



Nomination Package

Part B: Campaign Rules and Election Dates

Winter 2026 General Election (Executive & Board of Governors)



Overview

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It is your responsibility to be familiar with all these materials and make a good-faith effort to uphold all relevant guidelines and rules. It is also your responsibility to ensure that you and your volunteer team hold yourselves to the highest standards of behaviour toward members of other campaigns. Your conduct is subject to the [Code of Student Behaviour](#).

Part B does NOT need to be filled out and returned to the CRO.



Dates and Deadlines for the General Election

Deadline for Candidates Meeting exemption	February 11, 2026	6:00 PM
General Election nomination deadline and deposit	February 12, 2026	6:00 PM
MANDATORY Candidates Meeting (SUB 6-06) <i>Remote attendance possible with prior CRO approval, in emergencies or by exemption deadline. DFU and FAMF campaign representatives must attend.</i>	February 13, 2026	6:00 PM
Deadline for submitting UASU website bios/photos	February 16, 2026	6:00 PM
General Election campaign period begins	February 23, 2026	9:00 AM
Indigenous Students' Union (ISU) Forum	February 24, 2026	5:00 PM
Campus Saint-Jean Forum	February 25, 2026	2:30 PM
Augustana Campus Forum	February 26, 2026	6:00 PM
International Students' Association (ISA) Forum	February 27, 2026	6:00 PM
Myer Horowitz Election Forum (Myer Horowitz Theatre)	March 2, 2026	12:00 PM
Presidential Debate	March 2, 2026	6:00 PM
Deadline for submitting expense report/receipts	March 3, 2026	6:00 PM
General Election voting begins	March 4, 2026	9:00 AM
General Election campaign period and voting end	March 5, 2026	6:00 PM
General Election conclusionary meeting	March 5, 2026	7:00 PM
Results Party	March 5, 2026	8:00 PM
Deadline for removal of all campaign materials	March 5, 2026	9:00 PM
Deadline for General Election preliminary results announcement	March 5, 2026	9:00 PM
Deadline for appeal of General Election results <i>Final results to follow after all complaints and appeals are resolved.</i>	March 9, 2026	6:00 PM
Council ratifies General Election final results	March 10, 2026	6:00 PM



Campaign Spending Limits

Per [Regulation 320.15](#), the following spending limits currently apply to contesting these seats:

- No Candidate shall accrue more than **five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00)** in Campaign Expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.
- No joke Candidate shall accrue more than **two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00)** in Campaign Expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.

Candidates who exceed these budget limits will be disqualified. It is important to note that:

- GST is not included in these budget limits. Candidates are responsible for keeping a separate record of applicable taxes, for which the candidate will be reimbursed (along with the non-tax expenses) at the end of the election.
- Excessive, unreasonable, or undocumented expenses will not be permitted. You should seek advance approval from the CRO if there is any doubt about expenses.
- Breaching certain Bylaws and election rules may incur fines, which will count against your campaign expense limit.

You must submit a detailed expense report, **even if you spend no money**, using the Expense Report Form available online and from the Elections Office. The form should be submitted through [this portal](#). Remember that, to receive reimbursement, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM is a hard deadline. **External expenses without receipts will not be reimbursed.** Deposits will be refunded, and reimbursements will be processed, after the release of final results.

You are not allowed to incur any expenses between the reporting deadline and the end of campaigning, unless they are included as an estimate on the initial expense report. No Candidate or side shall incur any campaign expenses within two business days of the end of voting, unless these expenses have been reported in the record that you submitted to the CRO by March 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM. **Absolutely no spending is to occur after March 2, 2026 at 11:59 PM.**



General Campaign Rules

Except for elements grounded in bylaws and regulations, these rules may be amended by the Chief Returning Officer; any amendments will be emailed to all candidates and primary volunteers.

Pre-Campaigning

Candidates and volunteers may not engage in any campaign activities between the close of nominations and the beginning of the campaign period. During this time:

- Candidates are allowed to make social media pages with the username '[Candidate Name] for [Position Contested]'.
- Candidates are allowed to invite people to follow or like their page but must not post or share anything or have a profile picture.
- Candidates or campaign managers must not share any articles, posts or news regarding the UASU elections by internal or external media.

Volunteers

Volunteers, defined in [Bylaw Article III: Definitions](#) as anyone who assists in any campaign activity (not just a campaign manager signed up on the nomination package), are **bound by the same rules as candidates**. It is your responsibility to inform your volunteers of election rules. You are responsible for the actions of your volunteers, and may be subject to penalties as a result of their conduct.

Permitted Access

Campaigning is **not permitted** in the following areas without the permission of the CRO:

- Any business or service operated by the Students' Union, including Room At The Top (RATT), Dewey's, Balmoral Lounge, Students' Union Building¹, UASU InfoLink booths and any other Students' Union service or office space;
- Any University library, administration building, or office;
- In any classroom during a class, without permission of the instructor;
- In any residence, including all University-owned residences (including the residential areas of HUB Mall), St. Joseph's College, Augustana residences, and fraternity/sorority houses leased from the University;
- In any building or on any land not owned or operated by the University or the Students' Union, including LRT stations; and,
- Any university parking lot.

¹ Posters are allowed in SUB in specific ways permitted by Operating Policy; see pages 12-15 for more information.



Donations

All donations to a campaign will be assessed fair market value by the CRO and **deducted from a campaign's total allowable expenses**. This does not include general volunteer labour and common skills like basic social media and poster design. If you are in doubt about a fair market value, it is recommended that you consult the CRO beforehand.

Collusion

Candidates are free to endorse each other, but are prohibited from acting as volunteers for any other candidate. Candidates are also prohibited from sharing resources (tables, posters, banners, budgets, etc.), other than universal materials, with any other candidate. Volunteers, however, may volunteer for more than one campaign; more details will be added in an Elections Office report.

Student Group Interaction

Candidates and side managers can attend student group events or talk to student group executives, either as students or in their capacity as candidates or side managers. However, candidates and sides are prohibited from being more formal participants (e.g. on stage) in student group or student service events during the campaign period, in their role as a candidate or side. Candidates and campaign sides are distinct entities from student groups and should not use any influence they hold with a student group to gain an undue advantage.

If a student group or service wishes to host a forum, or if an event approaches a candidate or side, they will be permitted to speak and participate so long as each candidate or side receives at least 24 hours' notification of the forum or event and will be afforded an equal chance to participate.

For information about third-party forums, [see the appropriate section below](#).

Tables

The CRO will make table bookings available on a first-come, first-served basis, prioritizing candidates who have not already had a table slot. More information will be provided at the Candidates Meeting.

Classroom Speaking

You and your campaign team must have the instructor's permission before speaking in any classroom at the start or end of a class.

You will be **disqualified** if found to be Zoom-bombing or otherwise disrupting an online class.



Advertising in Campus or External Media

Ads must only run during the campaign period and must be approved by the CRO in advance. Content and graphics must be submitted to the CRO for approval **at least eight days prior to the run date of the ad**. Any and all ads must only run during the campaign period. You will receive 50% off the regular ad prices with The Gateway. CJSR may have airtime available as paid political announcements.

Media Interviews

Candidates are free to speak to campus-based media. All contacts with external media related to the UASU election should be directed to the Elections Office and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Elections Website Supplement

A brief biography/platform statement (maximum 250 words) and photograph (a JPEG or PNG image with a file size of at least 400kb) from each candidate can be posted on the UASU Elections website. Photos may be resized/cropped as necessary for UASU communications. Candidates should be prepared to send in their submissions within 24 hours after the Candidates Meeting. The UASU Elections website will remain operational throughout voting days. **If the CRO does not receive your statement by the deadline (February 16, 2026 6:00 PM), "No information received" will be put next to your name.** [Submit using this form.](#)

Internet and Email Policy

The content of candidate websites should be provided to the CRO for review prior to being made publicly available (submit a material approval request and provide the private web address (with password) that the website can be viewed at.) **Websites must not go public until the start of campaigning.** "Mass emails" to unofficial groups (e.g. lists of your friends from your personal address book) are not permitted. It is permissible, however, to send mass emails to anyone already acting as your campaign volunteer.

Emails to official University and student group mailing lists (list-servs) will be considered, given that the following procedures are adhered to:

- Candidates who wish to send an email must contact the administrator of the mailing list, requesting permission to send the campaign message.
- If approval is granted, the candidate must forward a copy of this approval to the CRO, who will then send a message to all candidates in that particular race, including the candidate that initiated the request.
- Each candidate will have 24 hours to submit to the CRO a campaign message no longer than 250 words.



- The CRO will send an email containing all campaign messages to the mailing list.
- **Under no circumstances are individual candidates permitted to send a campaign message directly to any mailing lists.**

The use of forums, webboards, Discord servers (other than small private servers), or any other similar Internet-based mediums for the purposes of campaigning is **prohibited** without the express permission of the CRO. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Remember that, just like on campus, you are responsible for any inappropriate campaigning by your volunteers online. The CRO reserves the right to revoke any candidate's right to use Internet-based mediums as a campaign tool, if it is determined that the above regulations have not been followed. Further penalties may also be assessed.

Social Media Policy

Social media may only be used for campaign purposes within the campaign period. As an exception, openly recruiting volunteers before the campaign period is allowable if the social media account is set to private.

Like physical materials, campaign materials used on social media must be approved by the CRO **before** being made public. **All social media posts must contain the Elections Office logo.**

Reddit, Bluesky and X/Twitter **may not** be used for campaign purposes.

You must provide the CRO with a list of all account URLs for social media platforms; the CRO needs to follow or otherwise track those accounts before they can be used for campaigning. If you wish to create a Facebook group or event page for your campaign, you must add the CRO as a friend and appoint them as an administrator of any elections-related page. Accounts not provided to the CRO are deemed **unauthorized campaign accounts** and may be subject to penalties.

Discussion boards and "wall posts" will be monitored by the Elections Office, and posts deemed inappropriate may be removed.



Rules for Campaign Materials

Material Approval

All campaign materials must be approved by the CRO prior to use. All campaign materials must be submitted through [the appropriate form](#).

- Identical campaign material (i.e. posters with different orientations, identical graphic designs) do not need to be approved every single time.
- Materials will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis with a maximum 24-hour turn-around time whenever possible.

Material Removal

All physical campaign materials on-campus must be removed by the posted deadline (March 5, 2026 9:00 PM). Candidates and volunteers will meet on the last voting day to coordinate poster removal. The CRO will announce the time and location of a mass poster removal at the Candidates Meeting. However, responsibility for removal of your materials ultimately lies with you.

Identification of Printed Materials

All printed campaign materials **must be printed** at SUBprint (unless prior approval is received from the CRO) and include “Printed at SUBprint” on it. All posters must also include the supplied Elections Office online voting link: uasu.ca/vote. It is your responsibility to ensure that these two elements are present on the material before it is sent to the printer. Failure to include them may result in the removal of these campaign materials.

Printing at SUBprint

All printing and photocopying must be done at SUBprint, located on the lower level of SUB (unless prior approval is received from the CRO). The process for using SUBprint is:

- ***All printed material must be approved prior to printing.***
- Go to SUBprint and have them fill out an “Internal/Walk-up” order form. Explain to the Print Centre staff what you would like printed, and have them fill out the form with the specifics.
- Have your material printed.

Materials printed at SUBprint are charged to the Elections Office and are not eligible for reimbursement, but still count toward your budget. If SUBprint is not available to you, contact the CRO. A speedcode will be provided.



Using SUTV

Subject to availability, candidates may book ads on [SUTV](#) on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact SUTV for a confirmed Rate Card. **Ads booked on SUTV are charged to the Elections Office and are not eligible for reimbursement, but still count toward your budget.** Please note that bookings are subject to GST, which does not count toward your budget. Refer to this [SUTV Canva template](#) (which is set to the correct size and format).

The submission deadline for SUTV is **February 18, 2026 6:00 PM**. These submissions can be made over email. All SUTV ads **must comply with UASU Election Guidelines and receive approval from the CRO in advance; candidate ads** may include the following:

- Your name and position you are running for.
- A photo (optional).
- Short platform points.
- Campaign slogan.
- Website or social media handle (optional).
- Must include the elections office logo (like all other digital materials).

An SUTV ad MUST be a landscape JPG/JPEG image that is 1150 x 865 px, with a file size less than 5 MB; if ads are submitted with other dimensions, the SUTV team will reserve the right to reject them or to add plain borders that fill them out to appropriate proportions. Each ad appears for 12 seconds per rotation, runs approximately 5 times per hour, and are displayed within the regular SUTV content loop. Candidates may choose to advertise campus-wide for \$163 (excluding all residences) or in specific location groups for the rates listed below:

- Student Centres: Students' Union Building (common areas), Central Academic Building); 22 screens; weekly rate of \$31.
- Campus Services and Recreation: Van Vliet Complex, SUB and HUB student service offices; 22 screens; weekly rate of \$31.
- Libraries and Academic Spaces: Libraries (campus-wide), academic buildings north of 87 Ave; 22 screens; weekly rate of \$31.
- Health and Science Faculties: Academic and clinic buildings south of 87 Ave; 25 screens; weekly rate of \$35.

Videos

Please adhere to the following steps for campaign video approval:

- Send the final video script to the CRO for approval.
- Once you have received approval from the CRO, proceed with the filming of your video.
- Video editing will be considered to have a fair market value of zero. However, value may be assessed against your campaign budget if a professional editing service is hired. Please consult the CRO if you have any questions.



- Upon completing the video, please submit to the CRO in its finished form for final approval.

You are permitted to post videos on YouTube, your campaign website, Instagram, TikTok, or on your Facebook page. Please inform the CRO of any other platform you might wish to use; these will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and all candidates or sides will be informed of the option to use the same platform.

Leaflets and Handouts

- All leaflets and handouts must include a notice identifying yourself and the race for which you are running.
- All leaflet and handout designs must be approved by the CRO before printing.
- Leaflets and handouts are primarily for **one-on-one distribution** to individuals. Leaving stacks of leaflets or handouts at reception desks, business counters, or public spaces is not permitted. Pinning a group of leaflets or handouts to a bulletin board is not permitted.

Posters and Signage: General Rules

- **Like all campaign materials, posters must be approved by the CRO in advance.**
- **Per Bylaw 320, all printed Campaign Materials available at SUBprint shall be purchased at official list price costs from SUBprint. Printed materials not printed at SUBprint need prior approval from the CRO.**
- Identical campaign material (i.e. posters with different orientations, identical graphic designs) do not need to be approved every single time.
- Materials will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis with a maximum 24-hour turn-around time.
- No poster may have a combined height and width greater than 30 inches.
- A banner is more than four square feet and less than eight by sixteen feet.
- 'Tearaway' features on posters are permitted.
- Per Bylaw 320, candidates may have no more than 10 posters and one banner in any single building.
- The minimum distance between your posters is 10 feet.
- Candidates are strongly encouraged to print banners at SUBprint instead of using paint and banner paper.

The CRO has booked the Bill D. Smith Meeting Room (room 6-06) in SUB for campaign material creation and to store Universal Materials. This room will be available to candidates beginning on **February 17, 2026**. This room is available to candidates and volunteers via a code from 9 am to 12 am during the campaign period; elevators lock after 10 pm, and everyone is **required to leave by 12 am**. If using wet paint or permanent markers in this room, candidates must not leave permanent damages.



Locations for Banners, Posters, and Signage

Banners, Posters, and Signage in SUB

Please follow all rules found in [Operating Policy section 2.8: Banners](#). Take special note of the following:

- Banners shall only be hung and removed by Students' Union facilities staff.
- Only one banner shall be hung in the Students' Union Building for any outside group or individual at any one time.
- Unclaimed banners may be disposed of.

The deadline to submit SUB banners is **February 20, 2026 3:30 PM**. Physical banners **MUST** be handed to Wynita in SUB 2-900 by this deadline, otherwise they will not be put up. Refer to the [banner Canva template here](#) for correct sizing; SUBprint and Elections Office logos must be included. Candidates are required to send a digital copy of their banner to the Elections Office for approval prior to printing at SUBPrint; once approved and printed, Candidates are required to fireproof their banners prior to submission.

Please follow all rules found in [Operating Policy section 2.7: Posters & Bulletin Boards](#). Take special note of the following:

- All posters must be stamped at Student Life Central.
- Please keep all posters to designated bulletin boards, **one per board**.
- Do not put any materials on floors, windows, or glass doors.
- No poster may have a combined height and width greater than 30 inches.

Posters in Campus Saint-Jean

Posters and handouts at Campus Saint-Jean (CSJ) will be accepted in **French only** and **campaigning is prohibited in libraries**. Additionally, please take note of the following rules regarding postering:

- Only use painters tape (which is available as a universal material) when hanging posters.
- Postering on physical walls is permissible **only** in the students' lounge (where the forum will be held), and on the wall near the water fountain in the main hallway (on the way to the students' lounge).
- Do not hang posters on glass, doors, windows, safety railings, and the library.
- Generally, if there are no posters there already it is not a place for a poster.

Posters in Augustana Campus

Please note that only **one poster** will be allowed on a **specific bulletin board** in Augustana Campus. Additionally, there is a free SUTV equivalent for candidates to put their digital



posters; the deadline for both SUTV and Augustana digital poster submissions is **February 18, 2026 6:00 PM**. These submissions will be made to the CRO over email.

General Banner Information

In previous years, banners have generally been allowed in the following buildings:

- Business
- Chemistry
- Engineering Teaching and Learning Complex (ETLC)
- HUB
- Van Vliet Centre

Please confirm with the respective faculties or facilities on the specific rules and regulations regarding banners in any location outside of SUB; the Elections Office is not responsible for banners being removed or damaged.

General Poster Information

Posters are generally allowed in the following buildings:

- Agriculture/Forestry
- Augustana Campus (**Note:** see previous section regarding Augustana postering specifications)
- Arts and Convocation Hall
- Assiniboia Hall
- Athabasca Hall (**Note:** Athabasca Hall is currently closed as of February 13, 2026)
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Butterdome
- Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS)
- Central Academic Building (CAB)
- Campus Saint-Jean (**Note:** see previous section regarding CSJ postering specifications)
- Chemistry
- Chemical Materials Engineering (**Note:** boards in Engineering buildings are managed by the Engineering Students' Society. Please contact the relevant office for postering permission.)
- Clinical Sciences
- Computing Science Centre (CSC)
- Corbett Hall
- Diane and Irving Kipnes Health Research Academy (**Note:** formerly Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA))
- Donadeo Innovation Centre for Engineering (DICE)
- Earth Sciences Building (ESB)
- Education Centre - North and South



- Engineering Teaching and Learning Complex (ETLC)
- Fine Arts Building (FAB)
- General Service Building (GSB)
- Heritage Medical Research Centre
- Humanities Centre (HC)
- Human Ecology
- Katz Group Centre for Pharmacy and Health Research
- Law Centre
- Li Ka Shing Centre For Health Research Innovation
- Mechanical Engineering (MecE)
- Medical Sciences
- Natural Resource Engineering Facility (NREF)
- Pembina Hall
- South Academic Building (SAB) (**Note:** in common areas, not administrative areas)
- Students' Union Building (SUB) (**Note:** see previous section regarding SUB poster specifications)
- Tory Building (T)
- Tory Lecture (TL)
- Tory/Business Atrium
- Triffo Hall
- University Commons (UComm) (**Note:** in common areas, not administrative areas)
- University Hall (UNH)
- Van Vliet Complex (VVC)
- **Postering will not be permitted in ALL libraries and residences**

While an exhaustive list of locations is provided to candidates, it is your responsibility to ensure that the correct policies and procedures are followed at every unique location; this includes, but is not limited to, receiving approval from the correct staff, knowing poster limits (i.e., only one poster in x location), and the acceptable surfaces to poster.

Please take note of the following:

- **Engineering Buildings:**
 - Boards in the Engineering buildings are managed by the Engineering Students' Society. Please bring your posters to the Geer Store (in ETLC) to submit your posters.
- **Education Building:**
 - Boards in Education North and South are managed by the Education Students' Association. Please visit the ESA office (4th floor Education) to receive approval prior to posting. Posters only allowed on bulletin boards (1 poster per candidate for each board), all other posters will be removed.



- **University Commons (UComms):**
 - Posters in UComms must be approved and stamped by InfoLink (lower level UComms). Only one poster is allowed per board using the tacks provided, do not use tape or staples.

Outdoor Sign Placement

Each candidate may place a maximum of fifteen (15) outdoor signs on campus. The minimum distance between signs placed outdoors shall be ten (10) feet in all directions.

The following campaigning methods are not allowed:

- Chalk
- Snow sculptures/snow dye
- Writing on classroom whiteboards

Additional Information Regarding Banners, Posters, and Signage

- Please follow the SUB standards for poster size and locations (i.e. please keep your posters to bulletin boards or other areas commonly used for posters).
- Please use thumbtacks, rather than staples or tape, to hang posters on bulletin boards.
- Please DO NOT put posters over:
 - Classroom whiteboards
 - Business signage
 - Maps or wayfinding
 - Facilities shutdown notices
 - Classroom change signs
 - Others' campaign materials
 - University advertisement signs
 - Exam schedules
 - Faculty/departmental notice boards
 - Public notice boards in CAB
 - Notice boards in residence
- Please do not use tape on any surface that can be damaged.
- The University's ['Posting Announcements, Notices and Banners Procedure'](#) notes that "As an understanding between Buildings and Grounds Services and both the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), Student Elections will be exempt from [the Procedure's] procedures/guidelines provided that the candidates comply with the regulations identified by the Students' Union and GSA during this event. Exceptions include, but are not limited to, poster sizes, multiples posters in an area, and duration of postings." However, if you see any posted notices requiring separate approval to use specific bulletin boards, **please respect those requirements.**



Universal Materials

These materials will be available to all candidates (**excluding** referendums, plebiscites, and joke candidates) free of charge, in reasonable quantities and on a first-come, first-serve basis. They are the property of the Elections Office and are for campaign purposes only; any personal or inappropriate use of Elections Office material may result in penalties. They are not counted toward your campaign budget. These materials will be in the Bill Smith room.

- Staples
- Tape (clear, masking, and painters)
- Lawn signs
- Push pins
- Paper
- Paint
- Markers

Schedule of Potential Penalties

The overriding priority of the Elections Office is to produce a fair and legitimate election that respects the basic dignity of all involved. While the Bylaws require disqualification in several situations, they also give the Chief Returning Officer significant latitude to enforce penalties as appropriate in other situations, including:

- a fine to be counted against your campaign expense limit.
- the confiscation or destruction of campaign materials; and
- limits, restrictions, and prohibitions on any type of Campaign activities for any period of time up to the commencement of voting.

Please see [Bylaw 320, section 17](#) for more information. **Per [Bylaw 140](#), CRO penalties may be [appealed to the DIE Board](#) within 12 working hours of the posting of the CRO's ruling.**

Automatic Disqualification

- Missing the Candidates Meeting without obtaining an exemption or sending a pre-authorized proxy, as described in [Regulation 320.08](#).
- Exceeding budget limits or falsifying expenses, as described in [Regulation 320.15](#). Note that fines can push candidates over a budget limit, resulting in automatic disqualification.
- Zoom-bombing or otherwise disrupting an online class.



- Ceasing to be a registered University of Alberta undergraduate student for the upcoming academic year in question, as required by [Bylaw 110](#).
- In the CRO's judgment, a contravention of election rules that is malicious or substantially prejudicial to another candidate, as described in [Bylaw 320](#).
Discrimination and harassment, including but not limited to behaviour that infringes on protected grounds as listed in the [Discrimination, Harassment and Duty to Accommodate Policy](#), are not tolerated.
- Tampering with ballots and election procedures, as described in [Bylaw 320](#).

Potential Disqualification

- Any contravention of election rules that cannot be counterbalanced by a lesser penalty.
- Reports of students feeling their voting was coerced/pressured.
- Any situation that, in the CRO's judgment, wilfully undermines the integrity of the election and the free exercise of voting rights.
- Any situation that, in the CRO's judgment, shows wilful disregard for the basic dignity of others.

Lesser Penalties

Note that the lists of fines and penalties on the following page are not exhaustive and are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to all candidates by email. Note also that, under Bylaw 320, **the CRO has the authority to levy fines only against expense limits**. For example, for a \$25 fine, a candidate with a \$550 limit now has a limit (i.e. maximum reimbursable expenses) of \$525. There is no circumstance where the UASU will send a candidate a bill for election fines.

Pre-campaigning, which includes, but is not limited to:

Violation	Counterbalancing Fine	Punitive Fine
Use of social media for public campaign purposes	\$10	Case by case
Posting and/or distribution of campaign materials	Materials confiscated	\$2.00 per material (e.g. per poster or leaflet)
Unsolicited campaigning, including mass emails	\$10	Case by case
Conducting obvious public campaign activity before the campaign period or the	\$10	Case by case



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Campaign Period infractions, which include, but are not limited to:

Violation	Counterbalancing Fine	Punitive Fine
Apparently intentional misrepresentation of facts to Elections Staff, in the CRO's judgment	\$10	Case by case
Rude or demeaning behaviour (e.g. toward election staff, candidates, or volunteers)		\$100
Campaigning in an unauthorized area (e.g. hanging posters in SUB outside bulletin boards and/or without the stamp)	Materials confiscated	\$2.00 per material (e.g. per poster or leaflet)
Unapproved physical campaign materials	Materials confiscated	\$2.00 per material (e.g. per poster or leaflet)
Unapproved social media posts	\$10 and post to be taken down	
Unsolicited campaigning, including mass emails	\$10 + \$0.10 for each individual reached	Case by case
Failure to submit expense report by March 3 at 6 PM		Will not receive reimbursement
Failure to remove physical campaign materials by March 5 at 9 PM		\$2.00 per material (e.g. per poster or sign)
Failure to uphold a duty of utmost honesty to the CRO		Case by case
Inappropriate campaigning	\$10 + \$0.10 for each	None



by a third party (with distancing): see Bylaw 320 section 11(6-7)	individual reached	
Inappropriate campaigning by a third party (without distancing): see Bylaw 320 section 11(6-7)	\$10 + \$0.10 for each individual reached	\$50



Information on Forums

There are two types of forums: Elections Office Forums, which are under the authority of the CRO and organized by the UASU, and third-party forums. No campaign is required to participate in any forum, but forum participation is a highly visible component of the election process.

Elections Office Forums

UASU legislation requires only one Elections Office Forum: the **Myer Horowitz Forum (March 2, 2026 12:00 PM)**. This year, the Elections Office has also opted to organize additional forums:

- **Elections Office Sponsored:**
 - The Indigenous Students' Union (ISU): **February 24, 2026 5:00 PM**
 - The Campus Saint-Jean Forum: **February 25, 2026 2:30 PM**
 - The Augustana Forum: **February 26, 2026 6:00 PM**
 - The International Students' Association (ISA): **February 27, 2026 6:00 PM**
- **Elections Office Run:**
 - Presidential Debate: **March 2, 2026 6:00PM**

The basic rules are found in [Regulation 320.09](#), and the Elections Office will provide further rules for participation. Note that you may designate campaign managers to represent you at forums if needed, but you and your campaign are responsible for your campaign managers' statements and behaviour. The Elections Office will make every possible effort to hold Elections Office Forums in physically accessible spaces.

A bus will be organized to both the Campus Saint-Jean Forum and the Augustana Forum at no charge to candidates, to ensure candidates across campuses have a fair opportunity to participate in the events. If you wish to use alternative transportation for either the Campus Saint-Jean Forum or the Augustana Forum, reimbursement for gas is allowable, but will count against your campaign expense limits.

Third-Party Forums

External organizations (e.g. student representative associations) may wish to organize forums. In the weeks and months leading up to the election period, elections staff often communicate with external organizations to learn if they plan to host forums. The Elections Office recommends that external organizations hold forums in physically accessible spaces whenever possible.

Bylaw 320 requires that "No Candidate or side shall participate in any externally organized Forum unless each Candidate or side in their race has received at least one (1) Business Day notification of the Forum and will be afforded an equal chance to speak at it."



Specific rules and levels of formality may vary at these forums, which are not official Elections Office events, but all election rules found in this nomination package still apply. External organizations often invite the Elections Office to moderate or co-moderate these forums, but this is not required.

Accommodations and Accessibility

Please contact the CRO if you need accommodations related to any aspect of participating in the elections process.

The Elections Office prioritizes highly accessible spaces for official events whenever possible.

[All-gender washrooms](#) are available near all official Elections Office events. The Elections Office also works to ensure that third-party forums take place in buildings with all-gender washrooms whenever possible, recognizing that external groups may not always have their first choice of venue bookings.

This year, the **Results Party** has been scheduled for Dewey's on March 5, 2026 8:00 PM.

As an accommodation, to ensure Augustana candidates have a fair opportunity to participate in the UASU elections events on North Campus (the Candidates Meeting, the Myer Horowitz Forum, the CSJ Forum, and the results announcement event), Augustana candidates will be reimbursed for reasonable transportation costs to these Elections Office events, if receipts are provided. This accommodation **will not** count against campaign expense limits.

Reporting and Recourse Options

There is zero tolerance for discrimination and harassment in UASU elections. Discrimination and harassment can result in disqualification, as well as consequences under the University's [Code of Student Behaviour](#) and [Student Conduct Policy](#). If you or members of your campaign experience discrimination or harassment, please contact the Chief Returning Officer at cro@su.ualberta.ca

It is important to realize that the authority and options of the Elections Staff are specific to the election. They can levy fines or other penalties against campaigns and campaign participants, and the Office of the Dean of Students will be contacted if serious incidents take place at election events.



The Code of Student Behaviour has jurisdiction over serious student behavioural matters, and impacted candidates and volunteers always have the option to contact the Office of the Dean of Students or other resources. This choice typically rests with the individual rather than with Elections Staff. Please see the following links for more information:

- [UAlberta Student Conduct and Accountability New Policy FAQs](#)
- [Contact the Office of the Dean of Students](#)
- [Wellness Supports — Resources Directory](#)

It is also important to remember that engagement in the public sphere (e.g. speaking with passing students, posting on social media) comes with risks that neither candidates nor the Elections Staff can prevent.