Court Selection

OVERVIEW
Stephen F. Austin students have the opportunity to compete for a position on the Homecoming Court. Students are represented by various student organizations, or can run as an independent candidate with at least 25 SFA student signatures.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION
- Organizations will receive one free application. Additional applications cost $25.00 each. Each payment is due along with the application. Please make checks out to SFA.
- All candidates must attend a MANDATORY meeting unless they have made arrangements with the Associate Director of Student Engagement BEFORE the last scheduled meeting. Candidates must attend a meeting before being placed on ballot.
  - Oct. 12 @ 12p.m. – BPSC Student Affairs Lounge located on 3rd Floor
  - Oct. 13 @ 3p.m. – BPSC Student Affairs Lounge located on 3rd Floor

OVERALL POINT BREAKDOWN
*See Competition Point packet for additional details.

Participation Points:
- Applicant Registration 10 points per applicant (Up to 80 points)
- Parade Registration 5 additional media points per candidate

Community Service Points:
- Alumni Duck Dash 5 points per duck (Up to 100 points)
- Blood Drive 5 points per donation (Up to 100 points)
- Live United Spirit Links 1 point per 4 links (Up to 100 points)
- Food Pantry Drive 5 points per eligible item (Up to 200 points)

Traditions Points:
- Street Parade 10 points for participation
- Mardi Gras Party 1 point per supporter (up to 50 points)
- Spirit Signs 10 points for participation
- Dress Up Days 100 additional points- 1st place
- Trivia Night 50 points for participation
- Food Pantry Drive 50 additional points- 2nd place
- Spirit Signs 30 additional points- 3rd place
- Trivia Night 1 additional point for each photo uploaded to twitter or facebook using #SFAHoco17 and your Orgs #hashtag (Up to 50 points)
APPLICANT REGULATIONS

- Applicant classification is determined based on earned hours, determined by the SFA Registrar.
  - EXCEPTION: If you are a graduating senior and have accumulated fewer than 95 hours but have a degree plan that will confirm graduation no later than Summer II of the following year, you may run for King or Queen.
- Any persons in good standing with the university may register to appear on candidate ballot. All candidates participating must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be in good standing with the University.
- Organizations may team up to run a maximum of 8 candidates.
- No university organizations may use student funds or resources for the registration or campaigning of candidates. This includes SORF monies allocated by the Student Service Fee Committee.

ELECTION PROCESS:

- The SFA Homecoming online election will begin at 5 p.m. the Friday before Homecoming week through midnight of the Monday of Homecoming week. You may vote from any computer that can access the Internet.
- Paper ballots for the election will be available at Homecoming Headquarters on SFA campus beginning Tuesday through 2 p.m. on Thursday.
  - If students voted online they are not eligible to vote in the paper ballot portion of Homecoming elections.
  - In the event of inclement weather the entire Spirit Lounge is already reserved for such occasion, and the spaces will be allocated by Traditions Council leadership.
- Any registered student may vote for candidates within their classification. All registered students must present a SFA Student ID in order to vote.

CAMPAIGNING:

- All publicity must comply with the SFA campus posting and solicitation policies.
  - Posting flyers in residence halls and in academic buildings is at the discretion of the department that maintains the posting area and is not regulated by Traditions Council.
  - Posting and campaigning in the City of Nacogdoches is regulated by the city and is not monitored by Traditions Council. Any violations and penalties of city posting and solicitation policy are enforced by city and state laws.
  - Advertising through campus mail or door-to-door solicitation must be approved by the appropriate university personnel.
  - Newspaper advertisements are permitted.
  - Candidates are responsible for the cleanup of publicity, including posters, handbills or flyers, on campus after Homecoming. Failure to do so will result in consequences determined by University staff.
- Candidates are permitted to promote and solicit votes on campus through tabling.
  - Tables will be provided by Traditions Council and distributed from Homecoming Headquarters daily.
  - Dunking booths, cotton candy, food items, sidewalk chalk, etc. must be approved by the Associate Director of Student Engagement and Traditions Council.
    i. Please send all requests to traditions@sfasu.edu
- Candidates cannot exchange votes for (including but not limited to) monetary value, tickets, promotional items, etc.

SELECTION
• Formula: Competition Points + Votes = Total
  o The candidate for each section that has the highest total will win.
• Competition points will be allocated to each candidate listed on the organization application.
  o **EXAMPLE:** If an organization has 4 candidates (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) listed on their application and the organization collects 200 points of donated food, earned 30 points at trivia and had 10 people give blood on their behalf, all 4 candidates receive the 240 points towards their total “competition points”.
• No competition points may be added after 2 p.m. on Thursday of Homecoming week.
  *All donations, fundraising and any and all appeals of points must be submitted by this time.

• Homecoming Court will be announced at the Homecoming Bonfire.
  o The elected Homecoming Court will be required to attend the following **MANDATORY** events and within dress code (see below). Failure to arrive on time or not in required dress code may result in loss of participation.
    ▪ Homecoming Parade: Arrive by 9:15 a.m.
      o Dress code: Minimum of Business Casual and with the following approved colors (PURPLE, white, black or gray).
    ▪ Homecoming Game: Specific times will be provided upon selection.
      o Dress code: Minimum of Dressy/Formal and with the following approved colors (PURPLE, white, black or gray).
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  *Direct dress code questions to the Associate Director of Student Engagement, Lacey Folsom: lfolsom@sfasu.edu or via cell phone (817)526-2301.

• Parade cars, flowers and signage will be provided for the SFA Homecoming Court.
  o All other applicants are responsible for their own car, flowers and signage for the parade if they wish to participate.

**POLICY ENFORCEMENT**
• SFA Homecoming elections will abide by the guidelines of the SFA Way.
• Violations will be determined by Traditions Council and the University and may result in a loss of popular vote or disqualification.
• Appeals may be made to Traditions Council in writing within 24 hours of incident.