

**CODE CHANGES 2021:
ELECTION POSTERS**

TO: Council
FROM: The President on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer
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Amendment to expand allow posters in elections.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are made by striking through (~~this~~).

SECTION IX A: ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

Article 2. Nomination and Campaign Regulations

6. Campaigning

- (a) There shall be an Official Campaign Period beginning after the conclusion of the All-Candidates Meeting at a time and for a duration as determined by the Elections Committee no later than January 15. In no case shall the Official Campaign Period be less than ten (10) school days in length, including at least five (5) calendar days of voting.
- (b) Outside the Official Campaign Period, public campaigning, including but not limited to the forms of campaigning listed below, shall be prohibited:
 - (i) classroom announcements;
 - (ii) announcements on listservs, social media, or websites;
 - (iii) public speaking, especially when amplified by megaphones, microphones, or other similar devices;
 - (iv) distributing buttons, leaflets, brochures, handbills, food or drink;
 - (v) distributing or wearing T-shirts with campaign slogans or other campaign messages on them; ~~and~~
 - (vi) mass mailings, including e-mail mass mailings; ***and***
 - (vii) postering.***
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- (f) Only the following forms of campaigning, and no others, shall be permitted during elections and referenda:
 - (i) distribution of buttons: buttons may be distributed without restrictions, but may not be affixed to bulletin boards or other stationary objects;
 - (ii) distribution of leaflets, brochures, and handbills: non-adhesive leaflets, brochures, and handbills may be distributed without restrictions, but may not be affixed to bulletin boards or other stationary objects;

- (iii) e-mailing and web pages: campaign-related e-mail messages may be sent, and campaign-related material may be posted on web pages, subject to restrictions put in place by the Elections Committee;
- (iv) social media: social media may be used for campaigning, subject to restrictions put in place by the Elections Committee;
- (v) distribution of food and non-alcoholic drink;
- (vi) the distribution and wearing of T-shirts with campaign slogans or other campaign messages on them;
- (vii) speech-making and any other form of oral communication;
- (viii) advertising in the media: advertising in all forms of media shall be permitted, including in Society publications;
- (ix) letters to the editor and opinion pieces: these may be published in any newspaper or other media outlet, including Society publications; ~~and~~
- (x) ***postering: the Elections Committee shall establish rules for postering, including but not limited to rules on the size of posters, the type of paper used in posters, the number of posters permitted, and the moving, covering up, and defacing of other candidates' posters, provided that such rules comply with University and Society policies; and***
- (x) any other form of campaigning approved by the Elections Committee before the beginning of the Official Campaign Period, ~~except postering.~~

~~(g) Postering shall not be permitted as a form of campaigning in elections or referenda, but the Elections Committee may use posters to advertise elections and referenda.~~

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12. For further clarity, but without limiting the generality of paragraph 11 above, the following slate-like activities shall be prohibited:
- (a) appearing on another candidate's campaign materials, including but not limited to ***posters***, flyers, handouts, websites, and other social media sites;
 - (b) producing campaign materials that resemble those of another candidate in colour, branding, design, or appearance; and
 - (c) using the same slogan or slogans as one or more other candidates.

Note: Before the poster ban, this was the campaign rule:

postering: posters no larger than 30 cm x 45 cm (11" x 17") may be put up outside classrooms and no

larger than 21.5 cm x 30 cm (8.5" x 11") inside classrooms, with the following further limitations: no candidate may have more than one poster on any one bulletin board; no candidate may deface, remove, or cover up, or cause to be defaced, removed, or covered up, any other candidate's posters; in addition, the Elections Committee shall establish further rules for postering, including but not limited to rules on the moving of other candidates' posters, provided that such rules comply with University and SAC policies;