GSS 2020 Election Schedule

The following is an outline of the election schedule for President and Vice President of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) to serve during the 2019-20 term. In order to protect the integrity of the election process, the Senate will use a Google Form to facilitate voting. Individuals must be logged into their UT Google account (netID and password) in order to vote. Each email address will have the opportunity to vote only once.

February 24, 2020 - The GSS will send out an announcement to all graduate and professional students to invite them to express interest in running for office. Interested parties should email Secretary Simon Rotzer (gss3@utk.edu) with the following information:

- Your name
- Your Department
- Position for which you would like to run (either President or Vice President)
- Your leadership experience (including GSS service)
- Short statement of intent (i.e. explain to the electorate why you would like to be elected).

March 18, 2020, 5:00 pm - Deadline for interested students to announce their intention to run for office. Note: This deadline is during spring break, so interested parties are encouraged to submit their intent to run prior to travel.

March 23, 2020 - Voting opens. All graduate and professional students will be emailed with a link to the Google Form Ballot including candidate statements. The voting link will also be posted on the GSS website (gss.utk.edu).

March 30 - April 3, 2020 - Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW). This week is a celebration of all graduate and professional students. Candidates are encouraged to attend as many events as possible to meet voters.

April 1, 2020 - Picnic in the Park. This is the official event for candidates to meet other graduate and professional students as well as campaign.
April 3, 2020 5:00 pm - Voting concludes.

April 6, 2020, 9:00 am - All candidates will be notified of the election results. Note: This is the *latest* that the election results will be disseminated. Every effort will be taken to ensure that candidates are notified as soon as possible after the election period closes.

April 6, 2020 - All graduate and professional students will be notified of the election results via the GSS website, GSS social media platforms, and departmental senator communications.

April 14, 2019 - Last Senate Meeting of the academic school year. This meeting will serve as the transition ceremony between the old and new executive leaders. Note: All candidates should be aware of this date at the onset of their candidacy to ensure that they are able to attend the transition ceremony if elected.