

Election and Campaigning Rules

Following are the rules for campaigning in the 2020-2021 Student Government Election. If you believe there to be a violation of these rules, it must be brought immediately to the Election Commissioner Hannah Berry, at hberry1@missouriwestern.edu.

General:

1. Campaigning may begin on Friday, February 21st at 8am. Campaigning must terminate by 11:59pm on Thursday, February 27th.
2. All campaigning must adhere to this policy and all relevant University regulations, local ordinances, state laws, and federal statutes.
3. Bribing of voters is strictly prohibited.

Allocations

Each candidate running for election for any elected position on any branch of the SGA shall be limited to:

1. Thirty (30) posters, each poster shall not exceed two (2) feet by three (3) feet in size.
2. Three (3) banners, each banner shall not exceed five (5) feet by twelve (12) feet in size.

Rules:

1. No campaigning literature shall be placed within ten (10) feet of any campus computer where the ballots are being cast unless the Election Commissioner places the literature there.
2. There shall be no writing on any wall, sidewalk, driveway, street, or parking lot on campus.
3. No candidate(s) may attempt to interfere with or influence a voter who is in the process of voting.
4. No candidate(s) shall provide any voter with an official ballot to be used to cast a vote, nor shall any candidate(s) provide any voter with a polling location.
5. Removal or defacing of other candidates' campaign materials shall not be allowed.
6. SGA resources shall not be used in or for the campaign(s) of any individual candidate(s).
7. Door-to-door campaigning in the residence halls is considered solicitation and therefore banned under the University's policy.
8. Electronic mail (email) may be used for campaigning with the following restrictions:
9. The content of all campaign emails must be approved by the Election Commissioner. The Election Commissioner shall keep a copy of each message on file.
10. The SGA Advisor or his/her designee must also approve any campaign email sent to all members of the SGA, and the Election Commissioner must be notified of the approval.
11. The president of the organization must also approve any campaign email sent to the individual members of a recognized student organization, and the Election Commissioner must be notified of the approval.

Supporting A Candidate:

Student Organizations that wish to support a Candidate must adhere to the following procedures:

1. Recognized student organizations may endorse, publicly support, and/or campaign on behalf of any candidate(s).

2. Organizations must inform the candidate(s) of their support or endorsement in writing, and the candidate(s) must inform the Election Commissioner of any such support or endorsement in writing.
3. If a candidate rejects an organization's endorsement, the organization shall not campaign for, publicly support, and not endorse the candidate.
4. Organizations campaigning for any candidate(s) must adhere to all portions of this policy. Organizations found to have violated this policy by the election board may be denied all rights mentioned in the Organization Recognition Policy for one academic term.
5. Candidates may not seek organizational endorsement more than four (4) weeks prior to the campaigning period. Organizational endorsements shall not be official more than four (4) weeks prior to the campaigning period.