

## **DO'S AND DON'TS OF THE OUSA EXECUTIVE BY ELECTION:**

This is essentially a quick summary but make sure to also read the OUSA Election Policy too!

If you are in doubt please ask the Returning Officer, it is better to be safe than sorry!

**Campaigning starts after nominations close.**

### **You're good to:**

#### *Social media:*

- Posts and stories on personal Facebook, Instagram, or any other social media site.
- Posts from personal page into groups, pages or events that you are a part of.
- Create an event page on Facebook for yourself for the Election

#### *Around the tertiary precinct (The tertiary precinct encompasses University, University buildings and surrounding streets):*

- Chalking (non-permanent) but not on the outside of buildings (may be charged for cleaning!)
- Posters. On noticeboards only. DO NOT post on walls, concrete partitions, windows or doors.
- Banners.
- Giveaways of items (This must be included within your financial return at full market value).
- Lecture bashing (with lecturer permission).
- College bashing (with college permission).

#### *Clubs and societies:*

- Email clubs or societies.
- Can be officially endorsed by any club or society – noting: the club executive MUST vote to endorse you. Conflicted parties MUST abstain and a copy of the minutes to be sent to the Returning Officer.
- An endorsement can be a post on a Facebook page, public announcements, emailing club members or using any promotional material i.e. badges.

### **You MUST:**

#### *Spending*

- **Only spend up to \$200 total on all campaign material, posters, giveaways etc.**

## *Volunteers*

- People volunteering to help promote your campaign must follow these rules too.
- Submit a list of campaign volunteers within 7 days of the end of voting (Monday 19 June).

### **Do NOT:**

- Create any form of content which mentions another candidate in an abusive, intimidating or harassing way.
- Interfere with other candidates' campaigns materials (removal of posters especially)
- Email University email lists.
- Campaign (including posters) in OUSA buildings or University libraries. Note, not on windows, walls, doors etc.
- Disrupt or harass students in any way.
- Do not post to OUSA events or pages on social media.
- Campaign within 20 metres of a polling booth in the same section of a building (this may not apply with a By Election as we may NOT have a polling booth set up)
- Have current OUSA staff or Executive members (unless they are also running in the election) endorse or promote you.
- Campaign in any way that implies you are endorsed by OUSA, especially using OUSA green.
- The Uni' actively discourage students from chalking the Leith wall for promotional activities. The Clocktower is one of the most photographed buildings in New Zealand. A promotional activity such as 'Vote ..... for OUSA ' would detract from the aesthetic value of our beautiful campus.

**Complaints: If you think anyone is in breach of the rules or if you think something has been done unfairly you can report it or make a complaint to the Returning Officer.**

### **If you need to make a complaint:**

1. In the event a candidate believes a breach has been made, the candidate can file a complaint via email outlining the details to the Returning Officer.
2. The Returning Officer will reply to your email and will state that it is being investigated.
3. You will be informed of the outcome at a later date.

### **If a complaint is made against you:**

1. The Returning Officer will inform you of the complaint if they believe there may have been a breach.
2. If breached it may result in disqualification or vote deduction at the discretion of the Returning Officer.

***Disclaimer: this list is not exhaustive! Read the Elections Policy for more info***