

Glasgow Caledonian University Students' Association

Rules and Regulations – Executive Committee Elections 2010

Campaigning

Candidates must not campaign in any way before the close of nominations (4pm, Friday 19th February 2010). "Campaigning" includes putting up posters, creating social networking pages, speaking to students about the election and any other activity promoting the candidate. Candidates appearing in student media (radio, magazine and website) prior to this point, may only do so if the purpose of this is unrelated to the elections.

Printed publicity

Candidates are not allowed to use any printed publicity materials other than those produced by the Students' Association. More details about this publicity can be found in the Publicity Guidelines section of the Candidates' Guide. Candidates may **make** posters and banners but these may not be printed, screen printed or mass produced in any other way. Under no circumstances may candidates use stickers.

Election spending

Aside from the publicity produced by the Students' Association and homemade posters and banners, candidates may also spend £30 of their own money on their campaign on whatever they wish to promote their campaign. This may include things such as sweets and t-shirts. All candidates must produce receipts for anything they buy for the campaign and they may not have more than 30 t-shirts within their campaign no matter how little they cost. **The use of megaphones/PA systems by candidates is not permitted under any circumstances.**

Distribution of publicity

Candidates are free to distribute publicity on notice boards and other reasonable locations within the Students' Association Building and University Buildings. Posters may not be placed in stairwells. Any publicity deemed to be in an inappropriate place by the Returning Officer shall be removed. **NO CHALKING is allowed.**

Online campaigning

You may set up a social networking page for your campaign on Facebook, Bebo, Myspace or Twitter (other services may be used by agreement with the Returning Officer). You must provide the Returning Officer a link to any pages you set up. During the election campaign, candidates may not use any mailing lists that they have obtained for other purposes (such as a sports club membership list), send messages through Blackboard or in any other way breach data protection rules or University IT regulations. **Candidates failing to comply with IT regulations will be reported to the University who may take disciplinary action.**

Students' Association resources

No candidate may use any Students' Association office or meeting room for the purpose of their campaign. This rule applies equally to current Executive Committee members who are standing for election or supporting a candidate in the election. Sabbatical Officers wishing to campaign are required to take annual leave. Students' Association computer, printers and other equipment may

not be used by candidates or their supporters for the design or production of campaigning materials or publicity.

Election Day

Candidates and their Agents shall be responsible for ensuring that campaign teams abide by election regulations. There should be no campaigning **within 6 feet** of the ballot station. Additionally, no candidate is allowed more than **four supporters** at any polling station i.e. in the area of polling inside each building. Election Assistants will inform the Returning Officers should campaign teams consistently breach either of these rules.

The consumption of alcohol during the Election Day is not subject to election rules. However, please keep in mind that drunken campaigners are not effective campaigners and will be more likely to put students off than to encourage them to vote for you. Any inappropriate behaviour caused by drunkenness will be reported to the Returning Officer and the Election Assistants will be fully cooperating with University security staff with regards to any incidents including the presence or consumption of alcohol on University premises. It is standard university policy to have any student who is clearly intoxicated removed from campus and such instances usually lead to disciplinary procedures.

All publicity should be taken down immediately after close of ballot stations. If this is not done to the satisfaction of the Returning Officer, the results will not be announced until the following day.

Candidates will be held responsible for the actions of their campaign and as such should do everything to ensure that none of their supporters break any of the election rules.