

Student Government Campaign Regulations

1. All official candidates for seats on Student Government must be registered as such by the Elections Commission. Candidates declare their candidacy by signing and submitting the SGA application (available on the SGA website) by the posted deadline.

2. Candidates may use all UNM-Taos bulletin boards, but may post no more than one poster no larger than 12” X 17” on each board. Candidates posting more than one sign on a single bulletin board will have excess signs removed.

3. Candidates may not use official UNM-Taos list serves or websites, but may use email, traditional mail, social networks, texting and the like to campaign. Candidates may also leave campaign material on tables in the Padre Martinez lounge area and Pueblo Hall snack bar as long as these materials do not prevent students from using these facilities for study or socializing.

4. Free standing signs may be employed only in areas designated by the Elections Commission. Size and number of eligible signs will be determined by the commission.

5. Participation in UNM-Taos sanctioned forums or debates, if any, will be discretionary, but highly recommended.

6. Political discussions and the distribution of handouts, bumper stickers, fliers, buttons and the like are permitted in any common area either indoors or outside throughout the campuses, but are not allowed in classrooms. Free pedestrian, vehicle and emergency vehicle access must be maintained at all times. Excessive noise will not be permitted, particularly when classes are in session.

7. Any campaign activity that distracts from or prevents the orderly operation of the community college will not be permitted.

8. Amplified rallies or speeches are not allowed unless prior approval has been obtained by Elections Commission and the UNM-Taos Facilities Management.

9. The posting of fliers or brochures on the windshields of vehicles in parking lots on campus is not permitted.

10. In the event that a paper ballot option is offered, no campaigning of any sort shall be allowed within 50 feet of voting booths.

11. Repeated or gross violation of campaign rules may result in Elections Commission sanctions up to and including disqualification of candidate.

12. Official candidates may only campaign as individuals; not in a group.

13. Disputes over regulations will be settled by Elections Commission, whose decision shall be final.