Notes and Important Info

Associated Students Campaign Regulations
ELECTION 2016
GENERAL REGULATIONS

The following information is provided to all eligible regular and write-in candidates and advisory ballot measure communities for the 2016 AS General Election:

Publicity:
University policies regarding publicity are in effect and can be found at http://www.csuchico.edu/sll/campuspolicies/publicity.shtml

Free Speech:
Candidates must also abide by free speech policies found at http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/1986/86-012.shtml. Both policy links can be found under “Campus Policies and Information” button on the Student Life and Leadership homepage.

Campaign Rules:
In addition, the AS oversees election campaigning activities during the campaign period up to and including the 24 hour election period. The AS and university staff will monitor campaign materials and activities on campus for compliance with these and other policies and laws.

Noncompliance with publicity, free speech or campaign rules will result in the candidate’s campaigning privileges being revoked for up to a week from the date of disturbance.

VERIFIED ELIGIBILITY WILL BE CONFIRMED BY MARCH 22, 2016.
MANDATORY CANDIDATE ORIENTATION WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 28 IN BMU 220G FROM 5-7pm. ATTENDING THE CANDIDATE ORIENTATION WILL BE YOUR TICKET TO RECEIVE TABLING, AND POSTER PERMITS. A LIST OF VERIFIED ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP OFFICE,

OFF CAMPUS

The City of Chico has ordinances regarding the use of public rights of way (sidewalks, streets, power and light poles) that prohibit signs, banners. The City of Chico has sign ordinances for residential property. Violations of these ordinances are subject to citations, fines and prosecution. Contact the City of Chico Code Enforcement Office at 879-6310 for more information.

If at any time you have any questions regarding the Election, please contact:

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BMU 305

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BMU TABLING
The Bell Memorial Union (BMU) – Candidates must reserve these tables through AS Conference Services. Reservations are limited and all BMU table rules must be strictly adhered to.

AS PROGRAMS/STAFF
AS resources may **NOT** be used for any campaign (i.e., working on campaign materials within AS facilities, consultation with AS career or student employees regarding campaigning, use of AS telephones, equipment, offices, or facilities for storage of campaign materials). The BMU and its funded programs are designated as non-campaign areas.

REMINDERS
- Passing out campaign materials to people walking through campus is permitted, but no forms of harassment are acceptable.
- A table and chair will be provided for you on April 6th from 11-1:00 pm in Trinity Commons for the AS FLO hosted Election BBQ
- Clean up (nightly & at the end of the campaign)

Electronic Devices
Laptops are permitted in conjunction with campaign tabling on non-election days, but must run on battery power. No cords may be run from the tabling area to a power source due to safety and ADA considerations. **Absolutely no voting may occur on candidates’ personal electronic devices during election tabling.**

PUBLICITY

Flyers/Posters
- Publicity items may only be posted on bulletin boards labeled "Student Bulletin Board."
- All posted materials appearing on bulletin boards must be approved by the Student Life and Leadership office in BMU 220 and stamped prior to posting. You must also leave one copy of the posting in BMU 220.
- Posters are to be no larger than 11" x 17" and must contain the name and contact information (phone number, e-mail and/or postal address) of the sponsoring entity visibly on the poster. The event, time, place, and cost/price/donation must also be stated.
- Only one poster is allowed per board, regardless of board size.
- Posting over or removing existing material is not allowed.
- Attendance to the Mandatory Candidate Orientation allows the student candidate to receive a special 3 week posting stamp for bulletin board posting only.

Sandwich Boards
- Maximum size for sandwich board signs is 2' x 4'.
- Sandwich boards may not be placed on lawns or shrub areas.
- Sandwich boards may not restrict access to sidewalks or building entrances, with special consideration for regular business, ADA and/or fire access.
Candidates may have a **total of five (5)** sandwich boards and may display them in these designated areas:

- **1 board** in the Glenn/Siskiyou Mall area
- **1 board** in the Plumas/Butte area.
- **2 boards** on the Free Speech Grass Area (not on walkways).
- **1 board** in the Student Services Center plaza. Safety guidelines must be maintained. Do not place boards in center of walkways or traffic paths, but rather close to a planter or outer border of the area due to disability access.

**Lawn Stakes**

- Signs staked on lawns can remain only from 6:00AM-6:00PM and may be removed for mowing or watering.
- Signs may be staked with wood or metal stakes, but may not go into the ground deeper than 6 inches.
- Sponsoring organization's name and contact information must appear on the sign or sign stake.

**Chalking**

- Due to the negative environmental and resource impact associated with it (removal via washing wastes water and runs the risk of introducing pollutants into the natural storm water removal network of campus streams), chalking on campus is not permitted.
- **Any chalking on campus property will be treated as graffiti and removed.** The sponsoring organization affiliated with the chalking promotion may be sanctioned or charged for the clean up fees associated with the removal.

**HAND-HELD SIGNS**

Candidates are allowed to picket around campus but are limited to a picket poster size no larger than 2ft x 3ft. Signs should not be a hazard on campus and must be safely used and assembled.

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**UNIVERSITY HOUSING**

University Housing will support general voter awareness but does not allow individual candidate posters to be hung in the residence halls. The Residence Hall Association will accept one poster per candidate to be displayed at the UHUB and during election events. Posters can be submitted to the University Housing and Food Service office on the corner of Citrus and Legion.

**OUTDOOR TABLING**

**Regulations for Campaigning Days**

March 28 after 7pm – April 13th at 8:00am when polls close.

- Candidates may **apply for a Vending/Distribution permit** for tabling by appearing **in person** at the Student Life and Leadership office in BMU 220.
- Candidates must be on the **verified candidate list** to book tabling space.
- **All tabling space is booked first-come, first-serve** and you may choose any open, approved tabling location shown on the permit.

**Regulations for Election Day**

April 12 @ 8:00 am through April 13 @ 8:00am.

The AS is designating the **Glenn/Siskiyou Mall** area as an “election event area” on voting day (4/12) and candidates may not book space in any area **EXCEPT** the Glenn/Siskiyou mall area.

- To book space, candidates must go to BMU 220 on April 11 after noon to receive a random draw assignment for tabling location.
- **Candidates WILL NOT provide any electronic devices for purposes of voting while tabling.** A neutral site polling station will
be set up with laptop computers in the Glenn/Siskiyou walkway near the candidate displays.

Regulations for all Days
March 28 after 7pm-April 13 8am:
• No electrical connection or cords may be used. Power must be via battery only.
• Tables and chairs may be checked out in accordance with the rules on the event permit, but tables are first-come, first-served and tables typically DO RUN OUT so plan accordingly. You may provide your own tabling equipment.