Section -1- Eligibility

All members of the Crow Tribe General Council (hereinafter “member”) shall be eligible to vote for Little Big Horn College Board of Trustees. All voting must be done in person.

Section -2- Voter Registration

(1) Selecting a District: A member may vote in only one (1) district on Election Day. Members who reside on the reservation must register to vote in the district of their residence. Members who reside off the reservation may choose a district in which to vote. Under no circumstances may a voter cast a ballot in more than one district for the same election. If a registered voter seeks to change the district in which they are registered, they may do so by filing a new voter registration form at the Crow Tribal Secretary’s office.

(2) Timing of registration: Eligible tribal members can register to vote by completing a voter registration form. Registration forms are available and can be submitted to the Crow Tribal Secretary’s Office.

Section -3- Board Membership

All members are to be enrolled Crow Tribal members. Members are elected to four-year staggered terms at an annual election. Membership consists of two representative from each of the six reservation districts and ex-officio representatives each from students, staff, and faculty elected annually by the college. Members assume office at the next regular meeting after the election.

Section -4- Notification and Publication

A notice of the Little Big Horn College Board of Trustee elections shall be posted at public places in each town within the Crow Indian Reservation and published in the public section of the local newspaper at least thirty (30) days before the election.
Section -5- Qualifications of the Little Big Horn College Board of Trustees

Candidates

(1) All candidates for the Little Big Horn College Board of Trustees must meet the following candidate requirements:

a. Must be enrolled Crow Tribal Member.
b. Must be registered in their respective district.
c. Must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age.
d. Must be fluent in the Crow Language.
e. Must possess a minimum of an Associate Degree unless over fifty-five (55) years of age.
f. Shall not have any felony
g. Must have a demonstrated interest in the higher education field.
h. Must participate in a candidates' forum on campus if scheduled.
i. Candidate shall not contract as a consultant or for other services nor be hired as an employee of the Little Big Horn College during their term as a Trustee or for one (1) year thereafter.
j. A three-year interval must occur before any present or previous Little Big Horn College employee is eligible to run for the LBHC Board of Trustees.

(2) Upon receipt of the Declaration of Candidacy and filing fee, in the amount of one hundred dollars ($100.00), the Human Resources office will conduct background checks and verify the qualifications of all candidates.

(3) Filing fee deadline is twenty (20) days prior to the election.

(4) A thirty (30) day Notice will be posted for the Little Big Horn College Board of Trustees election date.

Section -6- Authority and Responsibility

The Election Committee will have the responsibility to:

1. Oversee Election Day activities at the polling place
2. Protect the rights of voters at the polling places
3. Check voter qualifications
4. Determine challenges to voter qualifications on site
5. Distribute ballots
6. Assist persons with disabilities and/or language difficulties
7. Collect and count ballots
8. Enforce election regulations
9. Return all used, unused, and spoiled ballots to Little Big Horn College
10. Certify and verify the results of the election
11. Determine designated sites

Section -7- Conflict of Interest

(1) The members of the election committee shall disqualify themselves and withdraw from any and all functions of their position during any election process in which a conflict of interest exists. Such members may resume their duties only when there is no longer a conflict of interest. It is assumed that a conflict of interest exists if any member of the Little Big Horn College Board of Trustees Election Committee’s immediate family or a committee member’s spouse becomes a candidate.

(2) The Election Committee shall have the authority to disqualify any of its election members in the event they continue to function in a conflict of interest situation.

(3) If a member of the election committee is disqualified due to a conflict of interest or for any other reason, the election committee shall call on a member to serve as quickly as possible.

Section -8- Compensation of Election Judges

All election judges shall be compensated at a rate of two hundred dollars ($200.00) for official services relating to Election Day responsibilities.

Section -9- Election Results

(1) The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the Little Big Horn College Board of Trustees.

(2) In order for a recount challenge, the tally must be within five (5) votes and filed within five (5) working days.

(3) In case of a tie for a remaining board position, a special election for the specific district will be held only for the individuals tied.

No Absentee voting!
Section - 10 - Voting by Persons with Disabilities or Language Barriers

A voter stating that they, because of a physical disability or language barrier cannot mark the ballot, they will be assisted by at least two election officials.

Section - 11 - Counting Ballots

Immediately after the polls are closed, all ballots will be counted by the Little Big Horn College Election Judges at the polling place. After the last ballot has been read, the tallying judges will compare their tally sheets. When tally sheets are identical and correct, the election judges present shall sign the tally sheet. Marked ballots and tally sheets shall be locked in the ballot box along with all unused and spoiled ballots and stored at Little Big Horn College. Results of the voting in each polling place shall be posted.

Section - 12 - Write-In Candidates

No Write-in candidates will be accepted.