

ASI ELECTIONS FAQ-

Why did we have to complete a Run-Off election?

Most often, when there are 3 or more candidates running for a position, it is common that one candidate will receive a higher % of the votes than the others but they don't have a simple majority; thus, requiring a run-off vote. With runoff elections, the two candidates who receive the highest % of votes in the initial election participate in the run-off.

What's the 50% plus 1 policy?

Elections and most voting processes in ASI are based on a "simple majority" which means for a candidate to win they must receive a "simple majority" of votes (which is 50% of the votes plus one vote). Basically, the minimum has to equal 50% of total vote plus 1 vote. For example, if there are 10 voters, simple majority will be equal to 6 votes (50% (5 votes) + 1 (1 vote)).

Who's qualified to vote?

Only currently enrolled matriculated students (who are considered to be "active members" of ASI) are eligible to vote. Active members of ASI are students who have paid activities fees for the spring 2020 semester.

Why were some votes removed?

Votes were removed when the persons casting those votes (e.g. graduated students and/or staff and students who are not currently enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester).

When did the Elections Committee decide to conduct Run-Off Elections?

The Elections Committee has conducted Run-Offs for many years if none of the candidates received a simple majority vote (50% plus 1)

The Elections Committee did not institute this policy this year. However, we informed all candidates during the Mandatory Candidate Information Session about this policy. The Mandatory Candidates Meeting occurred on March 2nd and 3rd 2020, 3 weeks before the Initial Elections.

The Elections Code is a living document. Every year, we collect feedback after Elections and make recommendations to the ASI Board for potential revisions to the code. Moving forward, we acknowledge that there needs to be more written clarity about the definition of a "Simple-Majority" and we will make that recommendations to the Board of Directors for the next Election cycle.