV's, the eagle informs newsletter, and other aspects. We strongly recommend that you choose a picture that best reflects who you are as a student leader. The following points will help guide you to choose your picture.

1. Do not use a selfie since they are not very professional.
2. Consider using a picture that balances out your professionalism and your student side.
3. Keep your photo appropriate and free of inappropriate things.
4. Possibly include something CSI related to your photo.

Candidates that have not provided a bio or photo have proven to have receive fewer votes.

You will send your campaign profile to the current ASCSI Elections Chair Hali1@csi.edu instead of turning in a hard copy. Send to over email and we will take care of the rest.

Candidate Questions

We'd like to know more about you and your background. These questions will help us understand more about you as a person and your potential as a leader.

There are no right or wrong answers to this part. Be honest, if you have little to no experience that is totally fine.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

Leadership experience held in high school, class, community organizations, or work: _____

Awards:

Why do you wish to be a part of the Student Government? (At least 5 sentences)

ASCSI Declaration of Candidacy

The Declaration of candidacy will officially recognize you as a candidate for the ASCSI student senate and the position you are seeking.

I, _____ do hereby declare my official candidacy for the office of (circle or highlight position)

Senator.

Vice President.

President within the Associated Students of the College of Southern Idaho Student Senate.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Student ID Number: _____ Major _____

Email Address (Student Email) _____

Date: _____ Signature _____

This Section for Student Senate use only.

- The above-named student is in compliance with Article III and its sections/clauses of the ASCSI Constitution.

Current ASCSI Senator or Advisor

Elections Committee Chair