

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



THE SENATE

Senate Resolution 01-2026
Elections Handbook Amendment No. XX
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Resolution

Amending the USG Elections Handbook to move up the dates of the Winter Election Cycle

Summary:

This amendment to the USG Elections Handbook would move up the dates of the Winter Election Cycle to prevent them from conflicting with Thanksgiving break to increase participation in elections from both candidates and voters by giving students more time on campus to engage with the election cycle.

Digest:

- **Section 1** amends Section 701 of the Election Handbook
- **Section 2** amends Appendix C to be in line with the amended version of Section 701

EXPLANATION—Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter with ~~strikethrough~~ is material to be omitted.

Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT 1 TO ELECTIONS HANDBOOK

In the Elections Handbook, Section 304 is amended to read as follows:

§ 701. Voting Period

(a) START OF VOTING.—

(1) PRE-SCHEDULED TIME.—The start of voting is a pre-scheduled time.

(2) TIMING.—

(A) FALL.— During the fall election cycle, the start of voting shall occur on a date no earlier than the fourth Monday after Labor Day and no later than October 22.

~~(B) WINTER.—During the winter election cycle, the start of voting shall occur on a date no earlier than the sixth Monday after the end of the fall recess and no later than the first Monday of December.~~

(B) WINTER.—During the winter election cycle, the start of voting shall occur on a date no earlier than the third Monday after the end of the fall recess and no later than the third Monday of November.

(C) SPRING.—During the spring election cycle, the start of voting shall occur on a date no earlier than the fourth Monday after the end of the spring recess and no later than April 21.

(3) RECESS SCHEDULING PROHIBITED.—The first day of voting may not occur during an academic recess.

(b) END OF VOTING.—

(1) PRE-SCHEDULED TIME.—The end of voting is a pre-scheduled time.

(2) TIMING.—The end of voting shall occur 48 hours after the start of voting.

(c) CEM ACTIONS.—

(1) ENSURING ABILITY TO VOTE.—The Chief Elections Manager shall ensure that each eligible undergraduate may vote at any time after the start of voting and before the end of voting.

(2) PUBLICITY.—On the first day of voting, the Chief Elections Manager shall publish information about how to vote

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT 2 TO ELECTIONS HANDBOOK

In the Elections Handbook, Appendix C is amended to read as follows:

APPENDIX C—SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS

In general (for fall, winter, and spring election cycles):

Scheduled event	Earliest date/time	Latest date/time
First day of election cycle (§ 201)	<i>Fall:</i> Exactly 7 days before the candidate registration deadline <i>Winter and Spring:</i> Exactly 5 days before the referendum proposal submission deadline	
Elections open houses* (at least 1) (§ 202)	First day of election cycle	Candidate registration deadline
Candidate registration deadline* (§ 203)	7 days before the first day of campaigning	3 days before the first day of campaigning
First day of campaigning† (§ 205)	10 days before the first day of voting	7 days before the first day of voting
Beginning of ballot review period* (§ 207)	The fourth day of campaigning	
End of ballot review period (Last time to request a ballot change)* (§ 207)	Exactly 24 hours after the beginning of the ballot review period	
Expenditure report deadline* (§ 208)	The fourth day of campaigning	The day before the first day of voting
First day of voting* (§ 701)	<i>Fall:</i> The fourth Monday after Labor Day <i>Winter:</i> The fourth Monday after the end of the fall recess <i>Winter:</i> The third Monday after the end of the fall recess <i>Spring:</i> The fourth Monday after the end of the spring recess	<i>Fall:</i> October 22 <i>Winter:</i> The first Monday in December <i>Winter:</i> The third Monday in November <i>Spring:</i> April 21

End of voting (§ 701)	Exactly 48 hours after the beginning of voting	
Amended expenditure report deadline (§ 208)	The end of voting	The day after the last day of voting
Complaint deadline (§ 601)	Exactly 48 hours after the end of voting	
Scheduled election results announcement (§ 706)	48 hours after the end of voting	2 days after the last day of voting

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Following a majority vote of approval by the Senate, this Resolution becomes effective immediately, in accordance with §1102 of the Senate Constitution.

Approved _____, 2026.

Members in Favor __: ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____,
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