

Election Campaigning Procedures

- a) Campaigning is defined as “any activity by a candidate, be it through social media, posters, discussion, or announcements, to encourage or entice a constituent to vote for them or another specific candidate.” Encouraging individuals to vote in the election does not constitute campaigning.
- b) Eligible Candidates will be limited to campaigning during the time between the publishing of the Candidates list and the day before voting begins.
- c) Campaigning is at the individual’s expense and on their own time.
- d) Campaigning should not disrupt class instruction or regular campus operations.
- e) Candidates may not abuse Okanagan College’s resources. Any institutional resources used must be those available to all campaigning candidates. All candidates are required to act with honesty and integrity.
- f) All candidates may submit a biography statement, which will be published on the Election webpage (okanagan.bc.ca/elections). A photo of the candidate may be included at the discretion of the candidate.
- g) Except for College bulletin boards for campaign posters, candidates are prohibited from utilizing college communication resources. This includes email distribution lists (ie: departmental list-serves, websites, or other tools and information available to the candidate as a member of the College community). Should all candidates within a representative stakeholder group agree to the use of a specific College medium, an exception may be made at the discretion of the Registrar.
- h) No campaign material shall refer to another candidate or their platform in any way without express consent of both candidates.
- i) Candidates must ensure all physical campaign materials posted on bulletin boards are removed by noon the day following the voting period.
- j) All candidates are encouraged to talk with their constituents:
 - a. To discuss how they will represent them at the Board of Governors or Education Council;
 - b. To encourage them to vote; and
 - c. To engage with all candidates about the issues that concern them most.
- k) At no time will a candidate or someone campaigning on their behalf, harass or otherwise aggressively solicit votes, nor to use intimidation or bribery to garner votes. This limitation applies equally to social media and at locations not under the control of the College.
- l) All campaigning activities are subject to OC policies including the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy (students) and Code of Ethical Practices Policy (employees). It also must not

undermine an individual or group as per BC Human Rights Legislation. Nominees may be excluded from the election should they or their representatives violate these regulations.

- m) The Registrar may sanction a candidate for not adhering to campaign rules up to and including disqualification of the candidate. The decision to sanction a candidate is subject to appeal under the election Appeals Procedure. A written appeal must be filed within two working days of the sanction being issued and adjudicated prior to the designated voting period.
- n) Questions or concerns regarding the violation of these rules may be directed to registrar@okanagan.bc.ca. Note that while the identity of the source will be protected, the Registrar will not accept anonymous complaints.