



RICE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

2017 RICE STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS
TAYLAN TUNCATA, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
INFORMATION PACKET FOR CANDIDATES

Includes:

Petition (due Monday, February 13th at 11:59pm. in the
Student Association Office, Next to Coffeehouse)
Campaign Rules and Summary
Election Timeline

*Student Association President, Student Association Internal Vice President,
Student Association External Vice President, Student Association Secretary,
Student Association Treasurer, Honor Council Senior Class Rep, Honor
Council Junior Class Rep, Honor Council Sophomore Class Rep, Thresher
Editor-in-Chief, RSVP Chair, Rice Program Council President, Campanile
Editor-in-Chief, KTRU Station Manager, Rally Club President*

2017 Elections Petition

We, the undersigned, nominate _____

for the position of _____.

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Candidate Signature:

Candidate Email: _____ Candidate Phone

No.: _____

Petitions and campaign statements are due at 11:59 p.m. on February 13th, 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 (*tht1@rice.edu*) before the deadline. Electronic copies of petitions (which can be made via Google Docs or other word processors) can also be submitted instead of a hard copy, just as long as there are the necessary 25 unique Rice student signatures. These petitions can be submitted via email to the Director of Elections (*tht1@rice.edu*).

Contact Director of Elections Taylan Tuncata (*tht1@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 (Taylan Tuncata, tht1@rice.edu) and SA Parliamentarian (Annabelle McIntire-Gavlick, sapar@rice.edu) before the petition deadline, by 9:00pm on February 13th. The Student Senate will introduce any necessary legislation at its February 13th meeting and finalize the ballot at its February 20th meeting. Refer to the SA Constitution for specific information pertaining to amendments, referenda and initiatives.

Positions in the 2017 Elections

Student Association President	RSVP Chair*
Student Association Internal Vice President	Rice Program Council President*
Student Association External Vice President	Campanile Editor-in-Chief*
Student Association Secretary	KTRU Station Manager*
Student Association Treasurer*	University Court Chair
Honor Council Senior Class Rep (4)	Rally Club President
Honor Council Junior Class Rep (4)	Honor Council Sophomore Class Rep (4)
Thresher Editor-in-Chief*	

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 February 27th at 8 p.m., and will end March 6th 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. If you are running for Student Association President position specifically, you may spend and will be reimbursed up to \$100 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 February 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 February 13th deadline without special permission from the Election Committee.

Election Timeline

February 6th/9:00pm--Announcement and Petitions Available

February 13th/11:59pm--Petitions Due to SA Office (within Elections Packet)

February 20th/9:00pm--Ballot Approved

February 20th/10:00pm--Campaigning begins (usually about an hour after ballot approval)

Debate is sometime during this time

February 27th/8:00pm--Election period begins (at least one week)

March 6th/8:00pm--Election period ends

March 7th--Election 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:

Taylan Tuncata

Director of Elections
Chair, Election Committee
tht1@rice.edu