



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' COUNCIL AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS GOVERNANCE BOARD

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Questions have arisen with respect to the application of section 3.4 of the Electoral Code (Cross-Campaigning), specifically whether that provision prevents a campaign volunteer for a candidate from supporting or assisting another candidate.

The language of s. 3.4.3 prohibits candidates from being campaign volunteers for another candidate, but does not impose such a prohibition against campaign volunteers. The Election Governance Board considers that campaign volunteers are not prevented from supporting or assisting more than one candidate, therefore.

It should be noted, however, that this interpretation does not permit candidates to effectively merge their teams of volunteers with those of another candidate, or allow them to be so merged, in such manner as to campaign jointly. Such a coordinated effort may be regarded as amounting to an implied endorsement between candidates, contrary to s. 3.4.2.