

Hello *FJCLers*,

As you know, State Forum is being facilitated completely online this year (#virtualfjclforum), and I'm sure many of you have questions as to how the election and amendment processes will run. I wanted to take the time to explain what the 2020 FJCL elections will look like. (All sponsors and current candidates are already aware of their responsibilities concerning this process.)

To start, after a lot of deliberation among the student officers and the adults, we have decided to reopen our Declaration of Candidacy Form for all students. We understand that many chapters had dropped out of States because of COVID-19 prior to its actual cancellation. We want to give everyone the opportunity to run for office. If you or anyone you know would like to run, contact your sponsor. All sponsors have been given the online Declaration of Candidacy Form. This form is due by April 15th.

Second, we will be using an online Candidates' Hub to facilitate the campaign and amendment process. The Candidates' Hub will be sent to sponsors on *April 24th*. In it, each candidate's speech, qualifications, platform, website, infographics (if applicable), and social media accounts will be displayed in an easy to read format. Because all schools in Florida are dealing with this current situation using different policies, your sponsor ultimately has the responsibility of choosing how your chapter will discuss candidates and amendments.

The amendment process will be slightly different this year. I have rewritten the FJCL Constitution and created the FJCL Standing Rules of Order. Because of this, we will be voting on both documents in their entirety. More information on this process and the amendments and their rationales will be provided within the Hub itself.

After your chapter has reached a consensus on the candidates, bylaws, and the standing rules of order, your sponsors will have the responsibility of filling out the online ballots sent to them. All ballots are due *May 8th*. All election results will be announced *May 9th* at *12:00 pm*.

