

Hillel at Emory University
Presidential Election
Policies and Procedures

- I - Composition of the Electorate
- A) Students eligible to cast a ballot in the Emory University Hillel Presidential Election must meet the following criteria
- a. A Student must be a subscriber to the Hillel at Emory e-mail list-serve and/or LearnLink Conference as of a designated date
 - i. The designated “cut-off” date by which students must be a part of the list-serve or Conference in order to be eligible to vote will come 14 days prior to the announced candidates meeting for those students wishing to pursue the Office of President.
 - ii. All students who attend Emory Hillel events or programs will be added to this list.
 - iii. Students are also able to register for this list-serve or Conference online on their own
- II- Declaring One’s Candidacy for the Office of President
- A) Students wishing to declare candidacy for the Office of President must attend the candidates meeting held approximately fifteen (15) days prior to election day
 - B) Interested candidates must then return a signed copy of this election Policies and Procedures form reflecting an oath to abide its tenets within four days of this meeting.
- III- Policies Governing Campaign Activities
- A) Candidates may not engage in any sort of campaign activities prior to the designated 10-day campaign period
 - B) On midnight of the first day of the campaign period candidates may begin posting fliers in Residence Halls. The first day of the campaign period will occur five days after the candidates meeting.
 - C) The posting of any fliers at any time must comply with policies and the approval process of the Office of Residence Life and Housing
 - D) In addition to candidate’s signed copy of the elections code, candidates will be asked to submit a brief written statement of biography and platform to the sitting Hillel President(s).
 - E) This statement of biography and platform will be sent, along with those of all candidates, via the “All Hillel” e-mail list-serve. This will be candidate’s one and only opportunity for publicity via this list-serve
 - F) No campaigning (i.e. posting fliers, speaking to groups) may occur during the hours of 6:00 PM Friday evening – 8:00 PM Saturday evening out of respect for the Sabbath. The lone exception to this policy shall be during a Hillel-organized Friday night dinner at which all candidates will be honored and be given an opportunity to address those in attendance.
 - G) All campaign activity must cease by midnight on Election Day.

- H) No candidates or surrogates may solicit votes in any manner during Election Day.
- I) Candidates will be given one opportunity to formally address attendees at a Hillel-sponsored event. Candidates are asked not to formally speak or draw attention to their candidacies at other Hillel-sponsored programming.
- J) Candidates may not reference their opponents in any written, verbal, or other campaign materials. Negativity of any kind will not be tolerated.
- K) Candidates may not spend more than \$150 on campaign-related activities and materials. Candidates will be asked to keep hold of receipts from purchases in case any issues arise.
- L) An elections committee will be established to clarify any questions and address any candidate concerns during and before the Election Period. The committee's contact information will be made available to candidates.
- M) All concerns will be resolved via a 2/3-majority vote of this committee. This includes any violation of the aforementioned rules. Said violations may result in a disqualification as decided by the elections committee.

IV- Results and Election Day

- A) Voting will occur via an online system.
- B) On Election Day, Hillel at Emory Program Director will send a link to the voting application to all eligible voters.
- C) The threshold for victory is a simple majority of votes (50% +1)
- D) If no candidate garners a simple majority of votes, a run-off shall be conducted between the top two vote-garnering candidates
- E) No dual candidacies (i.e. Co-Presidents) shall be allowed to register for the Presidential Election.
- F) The winner of the election will be publicized via the Emory Hillel online Conference and List-Serve.

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Candidate's Signature

Candidate's Name (PRINT)

Signing above affirms an understanding and commitment to the aforementioned policies and procedures.