

Hall Council Campaign Guidelines 2012-2013

This year's Official campaigning period begins Monday Sept. 9 and ends Sunday Sept. 15

Congratulations on your recent decision to run for a hall council executive board position! You are encouraged to campaign in an effort to inform your fellow residents of your views/ideas before they cast their votes. However, in an effort to keep the process as fair as possible and to maintain the physical environment of the halls, please adhere to the established posting guidelines. Campaign violations may jeopardize your candidacy in this election. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and good luck in the election!

Campaign materials MAY be posted on:

- hall bulletin boards designated for advertising—check with an RA before posting on a board
- a candidate's own room door

Campaign materials MAY be posted WITH PERMISSION on:

- whiteboards outside of student dorm rooms (with permission of residents)
- room doors (with permission of residents)

Campaign materials ARE NOT ALLOWED to be posted on:

- front doors to any hall
- any walls in the hall, including stairwells
- any glass
- any mirrors

Other campaign material/practices that not allowed include:

- Harassing people to vote
- Knocking on residents' doors for campaign purposes
- Personal insults to other candidates
- Sexually suggestive material
- Use of profanity
- Threatening/harmful materials
- Banners (due to space constraints)
- Sliding campaign material under student room doors
- Chalking on the road, under an awning, on or inside a building, or on bricks.
- Mass messaging/emailing people that you do not personally know or without consent (this includes social media, in addition to emails).
 - With social media networks, candidates may not send any unsolicited messages at any time, which includes, but is not limited to, writing on someone's profile, unsolicited tagging, and mass messaging. Candidates may campaign in any forum to which message recipients have voluntarily subscribed or from which recipients can unsubscribe.

General Guidelines:

- Candidates may only campaign during the official campaign period.
- Candidates may only campaign in their own building(s) or within 30 feet of the building.
- Candidates are responsible for any material distributed on their behalf. Anyone assisting a candidate with campaigning must also follow all campaign rules.
- Violation of the guidelines may result in the candidate or residential life staff member taking down the offensive material.
- Violations of any campaign guideline will be reviewed with the possibility of the candidate being withdrawn from contention.
- Candidates cannot try to influence people while they are voting, which includes, but is not limited to, being present/hanging out at ballot locations.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your Graduate Head Resident or call Ed Feldman at 275-8764.