

To: University Affairs Board
From: Council of Deans of Students and Deans of Residence
Date: November 12, 2007
Re: Joint Statement on Campaigning in Residences

As Deans of Students and Deans of Residence, we are committed to making every effort to allow our residence students access to information about and opportunities to participate in, democratic processes.

We agree to the following principles with regards to campaigning in residences for Governing Council elections. Any candidate wishing to share information with students in residence will be allowed to do so in the following ways:

- 1) **Postering** – Posters may be distributed throughout the residence (up to a maximum of one poster per floor or house) with prior approval of the Residence Office.
- 2) **Information Tables/ Meeting with Students** – Candidates will be allowed, with prior approval from the Residence Office, to hand out informational materials and speak with students in public areas of the residence halls.
- 3) **Door to Door Campaigning** – Candidates will *not* be allowed to conduct door to door campaigning within the residence halls.

Exception: The one exception to this is at University College where, with prior approval of the Residence Office and when accompanied by a resident, candidates may be allowed to conduct door to door campaigning during specific evening hours. (see UC policy attached)

Sincerely,
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Policy on Campaigning in Residence (University College)

Rationale:

In the spring of 2003 an ad-hoc committee of the UCRC was formed to discuss the issue of campaigners in residence during student elections. Residence students had brought forward concerns regarding building security, and invasion of privacy associated with door-to-door campaigning in the residences. The committee was comprised of members of the UCRC, the UCLIT, SAC, and the Residence Life Coordinator. The following guidelines were developed in an effort to strike a balance between ensuring the comfort and safety of all University College Residence students, while continuing to provide support and encouragement for student participation in the electoral process.

Guidelines:

1. a) Groups which are allowed to campaign in the UC Residences are limited to the UCRC, UC LIT, SAC (including all recognized clubs by Student Affairs), and Governing Council. All referenda under the mandate of the UCRC, UCLIT, and SAC are considered eligible as a campaign group.
- b) Campaigning door-to-door in residence is permitted Monday through Friday (incl.) 5-9 pm
- c) Times for posting campaigning material in designated areas in residence is not restricted
2. All campaigners entering any of the UC Residences must either be a resident of the building themselves, or be accompanied by a resident of that building.
3. Residents may opt-out of door-to-door campaigning disturbances by using the opt out notice supplied by the Residence Office

Consequences:

If campaigners do not follow these guidelines, they will be asked to leave the residence and a complaint will be lodged with the elections committee.