



## **2018 Student Trustee Election**

### **Standards for Petitioning and Campaigning in Classes and Residence Halls**

Spring 2018

Effective immediately, the Trustee Nominating Committee is establishing the following standards, which all potential candidates and nominated candidates are expected to follow. The standards are intended to avoid conflicts of interest and to provide fairness in access to opportunities.

- No potential candidate may solicit nomination petition signatures immediately before, during, or immediately after a class for which they are a Teaching Assistant (TA) or grader. For reasons of fairness, no other potential candidates may solicit signatures in those classes, either. Nor may TAs solicit signatures from their own students when they encounter them in other situations. (The TNC recognizes that other students soliciting signatures on behalf of potential candidates may not know who is a student in a particular course and will not penalize potential candidates where there is no intention to violate the standard.)
- No potential candidate may solicit nomination petition signatures in a residence hall where s/he is a Resident Advisor (RA) or Graduate Residential Fellow (GRF). For reasons of fairness, no other potential candidates may solicit signatures in those residence halls, either. Nor may RAs and GRFs solicit signatures from students in their residence hall who they encounter outside the residence hall. (The TNC recognizes that other students soliciting signatures on behalf of potential candidates may not know who lives in a particular residence hall and will not penalize potential candidates where there is no intention to violate the standard.)
- Once nominated, candidates may campaign to classes for which they TA (but not to the specific sections that they lead) or in residence halls where they serve as RAs or GRFs. In classes, candidates must have permission of the instructor and must include information about the overall election (so that students can look for information on other candidates).

As these are new standards, the TNC will assess their impact after the 2018 election. It will take into account intent and good faith in assessing particular claims of violations.

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