



Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in serving your peers through student government at Colorado College! We are delighted that you are considering running for office. This letter is designed to provide you with some useful background information on the student government here at CC and the process for running for office.

The Colorado College Student Government Association (CCSGA) is the student government at Colorado College. We are the voice of CC students, responsible for receiving and responding to student concerns, recognizing and chartering student groups, advocating for CC students through local government and college administration, and funding student organizations and student led campus events through a budget which exceeds \$350,000. We are organized through four standing Commissions: the Student Finance Commission, the Outreach Commission, the Student Concerns Commission, and the Constitution Commission.

Each year the CCSGA conducts three elections. During Block One, we elect nine district representatives and four at-large representatives. These thirteen individuals make up the Full Council. The four at-large representatives serve on the Student Finance Committee, and the eight district representatives serve on one of the three other Committees. During Block Six, we elect the five incoming members of Executive Council, including the student body president. Additionally, during sometime in the Spring we conduct the election for the Student Trustee position. Although unaffiliated with CCSGA, the Student Trustee advocates for students among the ultimate decision makers of the College.

So why run? Through CCSGA, you can contribute to the "campus-wide development of an enriching college experience." *CCSGA Constitution*, preamble. Student government at the collegiate level allows you to make real impact for your peers. We are excited for your interest in running for CCSGA, and wish you the best of luck in the upcoming election!

Sincerely,

Nathan Lee
Student Body President

Elliot Mamet
Constitutional Vice President

Election Commissioners, approved 9/4/2012:

From CCSGA:

Nathan Lee '13 (non-voting member)
Pat Knecht '13
Elliot Mamet '15
Stanley Sigalov '13
Charis Whitnah '13

From Honor Council:

Virginia Logue '15
Maria Buckmiller '15
Mollie Hayden '14
Ariana Glantz '13
Abby Fink '13

Timeline:

- Wednesday, September 5th: Election recruitment shall begin.
- Thursday, September 13th at 12:15pm: Mandatory meeting for all candidates.
- Thursday, September 13th at 5pm: Campaigning begins.
- Thursday, September 20th: Election day. Ballot sent out around 8am. Polls close at 7pm. Results announced ASAP via FLASH-ALL and on CCSGA website.
- Friday, September 21st at 7pm: Deadline for filing an appeal with the Election Commission.
- Monday, September 24th: Run-off election date (tentative).

Contact:

The official contact line for election personnel is CCSGA@ColoradoCollege.edu.
Questions or complaints should be sent to that address.

Election Rules

The election of the 2012-2013 CCSGA Full Council shall be held online on Thursday September 20th, 2012. All students of Colorado College will receive an electronic ballot via email from the CCSGA on Thursday morning. Voting closes at 7pm. Each student will be able to vote for one candidate for their district, and one candidate at-large. The following are the official election rules. These rules are issued in accordance with the CCSGA Constitution.

1. Election Timeline. The election of the 2012-2013 CCSGA Full Council shall be held on Thursday September 20th, 2012. All students of the Colorado College shall receive an electronic ballot via email from the CCSGA at approximately 8:00AM on Thursday September 20th. Voting shall close at 7pm. Votes received after 7:00PM shall not be counted.
2. Election Commission. The election shall be administered by an impartial election commission. The Election Commission must be comprised of members who have not, in any way, endorsed, plan to endorse or campaign on behalf of any candidate. *CCGSA Constitution* art. V § B. Appointments to the Election Commission shall be approved by Executive Council. *Ibid*. The Election Commission may consist solely of members of Executive Council. *Ibid*.
3. Election Districts. Students will be electing four at-large representatives, two off-campus representatives, and one representative for the following districts: Loomis, Slocum, Mathias, Bemis/McGregor, Western Ridge Apartments, East Campus Small Houses, West Campus Small Houses.
4. Election Qualifications.
 - a. All candidates must reside in the district they intend to represent.
 - b. All candidates must be students in good academic standing with the College.
 - c. All candidates must plan to be enrolled as a student and studying on campus during fall semester 2012 and spring semester 2013. However, candidates shall not be required to be enrolled as a full-time student during that time.
5. Campaign Finance. No campaign shall use more than \$40 in private campaign resources.
 - a. "Private campaign resources" shall be defined as any expenditure or private donation used to campaign for the 2012-2013 CCSGA Full Council election.
 - b. All private campaign resources shall be reported to the Election Commission by gam on Thursday, September 20th. All receipts must be submitted to the Worner Center Desk by gam on Thursday, September 20th. The Election Commission shall reserve the right to disqualify any candidate who discloses private campaign resources in an inaccurate or untimely way.
 - c. Any personal printing shall be disclosed at a rate of .10¢/page.

- d. Public campaign resources shall not be limited in use by these Rules. "Public campaign resources" shall include, but shall not be limited to printing campaign information from a public College printer or using chalk from the Worner Center desk.
6. College policy and procedure. All campaigning shall conform to Colorado College policy and procedure, including but not limited to the student policy and procedure outlined in the *Pathfinder*.
7. Worner Box Campaigning. Use of Worner Boxes or other Colorado College mailroom facilities to campaign shall be prohibited.
8. Posters. Posters shall not be hung in facilities operated by Bon Appetit. Posters shall not be hung on the Televisions in Worner Campus Center. Posters may be hung in other College buildings. Candidates are advised to check with individual RLCs before campaigning in any on-campus housing building.
9. Election Day. All campaign material shall be removed from the Worner Campus Center by 11:59PM on Wednesday September 19th 2012.
10. Penalty and Disqualification. The Election Commission reserves the ability to penalize and/or disqualify any candidate for violation of the CCSGA Constitution and/or these Rules. *CCSGA Constitution* art. V § A.
 - a. Consultation. The Election Commission shall consult with the CCSGA advisor prior to disqualifying any candidate.
 - b. Due Process. All candidates shall be entitled to due process as their case is considered and decided by the Election Commission. All candidates shall be entitled to testify for the Election Commission.
 - c. Appeals. Any student wishing to challenge an election shall submit his or her complaint in writing to the Election Commission within 24 hours after the election closes. The complaint shall include a meaningful remedy in response to the alleged wrong. The Election Commission shall investigate all complaints. After the investigation, the Election Commission shall be responsible for deciding what actions, if any, shall be taken. The decision of the Election Commission shall be final.
11. Transparency. Decisions of the Election Commission shall be posted online.
 - a. By majority vote, the Election Commission shall be entitled to withhold sensitive or personal information from disclosure.
12. Write-in Candidates. There shall be no write-in candidacy for this election.
13. Winners. The Winners shall be announced online and via flash-all email.
 - a. The four at-large candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared winners. There shall be no runoff election for at-large candidate.
 - b. The two off-campus representatives receiving the most votes shall be declared winners. There shall be no runoff election for off-campus representative.
 - c. For the positions not described in §12 a-b, candidates will be declared as winners if they receive more than 50% of the vote. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, a run-off election shall be held on Monday, September 24th.