

Election Nomination and Campaign Rules

1. The Engineering Society Elections Committee consists of the following persons

- 1.1. Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
- 1.2. The Council Speaker who serves as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)
- 1.3. Director of Internal Affairs
- 1.5. Up to 2 Deputy Returning Officers (DROs)
- 1.6. Vice President of Society Affairs (VPSA)

2. Nominations

- 2.1. Nomination period officially starts at 8:30am on January 9th, 2017.
- 2.2. Nomination period officially ends at 5:30pm on January 18th, 2017.
- 2.3. Extended nominations, if needed, will start at 8:30am on January 19th, 2017.
- 2.4. Extended nominations, if needed, will end at 5:30pm on January 22nd, 2017.
- 2.5. Absolutely no nominations can be collected within campus pubs or cafeterias.
- 2.6. No door-to-door collecting of nominations is permitted.
- 2.7. Do not misrepresent or interfere with another group/person's collection of nominations.

3. Budget

- 3.1. Additionally, the Engineering Society agrees to subsidize each candidate to an amount not exceeding \$80.00 for all President Candidates and \$50.00 for all Vice-President and Junior Senator Candidates upon submission of receipts of expenses incurred from the campaign.
- 3.2. Maximum spending permitted is to be no more than the amount the Engineering Society will subsidize, defined as the total value of all campaigning materials used over the campaigning period.
- 3.3. No campaign materials can be bought after the campaign period ends.
- 3.4. All candidates must declare all costs for campaigning, if a cost is not explicit, their cost should be declared at their estimated value at the discretion of the CEO.

4. Campaigning

- 4.1. Candidates must step down from all other positions within the Engineering Society during the election period.
 - 4.1.1. In the case of paid positions in which stepping down is not enforceable, candidates cannot use their position to advertise their candidacy.
 - 4.1.2. A candidate will be permitted to discharge or perform a specific aspect of a position that they have stepped down from with the approval of the CEO. The specific duties that may be performed will be publicly reported to the Engineering Society Council by the CEO.
- 4.2. Violations of the Queen's Harassment/Discrimination Complaint Policy and Procedure are not to be included in your campaign.
- 4.3. Campaigning officially starts at 8:00am on January 23rd, 2017.
- 4.4. Campaigning officially ends at 11:59pm on January 29th, 2017.
- 4.5. No campaigning within campus pubs or cafeterias.
- 4.6. No off campus campaigning or door-to-door campaigning is permitted.
- 4.7. The Golden Words "This is for Real" section is not to be used for campaigning.
- 4.8. Must abide by campus residence rules if campaigning in campus residences.
- 4.9. Do not misrepresent or interfere with another group/person's campaign.

4.10. Classroom appearances must be cleared with the lecturer/professor in advance, make it clear that it is a speech to garner support for your candidacy and keep your speeches to no more than one (1) minute.

4.11. All candidates may provide a single slide to be displayed on the TV outside the lounge, to be submitted to the CRO by January 22nd, 2017.

5. Debates

5.1. Debates will be run as a question and an answer period.

5.2. Each candidate will get a maximum 5 minute opening and a 5 minute close.

5.3. The debates will be conducted by the Speaker

5.3.1. If the Speaker is not able to make it then the Deputy Speaker will conduct the debates.

5.3.2. If the Deputy Speaker cannot make it to debate night then a member of the Elections Committee (CRO, DRO) will conduct the debates.

5.4. Questions will be asked by the audience and must be directed to all of the candidates.

5.5. Speaker reserves the right to not allow a question.

5.6. The decision of who will start first will be decided by picking a name out of a hat.

5.7. Closing remarks will be in the reverse order of the opening.

5.8. There will be a rotation between which candidate answers the question first.

5.9. Candidates will have a maximum of three (3) minutes for every question.

5.10. A Candidate has the option to ask the Speaker for a rebuttal. All other candidates will be given an additional turn to speak if this is allowed.

5.11. The debates must be filmed and will be put on YouTube and Facebook (with candidate consent). They will be taken down one week after the end of the election period.

6. Campaign Materials

6.1. All advertising materials used in your campaign must be pre-approved by an Elections Committee member.

6.2. Stickers are not permitted.

6.3. The maximum amount of printed items to be stamped is limited to a maximum of 100 items per candidate.

6.4. Online advertising (websites/Facebook) must also be approved by the Elections Committee.

6.4.1. Messages and postings that cannot be completely removed from the website after posting must be pre-approved by either the CRO or DRO.

6.4.2. Websites

6.4.1.1. Submit any website pages to the Elections Committee prior to launch.

6.4.3. Facebook

6.4.3.1. Only Facebook pages, complimentary messages and advertising may be utilized for campaigning.

6.4.3.2. The CRO and the CEO must be an admin officer of your Facebook pages.

6.4.3.3. Your Facebook pages must be closed/secret until the CRO or a DRO has approved of its content. Any further content revisions must be sent to the CRO or a DRO before they go online

6.4.3.4. Once the campaign period ends the wall/discussion topics must be disabled, no more people may join, and all descriptions/pictures of the event must not be changed.

6.4.3.5. Facebook status's/profile pictures must be non-partisan on voting days, for example they cannot say "Vote For Team/Person X" and cannot have the link to the online website where they can vote.

6.4.3.6. Events must be shut down one hour before the Campaign Period ends otherwise they would send out automatic reminders on voting days.

6.4.3.7. Admins for other Facebook groups cannot use their power as admins to invite the people in the event to their campaign Facebook pages.

6.4.3.7. There will be a general Facebook event where information on the elections will be located. All individual Facebook events will be linked to this group.

6.5. Poster Rules

6.5.1. Residences and most buildings on campus have poster and advertising policies and must be abided by. For Main Campus Residences, posters must be approved prior to posting and can be approved at the MCRC office located in Victoria Hall. West Campus, Mac-Corry and the JDUC have similar polices. Consult with the office staff in each building if in doubt. Campaign materials removed by building officials or the Elections Committee will be counted towards your election expense limit and the Elections Committee is not responsible for your losses.

6.5.2. All posters/signs must be down by midnight of the last day of campaigning.**6.5.4.** All posters/signs must be brought to the Engineering Society Office by 12:30am on January 30th, 2017.

6.5.3. Missing posters must be reported to the Election Committee.

7. Video

7.1. Video consent forms must be signed before video content is allowed online.

8. Violation of Campaign Rules

8.1. A candidate will be considered responsible for any rule violations committed as part of their campaign.

8.2. Rule violations will be considered infractions under one of four (4) levels of severity, at the discretion of the CEO.

8.3. Level 1 infractions will result in a formal warning from Elections Committee.

8.4. Level 1 infractions include but are not limited to:

8.4.1. Campaigning outside of the campaign period, as per rules 6.4.3. and 6.5.2.

8.4.2. Class talks in violation of rule 4.10.

8.5. Level 2 infractions will result in advertisement of the infraction in official elections advertisement material.

8.6. Level 2 infractions include but are not limited to:

8.6.1. Committing the same level 1 infraction on two or more separate occasions.

8.6.2. Failing to remedy a level 1 infraction within 4 hours of receiving a formal warning from Elections Committee.

8.6.3. Use of campaign materials that violate one or more rule in section 6.

8.6.4. Disparaging another candidate's campaign as per rule 4.9.

8.7. Level 3 infractions will be immediately advertised to all Engineering Society members via email, in addition to advertisement of the infraction in official campaign advertisement material.

8.8. Level 3 infractions include but are not limited to:

8.8.1. Committing two or more level 2 infractions. This includes committing the same level 2 infraction on two or more separate occasions, or committing 2 or more different level 2 infractions.

8.8.2. Malicious interference in another campaign as per rule 4.9. at the discretion of the CEO.

8.8.3. Advertising through channels in violation of rules 4.5., 4.6., or 4.7.

8.8.4. Any rule violation committed with malicious intent at the discretion of the CEO.

8.9. Level 4 infractions will result in immediate disqualification of the candidate.

8.10. Level 4 infractions include but are not limited to:

8.10.1. Committing two or more level 3 infractions. This includes committing the same level 3 infraction on two or more separate occasions, or committing 2 or more different level 3 infractions.

8.10.2. Discriminatory campaign practices as per rule 4.2.

8.11. Any penalty levied may also include a financial penalty, in the form of deduction from the candidate's campaign budget. If financial commitments have been made such that the expense limit allowed by the candidate would be exceeded by the imposition of the penalty, the equivalent value of the fine in campaigning materials may be forfeited.

8.12. Any penalty may be appealed to the Engineering Society Review Board

9. Tie Breaker

9.1. At the beginning of the voting period the CRO will cast a ballot that will be kept secret. It will only be released in the event of a tie.

10. Questions

10.1. All questions are to be directed to the CRO via email

10.2. The CRO will respond to emailed questions via email within 18 hours