

Proposal by the Election Committee for the 2017 Chapter Election

Here is the proposed schedule and parameters for the spring 2017 UFF-USF Chapter elections:

- **Monday, January 9, first day of classes.**
- Thursday, January 12, the Biweekly announces that the Proposed Schedule will be presented to the Chapter for approval.
- Friday, January 13, the Proposed Schedule will be presented to the Chapter, and hopefully approved with amendments.
- Monday, January 16, the Biweekly in a Special to UFF members announces a Call for Nominations.
 - This Call for Nominations is repeated in every issue of the Biweekly until the deadline for nominations.
 - The Membership Committee works to recruit candidates for all offices and seats via media blitz. Appropriate funds should be allocated for recruitment of nominees.
- Nominees for Executive Committee offices are required to provide a 500 to 1000-word description of their platform and qualifications to the Election Committee Chair by the deadline for nominations.
 - Nominees for Senate and FEA Delegate Assembly are strongly encouraged to provide a brief (approx. 150-word) bio.
- Friday, March 3 (12 midnight), deadline for receipt of nominations, descriptions (typed, Word Documents [.doc, .docx] required), and all ballot materials.
- Thursday, March 9, the Biweekly publishes the descriptions of all nominees for Executive offices, as well as bios of Senate & FEA Delegate Assembly nominees.
- Monday, March 6, send ballot materials to members. It will take approximately one week to get ballots sent by first class mail to reach all recipients.
 - Ballots will include spaces for write-ins for Senate and FEA Delegate Assembly positions.
- Thursday, March 30, deadline to *receive* ballot materials (12 midnight). Ballots must be received by that deadline.
- Friday, March 31, ballots counted at a Special Chapter Meeting.
 - All candidates for Executive offices shall be barred from canvassing and counting ballots.
- **April 1, newly elected officers and representatives assume their positions.**
- Monday, April 3, Chapter Secretary sends election forms and report to Tallahassee.