2010 Hall Government Elections

**Candidate Information**

# Requirements

The requirements for holding offices are as follows:

* Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
* Be in good disciplinary standing
* Be a General Member (Resident) of the UNL Residence Halls

Information concerning candidates’ eligibility information will be confidential. If you have any questions, please call the RHA Advisor, Craig Lennon, at 2-3882. **Information Sessions will initially take place at the local government meetings**. Forms are due to the Residence Director of your hall by **5:00pm on Wednesday, September 1st**. The election will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. If you are elected, you will be expected to attend the Conference of University Residence Halls (CURH) on September, 12, 2010 as well as all additional training sessions.

# Campaign Regulations

You may start campaigning as soon as your local election commissioner notifies you that your eligibility has been verified by the RHA advisor and the Election Commission. While campaigning for your office, please abide by the following rules. If there are any infractions, the Election Commission will file them and then decide on any fines or other measures.

***CAN DO:***

**ONE** poster may be posted on **Public Bulletin Boards** in the hall lobbies (all 4 sides of a pillar count as one bulletin board). And one poster may be posted on each floor in the public posting area (elevator lobby) or on the bulletin board if one is provided. Posters should be no larger than 11” by 18”.

Posters may not cover any pre-existing poster

Creativity is encouraged.

Passing out fliers or promotional items is permissible in the courtyards and outside of main doors. On Election Day, campaigning within 50 feet of any building in which an election is being held is not allowed.

Reserving a table in the Dining Services Building (NOT the Dining Room) to talk with voters is permissible. The candidate must follow procedures for Space Reservation by contacting the Residence Life Staff Supervisor (RLSS) in their area and arranging with Facilities Management in their area for a table & chairs. (only one person from a student election group per table)

One mailbox stuffing is allowed for each Student Election Group or each independent candidate. This must be arranged with the RLSS **2 days prior** to the day fliers will be placed in mailboxes. The minimum size for mailbox stuffings should be equal to a quarter sheet of 8.5” x11” paper. *Please note: Mailbox stuffings are not encouraged due to the massive waste of paper and the cost.*

Table tents are permissible in the residence hall cafeterias. Reservations must be made with the Dining Services Manager or Secretary in each dining hall. You must place the table tents yourself and you must remove them by the day after the election.

Windows and doors of resident’s rooms are not regulated by any RHA by-laws. Anyone, except election commissioners, can put campaign materials on their door or in their window following regular Housing guidelines (i.e. above doorknob level).

You may also campaign at a floor meeting with the permission of the Floor President and Resident Assistant. Permission for one candidate means permission is granted to all candidates. Special meetings **shall not** be called to provide campaigning.

# *CAN’T DO*

**Campaigning is NOT allowed** in the following places:

* The Residence Hall Association office
* At the polling booth
* Main lobbies of Residence Halls
* **Door-to-door on floors is strictly prohibited!** (including getting signatures) This also includes door knob hangers
* Any RHA affiliated meeting (including local government executive board, senate, or council meetings)
* Campaigning within 50 feet of the ballot box is not allowed.
* Campaigning in the Dining Hall is not allowed (except for table tents and reserved tables in Dining Services Building - see description above)

Posters may not be placed on any walls, stairwells, in any elevators nor on pillars that are not used as public posting places.

Posters larger than 11” by 18” will be removed

### Absolutely no sidewalk chalk.

## On the day of the Election

* All campaign material must be removed from the building in which the elections are being held and from within 45 feet of the door of the polling site by midnight before the opening of the polls. Materials on personal doors and windows are exempt from this rule.
* All campaign material must be taken down within 24 hours after the polls close.
* Candidates may not campaign at the polls or in the buildings where the election is being held. They may not obstruct the doors or entries to these places either.
* The polls will be open during meal times on Wednesday, September 3rd.

## Questions

If you have any questions, please call the RHA Advisor, Craig Lennon, at 472-3882.