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A Bill Recommending Official Election Campaign Guidelines for Senate Positions

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Whereas: Campaigning is vital for all students running for Senate positions.

Whereas: At this point, there are no election campaigning guidelines specifically laid out for senators in the Miami University Student Handbook or the Associated Student Government Bylaws.

Whereas: It is important to lay out what students can and cannot do and when to start campaigning for their positions.

Therefore be it resolved: The Associated Student Government future Election Petition Packets for On-Campus, Off-Campus, and Academic Senate



Positions include the following official election campaign guidelines:

Associated Student Government Official Election Campaign Guidelines

1. Campaigning may start at 5:00pm the day petitions are due, established at the sole discretion of the Elections Committee.
2. Campaigning includes, but is not limited to, any verbal, written, or implied request for political support. Any interpretation of this definition shall be at the sole discretion of the Elections Committee.
 - a. Students running for Senator positions may use signs as physical campaigning materials.
 - i. Signs may be no larger than a 8.5 inch by 11 inch piece of paper.
 - ii. Signs must include the election date and the website where students can vote (miamioh.edu/Hub).
 - iii. Signs must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the elections.
 - iv. Signs may be posted with thumbtacks on exterior bulletin boards and kiosks. Tape and staples may NOT be used. No more than one sign for the same student campaigning may be posted on each bulletin board or kiosk. Signs may not be posted on top of others.
 - v. Signs may not be posted on fences, chains, benches, sculptures or exterior building surfaces including windows, doors, walls, in Bishop Woods, etc. Signs may not be placed on any horizontal surface including sidewalks, patios, or steps, etc. No paint or chalk may be used.
 - vi. Signs within the residence halls must conform to the Guide to Residence Hall Living and may only be posted in designated areas (contact the Residence Director for a list of designated areas).
 - vii. Signs may only be posted in designated areas within academic and administrative buildings (contact the building director for a list of the designated areas).
 - viii. Table tents and table flyers may not be used at any dining location.
 - b. Students may speak publically to student organizations and prepare any campaign materials.



- c. Students may use public electronic media (Websites, social media, wall posts, blogs, etc...) for campaign purposes in an appropriate manner.
3. Students may not use Associated Student Government supplies for campaign materials (e.g. paper, printers, etc).
4. Students may campaign in Residence Halls.
 - a. Associated Student Government will provide in the Election Petition Packet a list of Open Solicitation and Closed Solicitation Residence Halls.
 - i. Students are to assume Residence Halls are Closed Solicitation unless otherwise stated.
 1. If a Residence Hall is Closed Solicitation, students may only campaign in front lobbies and mailrooms.
 - ii. If a Residence Hall is Open Solicitation, nonresident students must be escorted by a resident student at all times.
 1. Students may not campaign during “Quiet Hours.”
5. Students may not write on other student’s whiteboards or post campaign materials on doors without the resident’s consent.
6. Students may not be sponsored and/or endorsed in any way by Associated Student Government as an organization, but may be endorsed by Associated Student Government members in their elected capacity.
7. Students running may not provide a means to vote (including but not limited to computers, tablets, phones, etc.) for other students.
 - a. Associated Student Government will host election tables in Armstrong and at the Hub providing a means for students to vote.
8. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a violation.
 - a. To be accused of a violation, a candidate, witness, or member of the Elections Committee must report some form of physical evidence (i.e. pictures, signs, snapshots of media posts, etc). The evidence must then be reviewed by the Elections Committee, and the committee must determine the appropriate Level of Violation. The Chair of the Elections Committee then notifies the student of the violation.
 - i. Level 1 Violation - the student cannot campaign for 24 hours from the issuance of the violation.
 1. Level 1 Violations consist of, but are not limited to:
 - a. Using signs that do not fit the criteria laid out in 2.a.
 - b. Campaigning in an Open Solicitation residence hall without a resident escort.



- c. Using public electronic media in an inappropriate manner.
- ii. Level 2 Violation - the student cannot campaign for 72 hours from the issuance of the violation, or the remainder of the election if the time is less than three days.
 1. Level 2 Violations consist of, but are not limited to:
 - a. Starting campaigning before the 5:00pm deadline on the day petitions are due.
 - b. Using Associated Student Government supplies for campaign materials.
 - c. Campaigning in closed residence halls.
 - d. Writing on another student's whiteboard or posting campaign materials on doors without the resident's consent.
 - e. Claiming to be sponsored and/or endorsed by the Associated Student Government.
 - f. Speaking poorly of other students running for the position.
- iii. Level 3 Violation - the student is ineligible to run for the position for which they are campaigning.
 1. Level 3 Violations consist of, but are not limited to:
 - a. Bribing an Associated Student Government member or students in any way for a vote(s).
 - b. Providing the means for students to vote.
 - c. Two previous Level 1 Violations or one previous Level 2 Violation.