



# **2017 RICE STUDENT ASSOCIATION SECOND ROUND ELECTIONS**

Nicky Joseph, Director of Elections 2017

Includes:

Petition (due Wednesday, March 8th at 11:59pm. in the  
Student Association Office, Next to Coffeehouse)

Campaign Rules and Summary

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*Student Association Internal Vice President, Student Association Treasurer,  
Honor Council Senior Class Rep, Honor Council Junior Class Rep, Honor  
Council Sophomore Class Rep, RSVP Chair, KTRU Station Manager*

## 2017 Second Round Elections Petition

We, the undersigned, nominate \_\_\_\_\_

for the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Candidate Signature:

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Candidate Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Phone

No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitions and campaign statements are due at 11:59 p.m. on March 8th, 2017. Please submit a

hard copy of your petition to the Student Association office next to Coffeehouse and an electronic copy of your campaign statement to the Director of Elections before the deadline.

Contact Director of Elections Nicky Joseph ([npj3@rice.edu](mailto:npj3@rice.edu)) with any questions or problems.

## Candidacy

Any member of the Student Association (as certified by the most recent class rolls of the Registrar) who is not currently on probation may run for office. In the case of Honor Council representatives, candidates cannot have been found in violation of the Honor Code. *Some offices, marked below with an asterisk, have additional requirements (refer to the SA Constitution and Bylaws and to the constitution and bylaws of the subsidiary organization, where applicable).*

### Amendments, Referenda and Initiatives

If a student or organization wishes to pass a referendum or an initiative, adjust the blanket tax, amend the SA Constitution or take any other action in the General Election, they are required to contact the Director of Elections ( Nicky Joseph (npj3@rice.edu) ) and Elections Committee Parliamentarian (Alejandra Gutierrez, ag94@rice.edu) before the petition deadline. The Student Senate will introduce any necessary legislation at its March 5th meeting and finalize the ballot at its March 20th meeting. Refer to the SA Constitution for specific information pertaining to amendments, referenda and initiatives.

### Positions in the 2017 Second Round Elections

Student Association Internal Vice President

Student Association Treasurer\*

RSVP Chair\*

KTRU Station Manager\*

Honor Council Senior Class Rep (4)

Honor Council Junior Class Rep (1)

Honor Council Sophomore Class Rep (1)

### Campaigning

The Election Committee will use email to contact candidates, so please check it on a regular basis. Please consult this document and Bylaw E of the SA Bylaws about information relating to campaigning. Honor Council candidates should also consult the constitution and bylaws of the Honor Council.

### Basic Information

- Polling will start March 27th at 8 p.m., and will end April 3rd at 8 p.m.. Results will be announced on the SA website and provided to student media blanket tax organizations.
- Position candidates may spend and will be reimbursed up to \$75 for campaign costs. Causes can spend up to \$250. Candidates will be reimbursed for their campaign costs, with receipts or other proof of purchase. **Candidates may not spend more than these amounts.**
- Candidates and causes will have the chance to write a 250-word campaign statement to be published on the SA website and submitted to the Thresher. Publication in the Thresher is at the sole discretion of the Thresher.
- Electronic campaigning, including Facebook and personal campaign websites, is allowed. **Campaign email from candidates or causes is prohibited.**

- Candidates and causes will have the chance to upload an optional election video to be published on the SA website and other SA electronic resources. For more information, see the section titled *Election Videos*.
- The Election Committee reserves the right to remove any campaign materials deemed inappropriate. Anyone campaigning on behalf of another person is also bound by this election code.
- The Election Committee reserves the right to remove any candidate found in violation of these rules with the consent of the Student Association Executive Committee.

### **Campaign Statements**

Candidates must include with their petition a campaign statement of not more than 250 words to be published on the SA website and submitted to the Thresher or a signed and dated statement affirming that they have chosen to waive their right to submit a campaign statement.

Representatives of causes and representatives of groups opposing those causes may also submit campaign statements, although the Election Committee reserves the right to limit, if necessary, statements published to one statement in favor of and one statement in opposition to each cause.

Corrections or modifications to campaign statements may be submitted to the Director of Elections until 9:00 p.m. on March 20th, but a candidate's decision to waive the right to submit a campaign statement cannot be rescinded. Candidates will be expected to submit a picture for the SA website.

A candidate's petition for inclusion on the ballot will be considered incomplete until a campaign statement or waiver is submitted. Campaign statements or waivers will not be accepted past the March 20th deadline without special permission from the Election Committee.

### **Election Timeline**

February 27th- Approve Timeline, Petitions open at 10 PM

March 8th- Petitions due at 11:59pm

March 20th- Approve Ballot, Campaign Begins

March 27th- voting begins, 8pm

April 3rd- voting closes, 8pm

April 4th- results announced

Please check <http://sa.rice.edu/general-elections/> for up-to-date information about the election.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact:

Nicky Joseph  
Director of Elections  
Chair, Election Committee  
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