

2022-2023 ECOS Executive Elections Important Information

Upon reading this, you have decided to run for an ECOS position. Please keep the following in mind:

- You must be in good academic standing, with at least a 3.0 minimum GPA. You must provide the Elections Committee with an unofficial academic transcript for verification.
- Candidates are advised to review the duties of each office as well as the ECOS Constitution as a whole.
- Rules for elections and campaigning will be reviewed with all candidates on **March 6th in-person at 5:00 pm at the Declaration of Candidacy**. The location is TBD and will be released to all candidates at a later date. This is a **required meeting** for all candidates. If you do not attend this meeting, you will not be able to run for the 2022-2023 Executive Council. (ecoselections@eckerd.edu)
- The Election Committee also has an instagram account up (@ecoselections). If you would like to, you may include in your application a video that is up to a minute long, describing who you are, what position you are running for, and why. We will then post that on the @ecoselections page as a way for students to learn more about you and your campaign.
- The Election Committee *will* print each candidate's platform for posting on the ECOS window and at the polls. Please submit with your application an emailed copy of your platform to ecoselections@eckerd.edu prior to declaration.
- The following is a list of important dates:
 - March 6th Completed Intent Packets Due at 5:00
 - March 6th Declaration of Candidacy at 5:00pm meeting place will be front of ECOS
 - Campaigning begins immediately following the declaration
 - March 10th Debate Time 6-8 PM at Fox Hall
 - March 11th Elections Begin at 12:00PM
 - March 18th Elections End at 12:00 PM

Please feel free to contact any member of the Elections Committee with questions you have concerning the election process (Contact information will be provided at the March 6th meeting). Until then, please contact me with any immediate questions at: ecoselections@eckerd.edu

Good luck to all candidates!
ECOS Elections Committee 2021-2022

Eckerd College Organization of Students

2021-2022 Academic Year
Executive Council Elections
Declaration of Candidacy

Part I: Background Information

Please print clearly the following information:

Name: _____

Campus Box #: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

House/Room or off-campus address: _____

Present Classification (circle one):

First Year Sophomore Junior Senior

Major: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____ (minimum GPA requirement of 3.0 – Please attach an unofficial academic transcript.)

Desired Position: _____

Co-Curricular Activities/Experience

(Please only list activities and experience that is in relation or relevant to the position you are running for)

Activity/Experience Position(s) Held Term of Involvement

Part II: Platform

Please attach your platform to your application

In your platform, you need to address:

- ❖ Why you are seeking this position
- ❖ What goals you have, upon being elected for the position
- ❖ What you would like to see changed in the current performance of the position
- ❖ What personal talents, qualities and strengths you would bring to the position.

Part III: Agreement to Campaign Rules

As provided in the Election Committee by Law, each candidate is required to agree to abide by all campaign rules (reproduced in the election packet). Please read over these rules, and sign the following statement.

I have read the rules governing the elections of the Eckerd College Organization of Students and agree to abide by these rules and the decisions of the Election Committee as a candidate for an ECOS office.

Signature

Date

Thank you for your interest in running for an ECOS Executive Council Position. Please return your completed application along with your GPA and transcripts to the elections committee ecoselections@eckerd.edu

Best of Luck!

Position Descriptions

President -

The President's primary function is to preside over and chair the Executive Council, uphold and preserve the Constitution of ECOS, be the principal representative of ECOS in all matters and functions. Duties include appointing various positions, creating and filling any position or committee deemed necessary for the general well-being of ECOS, subject to the approval of the Student Senate, and making a State of the ECOS address to the student body at the beginning of each academic year. The President has the right to veto ECOS laws, ECOS resolutions, and other legislation passed by the Student Senate within ten days, assume any other Executive Council position in the case of a temporary absence, temporarily appoint any Executive Council position in the case of a permanent absence until an election can be held, and create new appointed positions and committees as seen fit.

Executive Vice President

The Executive Vice President's primary function is to assume the duties of the President in the case of a temporary vacancy, assist the President in the operation and administration of the Executive Branch, call and preside over all meetings of the Student Senate, and oversee the operation of all the ECOS clubs. Their duties include voting in the case of a tie within the Student Senate, setting the agenda for Senate meetings, and intervene when club leadership is failing. They have the right to create and fill any positions necessary for the operation of the clubs or the Student Senate and determine committee assignments for the Senators.

Vice President of Academic Affairs

The primary function of the VPAA is to manage issues of academic affairs on behalf of the student body. Duties include chairing the Academic Affairs Committee, making an address concerning the college's academic state at least once a semester to the Student Senate, keeping close association with all academic-related committees, and meeting regularly with the Dean of Faculty to discuss academic issues if necessary. They are a voting member of the College Program Series Committee and assume temporary office of the President in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

Vice President of Financial Affairs

The primary function of the VPFA is the creation, management, and presentation of all the ECOS budgets in conjunction with the Financial Affairs Committee. Duties include chairing the Financial Affairs Committee, maintaining an accurate record of the funds of the ECOS, and submitting a written report to all clubs and organizations informing them

of their financial status at the beginning of the spring semester and upon request. They have the authority to inquire about or reject transactions that seem inappropriate, and act on behalf of the President in the absence of the President, Executive Vice President, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Vice President of Student Engagement

The primary function of the VPSE is to create channels of communication between ECOS and the student body to increase engagement. Duties include chairing the Student Engagement Committee, aid the President in the selection of some related appointments, interpreting and presenting information from the student body to the Executive Council, Overseeing the coordination of the Eckerd media, working with WECX, The Current, and the ECOS webpage to inform the student body. They will act on behalf of the President in the Absence of the President, Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the Vice President of Financial Affairs.

Rules for Elections

1. Elections will be held on campus and/or on the Eckerd College Internet (EC Web) for the 2021-2022 ECOS Executive elections.
2. Each student will only be allowed to vote once.
3. Elections days are March 11th-March 18th Voting will end at 12:00PM on Friday, March 18th.
4. The candidate with the most votes for each position will be elected for the incoming ECOS Executive Council.
5. In the case of a tie, run-off candidates have extra days to campaign prior to the run-off election. These days will be determined at a later date.
6. There are no write-in votes allowed in the elections.

Rules for Campaigning

1. Candidates are responsible for informing the student body about their candidacy, including the publication of their platforms in *The Current*. A complete publication of all candidates' platforms will be made available outside the ECOS office following the end of the Declaration of Candidacy period.
2. Campaigning may begin following the meeting with the Elections Committee on March 6th after 5:00pm.
3. Candidates may spend up to \$50.00 on their campaign and must keep all of their receipts for verification.
4. Candidates will be reimbursed up to \$10 on any campaign purchase, single transaction only.
5. All campaign posters are limited to the size of poster board (22 inches by 28 inches).
6. There is to be no campaigning on the sidewalks in chalk.
7. The use of the wooded area between ITS and the Bookstore/Mailboxes is reserved for the Elections Committee.
8. Candidates are encouraged to run clean campaigns. Anyone slandering or libeling his or her opponents runs the risk of being disqualified for the race (at the discretion of the Elections Committee).
9. All individual social media promotion has to be through an ECOSinstagram account, no individual posts allowed.
10. Clubs and organizations may sponsor candidates subject to additional rules.
11. There is to be no campaigning within a visible thirty feet of the ECOS office.
12. Neither candidates nor their supporters should damage or remove another candidate's campaign signs. Please notify your supporters- you could be disqualified if they ruin someone's signs. You are held responsible.
13. Do not post anything on the sidewalks.
14. No posters are allowed inside classrooms.
15. You may not deface any college or personal property.
16. Posters/signs may be hung on the bulletin boards inside the residence halls, but on the insides of no other buildings.

17. All candidates are responsible for the removal of their campaign materials. If you do not take them down, Facilities have the right to bill you for their removal.
18. The above rules are limited and are not all-inclusive. The Elections Committee has discretion to allow or disallow any rules not already specified.

The Elections Committee has discretionary power to determine and impose penalties based on the deliberate violation of these rules. Any candidate not adhering to the aforementioned rules is subject to sanctions and/or expulsion from ECOS elections.

Posting Policy: 2022-2023

In recognition of the rights and members of the Eckerd College community to advertise events, protest peacefully, and express opinions, while at the same time maintaining an attractive campus, posters and/or signs may be hung on campus only in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Material such as posters, flyers or signs must be approved by Campus Activities and be posted in pre-approved locations.
2. The name of the person(s) or recognized College organization responsible must appear on the poster.
3. All material must be removed within 48 hours after the scheduled event, with the understanding that the sponsoring group is responsible for the removal. If posters are not removed by the responsible organization or persons before the 48 hours, Facilities Management may charge the person(s) or group for removal.
4. All posting material are to be created in good taste; they do not involve the use of obscenities; and they are not slanderous or malicious; or crude or include nudity lacking in artistic merit.
5. The hanging of the material involves no defacement of College or personal property.
6. Posters are only to be hung on bulletin boards and free-standing kiosks. No material may be attached to windows, painted surfaces, nor can sidewalks be defaced. (This includes the prohibiting of the use of chalk crayon or markers etc.)

7. The use of washable chalk on sidewalks is permitted only in the academic areas with the prior approval of the Associate Dean of Students for Campus Activities.
8. The use of washable chalk is permitted on the residential side of campus on sidewalks only. Any sidewalk chalk drawing must be created in good taste; should not involve obscenities; and should not be slanderous or malicious; or crude or include nudity lacking in artistic merit. The College reserves the right to have any chalk drawings removed at any time at the cost of the students residing in the complex where the chalk has been drawn.
9. The posters or signs may be hung on the bulletin boards inside the residence halls or designated buildings. Under special circumstances, post will be allowed in other locations with prior approval from the Dean of Students.
10. Advertising shall not promote the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Promotional material, including advertising for any college social event, shall not make reference to, or include symbols related to alcohol or drugs.