**Student Elections Code**

**Article I. Oversight and Application**

**Section 1. Purpose**

1. The Student Elections Code is the official governing document for all official elections of the Illinois State University (ISU) student body. The Student Elections Code must be followed for all official elections under the Student Elections Code’s jurisdiction. The Student Elections Code is administered by the Student Elections Committee (“the committee”).

**Section 2. Jurisdiction**

1. The Student Elections Code shall apply in all official elections of the following offices:
   1. The Student Body President, Vice President, and Chief of Staff.
   2. The Association of Residence Halls (ARH) President and Vice President.
   3. The Student Trustee.
   4. The Senators of the Student Government Association (SGA).
2. The Student Elections Code shall apply to all official referendums sponsored by the SGA.

**Section 3. Supremacy**

1. The most recently ratified Student Elections Code supersedes and overturns all previous rules and regulations for all official elections under the Student Elections Code’s jurisdiction.

**Section 4. Oversight Organizations**

1. The SGA and the ARH are the official oversight organizations of the Student Elections Code.
2. The oversight organizations have the following collective authorities, powers, and responsibilities:
   1. To appoint qualified students to serve on the Student Elections Committee no later than Dec. 31st of each year.
   2. To appoint qualified students to fill vacancies on the Student Elections Committee in a timely manner.
   3. To remove for cause members of the Student Elections Committee.
   4. To suspend portions of the Student Elections Code upon recommendation of the Student Elections Committee.
   5. To amend and ratify the Student Elections Code.
   6. To coordinate the financing of all elections under the Student Elections Code’s jurisdiction.
3. Both oversight organizations must agree with one another to execute their aforementioned authorities, powers, and responsibilities.
4. Members of the oversight organizations who are members of the Student Elections Committee or who are candidates in an election under the Student Election Code’s jurisdiction must recuse themselves from all decisions regarding the oversight organization’s execution of its aforementioned authorities, powers, and responsibilities.
5. The oversight organizations may not use their aforementioned authorities, powers, and responsibilities to interfere in the work of the Student Elections Committee or the administration of student elections.

**Section 5. Amendments**

1. Amendments to the Student Elections Code must comply with the bylaws of the oversight organizations. Should the Student Elections Code conflict with ISU policies or local, state, or federal laws, the ISU policies and local, state, or federal laws shall be followed.
2. When an oversight organization amends the Student Elections Code, the other oversight organization has one (1) month to respond. Failing to respond within one (1) month constitutes concurrence with the amendment.

**Section 6. Distribution**

1. An electronic copy of the Student Elections Code must be made available to all candidates and published on the SGA website.

**Section 7. Application**

1. All candidates are responsible for understanding and following all provisions of the Student Elections Code and interpretations issued by the Student Elections Committee.

**Section 8. Suspension**

1. The Student Elections Committee may, with unanimous support from all voting members, recommend to the oversight organizations that some portions of the Student Elections Code be suspended in special or emergency situations. The oversight organizations may then jointly suspend any portion of the Student Elections Code. If the oversight organizations suspend a portion of the Student Elections Code, the committee must immediately notify all candidates of the suspension.

**Article II. Student Elections Committee**

**Section 1. Charge**

1. The Student Elections Committee is charged with interpreting and administering the Student Elections Code and with performing all duties prescribed therein.

**Section 2. Membership**

1. The Student Elections Committee shall consist of the SGA Secretary of Elections, the SGA advisor or designee, two (2) current members of the SGA, two (2) current members of the ARH, and one (1) student who is not a current member of the SGA or the ARH. If two (2) current members of the SGA and/or ARH are not available, a student who is not a current member of the SGA or ARH may serve instead.
2. No current member of the committee may run for election or endorse any campaign.
3. No member of the committee may serve until officially appointed by the oversight organizations.
4. All student members of the committee must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with ISU.

**Section 3. Authorities, Powers, and Responsibilities**

1. The Student Elections Committee shall have the following authorities, powers, and responsibilities:
   1. To perform all duties with total impartiality and fairness.
   2. To adhere to the Student Elections Code.
   3. To verify the eligibility of all candidates.
   4. To organize and conduct all Informational Sessions.
   5. To organize and conduct the Candidate Forum.
   6. To organize and conduct Grievance Hearings.
   7. To issue and enforce sanctions.
   8. To issue interpretations of the Student Elections Code so long as such interpretations do not conflict with the Student Elections Code.
   9. To review and approve in a timely manner all forms submitted to the committee.
   10. To schedule all dates and time for events and elections not otherwise prescribed in the Student Elections Code or governing documents of the oversight organizations.
   11. To certify all election results.
   12. To publicize the date(s) and time(s) of the candidate forum, informational sessions, voting days, and other related events.
   13. To approve the distribution of any funds provided by the oversight organizations.
   14. To perform any other duty prescribed by the Student Elections Code or governing documents of the oversight organizations.
   15. To perform any other duty necessary to the administration of elections under the Student Elections Code’s jurisdiction.

**Section 4. Chairperson**

1. The Chairperson of the Student Elections Committee shall be the SGA Secretary of Elections.
2. The Chairperson shall have the following authorities, powers, and responsibilities:
   1. To schedule all meetings of the committee.
   2. To preside over all meetings and enforce decorum and Robert’s Rules of Order.
   3. To set an agenda for all meetings.
   4. To perform other duties necessary to the operations of the committee.

**Section 5. Vice Chairperson**

1. The Vice Chairperson of the Student Elections Committee shall be elected by majority vote from the five (5) voting members. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall choose the Vice Chairperson from the tied candidates.
2. The Vice Chairperson shall execute the authorities, powers, and responsibilities of the Chairperson in the Chairperson’s absence.

**Section 6. Secretary**

1. The Secretary of the Student Elections Committee shall be elected by majority vote from the five (5) voting members. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall choose the Secretary from the tied candidates.
2. The Secretary shall have the following authorities, powers, and responsibilities:
   1. To record reasonably detailed minutes of all meetings of the committee.
   2. To record attendance and declare quorum at all meetings.
   3. To send copies of all minutes and attendance records to all candidates and oversight organizations upon the finalization of the minutes.
   4. To execute the authorities, powers, and responsibilities of the Chairperson in absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

**Section 7. Voting**

1. The Chairperson and the SGA advisor or designee are non-voting members. The remaining five (5) members of the committee are voting members.
2. All decisions shall be decided by majority vote, unless otherwise prescribed by the governing documents of the oversight organizations or Student Elections Code.

**Section 8. Quorum**

1. Quorum shall be the presence of three (3) voting members.
2. No business of the committee may be conducted without Quorum.

**Section 9. Rules of Order**

1. Except as otherwise prescribed by the Student Elections Code or governing documents of the oversight organizations, all meetings of the committee shall be conducted using Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Section 10. Scheduling Meetings**

1. All meetings of the committee shall be announced and scheduled at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance, excepting emergency meetings to deal with urgent issues.

**Article III. Election Rules and Regulations**

**Section 1. Eligibility To Run**

1. All candidates must be eligible for the office they are seeking.
2. The eligibility for the SGA offices and the ARH offices shall be set by the governing documents of the SGA and the ARH, respectively.
3. The eligibility for the office of Student Trustee shall be set by the law of the State of Illinois. All Student Trustee candidates must legally reside in Illinois.
4. All candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with ISU.
5. Registering to run shall constitute consent for the Student Elections Committee to verify all eligibility requirements.
6. Candidates may register their candidacy and campaign with the committee by submitting an online registration form, which shall consist of the following:
   1. The candidate’s name and @ilstu.edu email address.
   2. The name(s) and @ilstu.edu email address(es) of any running mates.
   3. The election the candidate wishes to participate in.
   4. The candidate’s major.
   5. Other information requested by the committee.
7. Only candidates determined to be eligible by the committee shall be allowed to campaign and placed on the ballot.

**Section 2. Eligibility To Vote**

1. A person shall be eligible to vote if they are enrolled in at least one academic course at ISU and are not simultaneously employed full-time by the University as a faculty member, administrative/professional staff member, or civil service staff member.
2. A person shall be eligible to vote in all elections held within their constituency as prescribed by the governing documents of the oversight organizations. If the constituency is not prescribed for an election, then all otherwise eligible voters shall be eligible to vote in that election.

**Section 3. Scheduling**

1. The Student Elections Committee shall set the specific date(s) and time(s) for the student elections and associated events at least 21 calendar days prior to the final day of voting, unless the SGA prescribes the date(s) and time(s) before the committee does so.
2. The final day of voting must occur before Spring Break.
3. All elections and referenda shall appear on the same ballot and occur on the same date(s) and time(s), unless otherwise prescribed by the governing documents of the oversight organizations or Student Elections Code.
4. The Candidate Forum must be held at least seven (7) days before voting begins.
5. Campaigning activities may begin fourteen (14) days before voting begins.
6. Information Sessions should be held no less than fourteen (14) days before campaigning activities begin.
7. Should the office of Student Trustee become vacant, the committee shall hold a special election to elect a new Student Trustee to serve the remainder of the former Student Trustee’s term. The committee shall set the specific date(s) and time(s) for the special election and associated events at least 21 calendar days prior to the final day of voting. The committee should attempt to schedule the election before the next Board of Trustees meeting.

**Section 4. Tied Elections**

1. Should an election result in a tie, the winner(s) may be decided by a public coin toss if all tied candidates consent to that method. Otherwise, the committee shall schedule a runoff election to take place no later than five (5) business days following the certification of the initial election results. Only the tied candidates shall appear on the ballot.

**Section 5. Invalidated Elections**

1. Should an election result be invalidated by the committee, that election shall be reconducted no later than five (5) business days following the invalidation.

**Section 6. Referenda**

1. All referenda shall be conducted as prescribed in the SGA governing documents.
2. Referenda must be approved and submitted by the SGA no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the final day of voting.

**Section 7. Procedures and Operations**

1. All voting shall occur via Redbird Life.
2. If an eligible voter is unable to vote via Redbird Life or requires accommodations, they may request a paper ballot by visiting the Dean of Students Office.
   1. All paper ballots must include the student’s name, signature, UID, and @ilstu.edu email address. If any of these fields are missing, the ballot shall be invalidated. The name, signature, UID, and @ilstu.edu email address shall not be shared with anyone except Student Elections Committee members.
   2. The Student Elections Committee shall verify that all paper ballots were cast by eligible voters who did not successfully vote via Redbird Life. If the committee is unable to do so, the ballot shall be invalidated.
3. The Student Elections Committee shall confirm that the Redbird Life ballot functions properly. The committee reserves the right to invalidate an election due to technical error.

**Section 8. Election Updates**

1. All candidates shall be provided with an unofficial tally of results as of 7 p.m. on the first day of voting.
2. The committee may provide all candidates with additional unofficial results at other times if it so chooses.

**Section 9. Determination of Winners**

1. All winners shall be determined by plurality vote, unless otherwise prescribed by the governing documents of the oversight organizations or Student Elections Code.
2. All candidates and the public shall be notified of the final certified results.

**Section 10. Recounts and Audits**

1. Any candidate may request a recount of an election within forty-eight (48) hours of the certification of the results by submitting a written request with a valid reason to the committee Chairperson. The committee reserves the right to decline any recount requests if the voting members unanimously vote to do so.
2. The committee reserves the right to audit any election result.

**Article IV. Violations and Grievances**

**Section 1. Violations**

1. A violation is any failure to adhere to the provisions of the Student Elections Code, the interpretations and rulings of the Student Elections Committee. Any action against ISU policy that may impact an election may also be considered a violation.
2. The committee may find a campaign guilty of a violation by majority vote.

**Section 2. Grievance Reporting**

1. Violations may be reported to the Student Elections Committee by any person by submitting a grievance form to the committee. The grievance form must be available for electronic submission via Redbird Life.
2. All grievance forms must include the following:
   1. The aggrieved campaign(s).
   2. The accused campaign(s) or individual(s).
   3. A description of the alleged violation.
   4. The time, date, and location of the alleged violation.
   5. The names of any witnesses.
   6. Any additional relevant information or documentation.
3. All grievances must be reported within two (2) business days of the alleged violation being discovered.
4. All grievances reported after the conclusion of voting must be submitted no later than five (5) business days after the conclusion of voting. The committee will only consider such grievances if it determines there is a reasonable likelihood that the election result could have been altered by the alleged violation.

**Section 3. Grievance Hearing Procedures**

1. When a grievance form is submitted to the committee, the Chairperson will electronically distribute the form to all named campaigns and witnesses. The Chairperson will schedule a grievance hearing in a reasonable and timely manner.
2. All grievance hearings must include the following:
   1. Opening arguments from the aggrieved campaign(s) and accused campaign(s) or individuals.
   2. Presentation of relevant evidence and witness testimony by the aggrieved and accused campaign(s) or individuals.
   3. Cross examination of aggrieved and accused campaign(s) or individuals.
   4. Questioning of the aggrieved and accused campaign(s) or individuals by committee members.
   5. Final arguments from the aggrieved and accused campaign(s) or individuals.
3. The committee may establish additional grievance hearing rules or procedures by majority vote. All parties must be informed of any such rules or procedures.
4. Once a grievance hearing has concluded, the committee shall deliberate and determine whether the accused campaign or individual(s) is guilty or not guilty of the alleged violation. If found guilty, the committee shall decide what sanction(s) to apply.
   1. These deliberations are conducted in closed sessions where only Student Elections Committee members attend.
   2. If a committee member submitted the grievance form, is named as a witness, or is an accused individual, that member may not participate in deliberations and may not vote on the matter.
5. The committee must inform all involved parties of their ruling and rationale immediately. An electronic copy of the minutes of the grievance hearing must be distributed to all involved parties.

**Section 4. Sanctions**

1. A sanction is a penalty imposed on a campaign or other individual found guilty of a violation.
2. The Student Elections Committee shall consider the following when determining the appropriate sanction:
   1. The severity of the violation.
   2. History of past violations.
   3. Precedent set by prior rulings.
3. The following sanctions may be levied:
   1. Censure; a formal written reprimand for the violation and an order to cease committing the violation.
   2. Restriction; a ban or limitation on the type and manner of campaign activity that a campaign may conduct. Restrictions may be temporary at the discretion of the committee.
   3. Suspension; a ban on all campaign activity.
   4. Disqualification; the campaign is disqualified from the election and must cease all campaign activity. The campaign shall be removed from the ballot or, if voting has already begun, votes cast for that campaign shall not be counted. Disqualification should be reserved for serious violations.
   5. Election invalidation; the results of the election are invalidated and a new election must be held.
4. If a campaign fails to comply with a sanction, the committee may impose a suspension, disqualification, or election invalidation.
5. If an individual unaffiliated with a campaign is found guilty of a violation, that individual may be referred to relevant disciplinary bodies. If a Student Elections Committee member is found guilty of a violation, their membership shall be revoked.
6. If a campaign is found guilty of a violation after voting has concluded, the only available sanctions are disqualification or election invalidation.

**Section 5. Appeals**

1. Any person may appeal a ruling of the Student Elections Committee regarding a violation or sanction by submitting a written appeal request to the SGA advisor or designee withing one (1) business day of the announcement of the ruling.
2. An appeal may request to overturn a guilty or not guilty verdict and/or to request a harsher/lighter sanction for any of the following reasons:
   1. Misapplication of the Student Elections Code.
   2. Perceived bias of the Student Elections Committee.
   3. Unreasonableness of the ruling.
   4. Procedural errors.
3. The SGA advisor or designee reserves the right to overturn any ruling and apply any sanction at their discretion, provided that it does not conflict with the Student Elections Code. The SGA advisor or designee must submit a written rationale for their decision to the committee and all relevant parties in a reasonable and timely manner.

**Article V. Information Sessions**

**Section 1. Description**

1. Information Sessions are mandatory presentations for candidates to understand the Student Elections Code, the available positions, and any other relevant election information.

**Section 2. Presentation**

1. The presentation given at each information session must cover the following:
   1. Summary of Student Elections Code.
   2. Full job description of all available positions, including eligibility and duties.
   3. Election timeline, including all relevant deadlines.
   4. How to register to run.
   5. Membership of Student Elections Committee.
   6. Any other topic at the discretion of the Student Elections Committee.
2. The presentation must be delivered by a member of the Student Elections Committee or designee.
3. An electronic copy of any presentation materials, the Student Elections Code, relevant governing documents and ISU policies, and other relevant texts must be made available to all attendees.
4. All presentations should include a question-and-answer period.

**Section 3. Number of Sessions**

1. At least three information sessions must be held. The committee may hold additional sessions at its discretion. If an interested person is unable to attend any scheduled information session, the committee shall schedule a special session for that individual if the individual informs the committee in a timely manner.

**Section 4. Attendance**

1. Attendance must be taken at all information sessions, including each person’s name and @ilstu.edu email address.

**Article VI. Candidate Forum**

**Section 1. Description**

1. The candidate forum is a public event organized by the Student Elections Committee where all candidates may deliver a statement.

**Section 2. Format**

1. All candidates must be given the same amount of speaking time as those running for equivalent positions (e.g., candidates for Student Trustee must have the same time as other Student Trustee candidates, and SGA Senators must have the same time as other SGA Senators, but SGA Senators do not need to have the same time as Student Trustee candidates).
2. All positions must be represented at the candidate forum.
3. The committee may establish additional formatting procedures at its discretion.

**Section 3. Attendance**

1. All candidates must attend the candidate forum in person. Candidates must arrive at the beginning of the forum and must remain for the entire duration of the forum.
2. If a candidate is unable to attend the forum in person, they must notify the committee in writing as soon as possible and prepare a written statement to be read on their behalf. The committee may excuse the candidate’s absence for a valid and unavoidable reason, such as pre-scheduled work, class, illness, etc. The committee should only excuse absences not reported in advance if the absence was due to an unforeseeable and unavoidable situation.
   1. Skipping the candidate forum for other campaign activities is strictly prohibited and grounds for disqualification, even if a member of a ticket attends the forum (e.g., it is not permissible for an ARH President candidate to attend the forum and their ARH Vice President candidate to campaign).
   2. The committee reserves the right to approve or deny any absences on a case-by-case basis.

**Article VII. Campaign Finance Rules**

**Section 1. Reporting**

1. Each campaign must keep thorough and accurate records, receipts, and other documentation of all campaign expenses, contributions, or financial activity.
2. Each campaign must electronically submit a financial disclosure form no later than one (1) hour after the conclusion of voting in the election. The form must reflect all campaign expenses, contributions, or financial activity accurately and contain copies of all records, receipts, and other documentation.
   1. The committee may determine the format and additional fields of the financial disclosure form at its discretion.
3. The committee shall make all financial disclosure forms electronically available to the public no later than two (2) business days following the submission deadline.
4. Failure to submit the financial disclosure form by the deadline may result in disqualification.
5. The committee reserves the right to audit any and all reported expenditures for accuracy and validity.

**Section 2. Spending Limits**

1. All campaigns’ campaign expenses may not exceed their spending limit.
2. The spending limits are:
   1. SGA Senator campaigns: $300.
   2. Student Trustee campaigns: $500.
   3. Student Body President, Vice President, and Chief of Staff campaigns: $1,000.
   4. ARH President and Vice President campaigns: $500.

**Section 3. Contributions**

1. All campaigns may accept contributions for the purposes of the campaign.
2. Non-monetary contributions and in-kind contributions must be reported at their fair market value.
3. Campaigns may not accept contributions from other campaigns, ISU-affiliated offices, departments, or units, influence organizations, or registered student organizations.
4. The sum value of all contributions accepted by a campaign shall not be greater than the campaign’s spending limit.

**Article VIII. Campaign Conduct Rules**

**Section 1. Campaign Length**

1. Campaign activities may commence no sooner than fourteen (14) days before voting begins (“campaign start date”). All campaign activities must cease when voting ends.
   1. The only campaign activity that may occur before the campaign start date is scheduling the dates and times for speaking arrangements, meetings, and similar events conducted by the campaign. None of these events may occur before the campaign start date. Campaigns may only do this after being approved by the committee to run.

**Section 2. Campaign Materials**

1. Physical campaign materials are posters, signs, objects, clothing, literature, or other non-digital items that market, promote, or otherwise seek to influence a voter or election outcome.
2. Digital campaign materials are any form of digital media, including social media accounts, that market, promote, or otherwise seek to influence a voter or election outcome.
3. All campaign materials must include the name of the candidate(s) the campaign is affiliated with.
4. Campaign materials may only be affiliated with one campaign (e.g., a poster cannot say “Vote for Senator X and Senator Y”).

**Section 3. Registration of Campaign Materials**

1. All campaign materials must be submitted to the committee electronically before they may be used.
   1. Photos and designs are acceptable, as long as they accurately represent the campaign material.
   2. Social media accounts and similar accounts must be submitted to the committee. Posts to registered accounts only need to be submitted if they include materials or statements not already submitted to the committee.
2. The committee shall approve or deny all campaign materials at its discretion. The committee may deny campaign materials it finds violate the Student Elections Code or other ISU policy.
   1. The committee reserves the right to enforce decorum by rejecting materials which are inappropriate, offensive, or obscene.
3. A campaign may use campaign materials before they are approved by the committee so long as the campaign materials have been submitted to the committee. If the committee rejects campaign materials, the campaign must immediately cease using the campaign materials and comply with any directives given by the committee. No campaign materials may be used before they are submitted.

**Section 4. Required Events**

1. All candidates must attend an information session, the candidate forum, and any other events required by the Student Elections Committee.
2. Failure to attend any required event may result in disqualification.

**Section 5. Withdrawal**

1. Any candidate may end their campaign at any time by requesting to do so in writing to the committee Chairperson.
2. If a candidate withdraws before voting begins, that candidate shall be removed from the ballot.
3. If a candidate withdraws after voting begins, that candidate shall not be removed from the ballot, but the ballot may be edited to indicate that the candidate has withdrawn. If a withdrawn candidate wins, they have up to one (1) business day after voting ends to inform the committee whether they will accept the position. If the withdrawn candidate does not respond or declines the position, then the runner-up candidate(s) shall win.

**Section 6. Endorsements**

1. No ISU-affiliated office, department, or unit may endorse any campaign.
2. No influence organization may endorse any campaign.
3. Candidates may endorse other campaigns in the following ways:
   1. Candidates may verbally (in-person) endorse other campaigns.
   2. Candidates may re-post or share other campaign’s social media content, but may not create original social media content on behalf of another campaign.

**Section 7. Volunteers**

1. Campaign volunteers are non-candidates who provide a campaign with their service, labor, or other aid.
2. All campaigns must inform the Student Elections Committee of the identity of any and all volunteers and describe the work performed.
3. The actions of all volunteers must adhere to the Student Elections Code. Campaigns are responsible for all actions of volunteers.
4. Candidates may not be volunteers for another campaign.

**Section 8. Slogans and Similar Assets**

1. To avoid the appearance of party organization, campaigns may not use slogans, logos, or equivalent media that is fundamentally identical to that of another campaign.
2. Such media shall “belong” to the campaign which submitted campaign materials featuring the media to the committee first.
3. The committee shall not use this clause to restrict a campaign’s speech (policy positions, candidate qualities, etc.).

**Section 9. Campaign Decorum**

1. Campaigns may criticize other campaigns only on the basis of stated policy positions, prior actions in relevant roles, and expected job performance.
   1. All criticisms must be true and reasonable. Knowingly disseminating false information may be grounds for disqualification.
2. Campaigns may not in any way make personal attacks, comment on a candidate’s personal life, or otherwise defame or disparage a candidate. The committee reserves the right to use its discretion in classifying such actions.

**Section 10. Privileges**

1. The committee shall share a list of all approved candidates with Student Activities, which will provide the approved candidates with the RSO resources available through the Student Involvement Center.(<https://deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu/involvement/organizations/resources/>)

**Section 11. Campaign Related Events**

1. Any campaign related event not hosted by a campaign must be open to all campaigns to attend, and all campaigns must be invited.
2. If a campaign requests to speak or campaign at a non-campaign related event (e.g., a chapter meeting of a fraternity), that event does not need to be open to all campaigns.

**Section 12. ISU and Oversight Organization Resources**

1. No campaign may use in any way resources or assets owned and/or operated by ISU, the SGA, or the ARH. Examples include but are not limited to listservs, funds, and supplies.
2. Campaigns may use such resources if they are purchasable (e.g., using UPrint stations) or are provided by the Student Involvement Center.

**Section 13. Distribution of Items, Services, and Media**

1. Campaigns may distribute items or services as part of campaign activities.
   1. The distribution of items or services must not be in exchange for a vote whatsoever. “Purchasing” votes by handing out items or services is strictly prohibited.
2. Any media distributed to an @ilstu.edu email address must comply with all relevant ISU policies.
3. Campaigns must document consent from the recipient(s) to receive media to their @ilstu.edu email address before any media or messages are sent.
   1. This does not apply to messages requesting to schedule a meeting or event with an organization.

**Section 14. Honesty**

1. All campaigns must be fully transparent and honest in all submissions and communications with the Student Elections Committee. Knowingly providing false or misleading information may be grounds for disqualification.

**Section 15. Posted Campaign Materials**

1. Campaign materials that may be posted (posters, flyers, etc.) must be done in a manner compliant with all ISU policies.
2. The only bulletin boards that campaign materials may be posted on are those which are open to general student or RSO use.
3. No campaign materials may be posted in any academic classroom.
4. A campaign may only post one campaign material on a bulletin board at any given time.
5. Campaign materials may not be posted on outdoor ISU property other than those places where ISU permits the postage of materials for general student or RSO use.
6. Campaign materials must be registered with and approved by the Office of Residential Life before they may be posted in ISU residence halls and housing, including lobbies.

**Section 16. Chalking**

1. Campaigns may not chalk areas of buildings, sidewalks, or structures which are not normally exposed to rain.
2. Campaigns may only use sidewalk chalk. Other forms of chalk (e.g., spray chalk) are prohibited.

**Section 17. Location Restrictions**

1. Campaigns may verbally campaign in classrooms during class sessions only with the consent of the instructor.
2. Campaigning is prohibited in ISU computer labs (which are not classrooms).
3. Campaigns must register with and be approved by Event Management, Dining, and Hospitality (EMDH) before campaigning in ISU dining halls. Campaigns must remain in one area of a dining hall designated by EMDH and may not roam dining halls to campaign.
4. Campaigns must register with and be approved by the Office of Residential Life before campaigning in ISU residence halls and housing, including lobbies. Campaigns must comply with all relevant policies, including the escort policy.

**Section 18. Removal of Posted Campaign Materials**

1. Campaign materials may only be removed by the campaign that posted them, ISU officials and staff, and Student Elections Committee members.
2. Committee members may only remove materials which the committee has determined violate the Student Elections Code or which have not been submitted to the committee for approval.
3. No person may deface, damage, obscure, or otherwise vandalize posted campaign materials.
4. Posted campaign materials may be removed by any person after voting ends.

**Section 19. Non-Partisanship**

1. All elections under the jurisdiction of the Student Elections Code shall be nonpartisan.
2. Campaigns shall not in any way identify themselves with any federal, state, or local political party, organization, advocacy group, or equivalent organization.
3. Campaigns shall not in any way form an ISU political party, organization, advocacy group, or equivalent organization (e.g., campaigns shall not declare themselves as members of a “Reggie Redbird Party”).
4. Campaigns may not use endorsements to circumvent this section.

**Article IX. Definitions**

**Section 1. Campaign Related Events**

1. A “campaign related event” is any event where the primary or significant purpose is to campaign. Examples include, but are not limited to, forums, debates, and rallies.

**Section 2. Campaign**

1. “Campaign” shall broadly refer to the organization by which a candidate runs for office. A campaign may refer to an individual candidate (e.g., SGA Senator) or to a ticket (e.g., the ARH President and the ARH Vice President).

**Section 3. Candidate**

1. “Candidate” shall refer to the individual student in a campaign.

**Section 4. Social Media**

1. “Social Media” shall be defined as any form of electronic communication platform. Examples include, but are not limited to, Reddit, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook.

**Section 5. Influence Organization**

1. "Influence Organizations" are any organization that is associated with or itself is a 501c)(3) nonprofit, any local, statewide, or national political organization, or any other political advocacy group. This includes university RSO branches of such organizations, or any other ISU recognized organizations engaging in political activity.

**Section 6. Plurality Vote**

1. Plurality Vote shall mean more than any other candidate. A majority of all votes cast are not required.