Elections in the Student Assembly are governed by Article XVII of the SUNY Board of Trustees policies, and Section 6 of the Student Assembly Bylaws. This document is meant to serve as a helpful, one-page summary of the policies surrounding the election process, but is not a replacement for reading those policies directly. Please read through our governing documents carefully, and reach out to Parliamentarian Bennett (chester.bennett@sunysa.org) with any questions. Governing Documents: (link)

Requirements
- All officers of the Student Assembly must be students at a SUNY institution
- Candidates for the Executive Board must have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Candidates for the Executive Committee must have at least a 2.0 GPA
- Candidates must be present during all elections procedures
- Must be nominated by a delegate to the General Assembly (or a representative on the Executive Committee for special elections)

Process
- May be nominated in advance, or on the floor. Once the floor closes for nominations, it will not open again.
- All elections use a secret ballot, top-two run-off system. Delegates in the General Assembly (or representatives in Executive Committee special elections) may vote for one candidate, and if no candidate receives a majority, the top two candidates go onto a second round of voting.
- Each candidate will have the opportunity to give a three minute speech
- There will be an opportunity to ask candidates questions. Questions and answers must be under one minute. All questions must apply to every candidate for the same position, and every candidate will get a chance to reply to each question.
- Any disputes are settled by the Rules Committee

Campaign
- Candidates cannot use state, SUNY, or SUNYSA resources to campaign, including SUNYSA emails or email lists.
- Candidates cannot slander or libel other candidates, or destroy other candidates campaign materials.
- Candidates must get permission to use anyone's likeness or image in campaign materials.