RULINGS ON CLARIFICATION OF ELECTION CODE
As filed by Senator Laura Sanders

Article V: Rules on Elections,
Section 5: Rules on Campaigns,
Subsection 1, B: “Candidates and Referendum Parties may only begin publicizing their campaigns after the Election Code meetings have been held and on the date set forth on the Election Calendar. If candidates or Referendum Parties are found publicizing their campaigns in any way before the above dates, it is grounds for disqualification. “

Question: Pretend someone emailed me a Google docs form entitled "[Pres/VP Last Name] Campaign Interest Form" back on March 8th asking me to fill it out if I was interested in helping their team with campaigning ...

Is that okay, or how would that be interpreted?

Election Code Ruling: If a candidate contacted you, privately, in hopes to assist them with their campaign, that is not a violation of the Election Code; candidates are only prohibited from publicly announcing or promoting their campaigns. From the information I have, the incident would be considered privately organizing their campaign, before campaign week had begun.

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As filed by Sandra Hagenimana

Question: A few of our members are running in the SGA Senate Election and we would like to facilitate a "town hall" style meeting in McConnell Hall in order to help them address questions and concerns that other TAMS students may have about the election and candidates. With this in mind, we do not want to break election code. Would having a town hall style meeting in McConnell Hall be considered "campaigning in a residence hall", considering that the town hall will only allow TAMS senator candidates and TAMS students to participate?

Election Code Ruling: Unfortunately, no. That would be considered campaigning and in violation of the Election Code. As outlined in Article V, Section 5, subsection 5B of the SGA By-Laws:

“All campaigning and campaign material in or on the property of UNT Housing requires the expressed consent of the Director of UNT Housing & Residence Life or designee, and must abide by UNT Housing policies. Door-to-door campaigning shall not be permitted under any circumstances.”

I do understand the vitality of McConnell Hall to our TAMS residents and this would be an interesting idea to try and develop, but currently it is only the duty of The Student Government Association, itself, to publicize the electoral process. This Town Hall would be plausible if you were to receive the expressed written consent of the UNT Director of Housing & Residence Life, Gina Vanacore.
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As filed by Presidential Candidate Roberto Navarro Jr.

Question: I just wanted to clarify if approaching individuals in the Student Union is a violation of the election code? My running mate was approached by a Union administrator and was told we could not be soliciting votes from people unless behind a table. From the election code and the meeting, we were told we could campaign in the union to exclude SGA offices, there was no clarification as to what campaign methods were violations or not. To my understanding the only violations were within or within 50 ft from libraries and computer labs.

Election Code Ruling: There seems to have been some miscommunication. There is a thin line between talking with your constituents and soliciting, especially in the Union. Talking with students while in the University Union is not against the Election Code. If you are wanting to approach and reach out to students specifically in the Union, you do need to schedule a tabling (table, solicit, etc.) time through the Union Scheduling Services on the 4th floor, as per University Policy; this information was provided through the Election Code Meeting.

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John Carr, Election Commissioner