Policies set forth by the Elections Committee

Section 1

Purpose Of This Document:
The goal of this document, established by the Temple Student Government Elections Committee, is to create a regulatory framework for all financial action throughout Temple Student Government University Elections. This document will provide guidelines for both Parliament and Executive campaigns, for there will be a discrepancy in allowances granted to each platform. The following subheadings are those which we seek to expand upon, including:

1. Definitions
   A. Campaign
   B. Campaign Budget

2. Spending Cap
   A. Parliament Campaign
   B. Executive Campaign
   C. Spending Limits

3. Gifts
   A. Gifts of Labor
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5. Responsibilities
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Section 1: Definitions

A. Campaign
   a. A Campaign consists of all Campaign Members working officially on behalf of any Candidate(s) who can solicit and receive endorsements, raise funds, hang banners, advertise in person and electronically, distribute promotional items, or conduct other activities that could be perceived as campaigning by the Elections Commissioner. A campaign may also be used as a verb, defined as acts including but not limited to those specified in this section.

B. Campaign Budget
   a. A campaign budget will be defined by the budget ascribed in Section 2. The total usage of the budget by each campaign will be calculated by the aggregate of gifts received and finances expended.

Section 2: Spending Cap

A. Parliament Campaign
   a. The Parliament spending cap will be set at $300.00

B. Executive Campaign
   a. The Executive spending cap will be set at $500.00

C. Spending Cap Limits
   a. If a campaign exceeds the allocated spending cap, that campaign will be penalized according to the Elections Code EC VIII, iii.

Section 3: Gifts

A. Gifts of Labor
   a. A Gift of Labor is to be defined as that which is (1) intangible, (2) regarding only persons, and (3) involves activity.
   b. Gifts of Labor are not to be held to a monetary value. Gifts of Labor, unless paid labor is concerned, will be nothing more than an activity that stems from one's own volition.
   c. Any gift that is conceived from labor but is also tangibly accessible is not considered a Gift of Labor. Rather, this is to be considered a Gift of Objective Value.

B. Gifts of Objective Value
   a. A Gift of Objective Value is to be defined as that which is (1) tangible and (2) can be physically exchanged.
b. Anything received by a campaign which fits the definition of a Gift of Objective Value must have it’s value disclosed to the Elections Committee. If the value of said gift is unknown to the receiving campaign the Elections Commissioner will determine its value. The power for value determination rests solely in the Elections Commissioner who will be in conference with the Elections Committee throughout the determination process. Both initial and determined value will be added to the total campaign finance report.

i. Determination Process

1. The determination of value to gifts of unknown initial value will be handled by the Elections Commissioner.

Section 5: Responsibilities

A. Parliament Campaign

a. All Parliament campaigns are to be responsible for the following:
   i. Reporting all financial activity
   ii. Holding their campaign team responsible for financial activity done on the campaign’s behalf
   iii. Appointing a campaign member to conduct weekly financial transaction reports with the Elections Committee
   iv. Disclosure of all gifts as defined in Section 3

B. Executive Campaign

a. All Executive campaigns are to be responsible for the following:
   i. Reporting all financial activity
   ii. Holding their campaign team responsible for financial activity done on the campaign’s behalf
   iii. Appointing a campaign member to conduct weekly financial transaction reports with the Elections Committee
   iv. Disclosure of all gifts as defined in Section 3

C. Reimbursements

a. Campaigns may file for reimbursements through the advisor of Temple Student Government.

b. Campaigns that use 100% of their allocated spending cap will have up to 30 days after the winners of the election are announced to file for reimbursements.

c. Campaigns who fail to meet this deadline will not receive any reimbursements.