Arts & Science Council: Guidelines for Conduct during Electoral Campaigns

This document is meant to provide guidance for candidates and potential candidates regarding the behaviour Council expects from those running for positions on Council or its committees.

1. In general, campaigns are to be conducted in the spirit of responsible civil discourse and fair play, as befits the dignity of Council.

2. Candidates are to conduct themselves so as to ensure a fair election where the voters are able to exercise their right to vote for their representatives in a secret ballot without undue pressure.

3. Candidates are to focus their campaigns on positive statements of principle and descriptions of past experience and future intent, and refrain from negative or personal remarks about other candidates.

4. Candidates are responsible for the behaviour of their supporters in any campaign activity.

5. Candidates are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the relevant University rules and Codes (e.g., Harassment, Student Conduct), and to ensure they and their supporters adhere to those rules.

6. Candidates’ websites and email messaging must be in accordance with the University’s policies regarding information and communication technology, and must respect the privacy of student, faculty and staff.

7. Distribution and display of campaign materials are to be done in accordance with the regulations of Facilities & Services and the rules governing posting within each building.

8. It is expected that candidates and their supporters will not remove, deface, interfere with, or unreasonably inhibit from viewing each other’s campaign materials or messages.

9. Candidates may not campaign in any classroom without the express permission of the instructor in charge of the class. Such permission must be obtained before the beginning of the class.

10. Campaigning may not interrupt or interfere with classroom activity.

11. Candidates may not use in their campaign any service or tangible benefit conferred on them by virtue of their holding any position in any organization on campus. This included office supplies, equipment, advertising space, administrative services, privileged email lists and funding.

12. Candidates and their supporters shall abide by the rulings of the Chief Electoral Officer regarding campaign behaviour.

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