

Campaign Rules & Regulations – 2021-2022 Election Cycle

The following regulations apply to ALL candidates, whether they are on the ballot or write-in candidates. All eligible candidates are responsible for being familiar with and adhering to the following rules and regulations.

Candidates are expected to comply with all policies set forth by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin System, along with all local, state, and federal laws.

Section 1 – Removal

- A. The Commission shall notify any candidate accused of a campaign violation within 48 hours of receiving a complaint.
- B. The Commission shall hold violation hearings within three school days of receiving the complaint. The Commission shall make their decision on recognizing a violation by a 2/3 vote. Once accumulating 3 recognized points, candidates shall be automatically removed from the ballot.
- C. Candidates have the right to an appeal. Appeals shall be directed to the Oversight and Appeals Commission and shall solely be based upon a violation of these bylaws or processes.

Section 2 - Campaign Violations

- A. 3-point violations -
 - i. Any candidate influencing any student to vote for them through bribes, threats, or any other form of coercion.
 - ii. Any candidate directly providing any student with electronic resources that they can use to vote.
 - iii. Any candidate physically, verbally, or psychologically harassing any other student.
 - iv. Any use of libel or slander against another candidate.
 - v. Any use of corporate sponsorship for campaign purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, logos, company names, or any other physical presence.
- B. 2-point violations –
 - i. Any candidate actively campaigning before the beginning of the campaign period or after the end of the Commission-sanctioned kickoff event.
 - ii. Any candidate campaigning within any SA-allocated spaces.
 - iii. Any candidate moving, covering, defacing, destroying, removing the campaign materials of any other candidate, or otherwise interfering with any other candidate's right to legally campaign.

- iv. Any candidate using student organization funds, segregated fees, or resources purchased with segregated fees for individual campaign purposes. This includes the use of office equipment or supplies in Registered Student Organization offices or any office allocated to the SA.
- C. 1-point violations –
- i. Any candidate storing or creating campaign materials within the Student Association Offices or any office space directly allocated to the Student Association.
 - ii. Any candidate using any bulletin boards allocated to the Student Association for campaign purposes without prior approval.

Candidates may be referred to campus police or the Dean of Students Office depending on the severity of their alleged violation. Further action taken by authorities external to the Commission will be separate from the action taken by the Commission but may lead to candidates being deemed ineligible.

Section 3 – Burden

The burden of proof to assess points shall be clear and convincing. This means that the evidence presented by a party must be highly and substantially more probable to be true than not, and that the Commission must have a firm belief or conviction in its factuality.