Election Questions from Candidates

- Does housing include Fraternity and Sorority row houses?
  - No, that is under Greek Life and students would need to email them to conduct proper campaigning tactics
  - Door to door campaigning will not be allowed under any circumstances per University Policy

- If one candidate gets permission to campaign inside a residence hall, does that apply to all?
  - No, each individual will need their own permission
  - Door to door campaigning will not be allowed under any circumstances per University Policy

- Is it okay to campaign on personal social media accounts?
  - Yes, after the start of campaign week

- Can we create new social media accounts to promote ourselves?
  - Yes, after the start of campaign week

- Can a candidate build a campaign team prior to campaign week?
  - No, but use careful wording when doing so
    - For example: “I have applied to run for (Pres/VP/Senator) would you be interested in helping me with my campaign during campaign week?” is okay
    - Specific language that is letting others know that you are running prior to campaign week with the intent to encourage them to vote for you is a violation
      - For example: “Hey I’m running for SGA (Pres/VP/Senator).” is NOT okay prior to campaign week
    - Posting on any public outlet about your campaign prior to the campaign start time will result in a violation

- Are campaign t-shirts allowed for candidates and campaign teams?
  - Yes, but make sure when someone wears the shirt they are following the restricted zones discussed during the Election Code Meeting
  - Also, be aware of the cost of shirts as you do have a spending limit

- If a snapchat filter is purchased for the purpose of campaigning and it covers a span of campus that could include the library, SGA office, etc is that still prohibited? I know it was allowed last year but it was a confusing rule.
  - Yes, but be aware of where people are using the snapchat filter, so that it does not conflict with the restricted zones. For example, if a snapchat filter covers the Union, make sure no one uses it inside of the SGA office.

- Can members of SGA talk about elections during classes if they’re not campaigning for a specific candidate?
○ You can encourage people to vote in general to increase voter turnout, but you may not encourage them to vote in a specific way (referendum or candidate)
○ You must also gain written consent from your professor to speak about voting whether it be before or after class (email preferred)

● Can we host our own events, such as a mixer?
  ○ Yes, but be aware that can be costly to do on campus
  ○ Additionally, the election board will be hosting events to allow candidates to campaign

● Can I please get some clarity on this new election code rule? I understand the no-ticket rule but how would a Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate keep 50 other people from interacting with them on social media? Couldn’t a Senatorial candidate just retweet a campaign tweet without knowing and get both parties disqualified?
  ○ Answer: All Senatorial, Presidential, and Vice Presidential candidates have been made aware that they cannot retweet, like, or share other candidates social media.

● Could a candidate help another candidate with a task relating to a service they offer? For example for photography or social media marketing help?
  ○ Answer: They can help them with services like photography, but they are not allowed to endorse their campaign.

● While tabling if a candidate is giving out small campaign materials (such as a pen) but warns the student that they can’t have these materials in forbidden zones, would that cover the candidate in the case that the student uses the pen in the library later on? Since one candidate couldn’t hold thousands of students accountable.
  ○ Answer: That is the same as if someone was to hand out any campaign materials. Just make sure you are doing everything in your power to let students know about the campaign rules.

● Why was it decided to scrap the town hall meeting?
  ○ Historically, Senatorial candidates did not have chance to interact with the student body at the Town Hall and Debate because it was
solely for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. The Town Hall this year will be tailored to Senators, but Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates will have time in the beginning to introduce themselves and explain their platforms. The debate is still solely for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. We are trying to make our events equal to everyone running for office.

- Is the Election Calendar the same for Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates as it is for Senators?
  - Yes, please check your emails for the updated calendar

- Can I gain students' concerns from senators, students, and organizations without breaking campaigning rules in order to gain more information about how students feel on campus?
  - The best and first form of contact would be to the SGA Concerns Director who deals with on campus concerns.

- Why was the election calendar changed?
  - In all of the Election Code Meetings, it was mentioned the dates given were tentative due to the single transferable vote system. The new calendar has been sent to be reviewed by Senate this week (3/21). A single transferable vote system or something similar is working in to be put in place. This system will eliminate a run off week which would essentially turn elections into a 2 week election process instead of 4. This change was made in order to give candidates more time to prepare for campaigning and also increase student voter turnout since there was a recent referendum re-vote.

- Are candidates allowed to collect contact info at tabling events to notify students to vote for them when election week comes around?
  - Yes, but you can only collect emails. Also, you would need to send a mass email by BCCing everyone so email stays confidential. You must email the mass email to the Election Commissioner, Tehute
Habte, at TehuteHabte@my.unt.edu. Please be aware that you are responsible for the accuracy and truthfulness of your campaign.

- Are current members of SGA (Executive Board & Senators not running for re-election) allowed to endorse candidates?
  - Yes they may in their personal capacity as a student. They do not have to, but if they are willing they are allowed to endorse a candidate.

- I was going to but eggs around campus with my campaign information, and I was wondering if that would be allowed?
  - Per University Policy 11.003 on Signs, Posters, and Advertisements, it is not allowed.

- Are candidates allowed to use their College’s tablecloth for tabling?
  - Yes, but it is up to the College’s discretion to allow candidates to borrow their tablecloth.

- What are Pres/VP candidates allowed to include in their introductions for the Senatorial Meet and Greet event?
  - The introductions will be brief and will include name, classification, position, student involvement. You are also allowed to speak about your campaign.

- For the computer lab rule, does that include the Multicultural Center?
  - No, it does not. The MC is not a restricted zone.

- Can lawn signs be placed next to each other if the overall count is less than 20?
  - Yes, but the two lawn signs do not count as one.

- Are we allowed to be interviewed by media?
  - Yes, but first the interviewers must email the Election Commissioner at tehutehabte@my.unt.edu.

- Who is considered a member of your campaign team?
  - A member of your campaign team has to consistently advocate/ help with your campaign throughout campaign & election week.
- Are paid students that helped with things such as graphics and photography considered members of the campaign team?
  - Students that offered a one time service such as photography are not members of the campaign. In that sense, you only using them as a business.

Tips from the Election Board:

- Take pictures of any campaign materials posted to have as evidence in case of a hearing
- Retweeting, Sharing, or Liking another candidate on your social media page is a violation of the No Ticket Block Option
- If a member of the Election Board or Election Commissioner is on an Executive Board of another student organization and that organization chooses to promote a candidate’s campaign that is not reflective of the Election Board nor the Commissioner’s private views. It shall not be seen as an endorsement or promotion of the individual under any circumstances.