ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

A. Eligible candidates for President, Vice President of Student Affairs and Vice-President of Academic Affairs shall be persons who are officially registered at Grinnell College as students, who are at least second-semester sophomores, plan to be on campus for the length of the term of office, and will not concurrently be a Grinnell College Student Advisor, Hall Wellness Coordinator, or Campus Council Senator.

B. Only those eligible candidates who have filed statements before Election Board’s deadline will be official candidates. Official candidates will be included on the ballot and are allowed to participate in the publicity sponsored by Election Board. This publicity includes the Open Forums set up by Election Board.

C. SGA Senators, Cabinet members, Election Board members, SGA standing committee chairs, and Student Staff are prohibited from distributing campaign materials directly to students or giving written endorsements in their official capacity. (i.e. using mailing lists or hall councils). Any Senator or Cabinet member who violates this by-law will be eligible for impeachment proceedings.

D. Campaign materials are not allowed on any doorframe of the campus dining hall, anywhere in the campus mail room, any doors or windows of non-residential buildings on campus, any dormitory loggias, and may not be distributed in a campus dining hall or in any space where a class is in session. Candidates forfeit their status as official candidates if they are involved in any way in the violation of this by-law. Candidates are responsible for the removal of all of their campaign materials at the end of the election.

E. Election Board may request that a candidate remove any printed materials it believes may be libelous and retract any statement it believes may be slanderous. In order to be libelous or slanderous, a statement must be false.

F. As part of cos application, every candidate shall submit a statement of no longer than 100 words, in addition to their statement of intent, to support their candidacy. This 100-word statement shall be publicized by Election Board through student media, such as the S & B.

G. Elections shall take place in a single round of voting. Eligible voters will rank candidates (including write-ins, votes of no confidence, and unanswered ballots) in their order of preference. Election Board shall tabulate the vote in accordance with established procedure regarding preferential voting.

H. There shall be no runoff elections except in the case of a tie. In any subsequent runoff elections, a simple majority will be required among the candidates advancing to the runoff.

I. The Total Votes cast in an Executive Election shall be defined as the total number of non-empty ballots.