

5.0 Campaigning

- 5.1 Campaigning is defined as any activity which promotes the candidacy of one or more individuals for an office in the student body association and each of its components. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to: scheduling appearances; lobbying a voter; posting, publication or distribution of advertisements, correspondence or literature. Campaigning does not include nomination petition signing. Campaign expenditures include all funds and/or donations used in campaigning and include money used to purchase goods or services related to campaigning, and the fair market value of goods or services given or donated to a candidate. Campaign expenditures do not include the provision of goods or services by a College or the student body association to all candidates on an equal basis.
- 5.2 Posting signs for place-holding before the start of campaigning is not permitted.
- 5.3 Campaigning is permitted in the open areas of the College campus in compliance with LRCCD Policy and Administrative Regulation 1411. Campaigning is permitted in classrooms only with permission of the faculty member. Campaign messages should be focused on subjects within the purview of the student body association. Colleges are encouraged to provide candidates with access to computers, equipment, and office supplies to produce campaign materials as space and budgets allow.
- 5.4 Posters may be placed on the College campuses only on appropriate areas subject to approval by appropriate College officials in compliance with LRCCD Policy and Administrative Regulation 1313.
- 5.5 A slate is the listing of multiple names by candidates on a single piece of campaign literature, campaign publication or other document whether paper or electronic. Each candidate or slate is limited to expending the following maximum amount of money for campaign expenditures in any single election:

	Maximum expenditure for each individual where only individuals are candidates for a particular office	Maximum expenditure for each slate in a campaign where only slates of two or more persons are candidates for a particular office	Maximum expenditure for each individual and each slate where a slate of two or more persons and individual(s) are candidates for a particular office
ARC	\$240	\$480	\$240
CRC	\$80	\$160	\$80
FLC	\$80	\$160	\$80
SCC	\$160	\$320	\$160
These amounts are based upon \$80 per 10,000 unduplicated students enrolled in the College.			

- 5.6 All campaign contributions to student body association candidates must be from individuals. Individual candidates and slates may not solicit campaign contributions in excess of the maximum amounts listed in section 5.5 above. Money from corporations and political action committees is prohibited.
- 5.7 Each candidate or slate must document campaign expenditures to the office of student life and file an expenditure form, complete with receipts, by 3 p.m. two business days prior to the first day of the election. Receipts can be requested at any time. Expenditure forms must be filed even if there are no expenditures. Supplemental final reports are due by 3:00 p.m. the day after the election closes. Each candidate or slate is subject to disqualification, as determined by the student life coordinator, if expenditure reports are filed late or if total expenditures exceed the limits of section 5.5 above. All campaign materials must be accounted for on the expenditure form, including but not limited to: posting and publishing materials, advertisements, holding charity events such as concerts, rallies or other social gatherings, distributing literature.
- 5.8 Elective offices for the student body association and each of its components shall be nonpartisan. Candidates may not align to combine campaign expenditures except as allowed by this section and subject to the campaign expenditure limitations in section 5.5, above. A candidate for President and a candidate for Vice President may align to form a slate, but shall not form a slate with any candidate for any other office. A group of up to a maximum of four individuals may form a slate to campaign for the positions of Senators, but shall not form a slate with any other candidates for any other office. Any effort to violate this section shall be cause to disqualify each candidate participating in the slate. An individual college student body association may decide against allowing slates in their elections.
- 5.9 No College or District sponsored organization shall be allowed to finance the campaign of any candidate for a student body association office, nor may any individual finance the campaign of a candidate in the name of a District or College sponsored organization.
- 5.10 The District, Colleges and the student body association may utilize incentives to encourage students to vote in elections, but not for or against any particular candidate. As part of campaigning, candidates and individuals who support or oppose any candidates may not use food, money, gifts, or alcohol.