



## **Election Governance Board Regulation No. 01/26**

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1. This Regulation is issued by the Election Governance Board ("EGB") pursuant to the USC's Election Bylaw (No. 2), Article 10.2. In the event of any conflict between this Regulation and the provisions of the Election Bylaw and/or USC Electoral Code, the Election Bylaw and Electoral Code shall prevail.
  
2. The following rules and procedures shall be applied in any election administered by the USC, subject to the authority of the Secretary of the University in Board of Governors and Senate elections. Capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning prescribed in the Election Bylaw and/or Electoral Code.

### **3. DIGITAL CAMPAIGNING**

- 3.1 Candidates and their Campaign Volunteers shall not be permitted to campaign prior to the Campaign Period. This prohibition shall include, but not be limited to, all on-line postings promoting the candidacy of a Candidate, profile photos of a Candidate and other visible campaign messaging.
- 3.2 Prior to the Campaign Period, Candidates and Campaign Volunteers may prepare digital materials for campaign use but shall not make them publicly visible or searchable. Digital content shall be treated as Campaign Materials for all purposes.
- 3.3 All email and social media accounts utilized for campaign purposes shall clearly identify the user and the Candidate whose candidacy is being promoted. The use of anonymous accounts for campaigning shall be prohibited.

### **4. COMPLIANCE WITH USC AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

- 4.1 Candidates shall be responsible for ensuring that Campaign Materials and campaign activities comply with all USC and University policies and all municipal, provincial or federal bylaws, legislation and regulations, including, but not limited to:
  - 4.1.1 The USC's *Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy, Common Space Acceptable Use Policy and Internal Space Usage Guidelines*.
  - 4.1.2 The University's *Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Misconduct Policy, Signage and Election Posters Policy, Use of University Facilities Policy and Code of Student Conduct*.
- 4.2 Space for campaign events to be held within the University Community Centre shall be booked through the USC in accordance with its space booking and boozing arrangements and USC requirements for space usage, food distribution and equipment.

### **5. GENERAL CAMPAIGN RULES**

5.1 Campaigning in non-USC administered spaces shall be permitted only with prior permission of the relevant building administrator or manager. Campaigning in campus residences shall be conducted in accordance with the direction of the University's Division of Housing and Ancillary Services (updated April 15, 2025).

5.2 Candidates shall obtain the permission of the course instructor before speaking in any class or seminar.

5.3 Posters shall be placed only on USC-designated election poster boards, a list of which shall be provided to Candidates prior to the Campaign Period.

5.4 Posters shall be limited in size to not more than 11 inches by 17 inches (17 cm x 43 cm).

## **6. FAIRNESS IN ELECTION VIOLATION PROCEDURE**

6.1 Before conducting the investigation of an alleged electoral violation prescribed in section 9.3 of the Electoral Code, the EGB or Independent Investigator shall inform the affected Candidate of the allegations being made, with sufficient particulars to permit the Candidate to respond.

6.2 Prior to making any finding that a Candidate has committed a violation, the EGB or Independent Investigator shall ensure that the Candidate is afforded the opportunity to present evidence and make representations refuting the allegation(s), either in person or via videoconference or in writing.

6.3 Appeals of decisions of the EGB under subsection 9.3.7 of the Electoral Code shall be made to the USC Appeals Board in accordance with USC Bylaw No. 2.