

### **CANDIDACY**

A person desiring to run for an elected position shall apply with Students Services as the first step in becoming eligible for candidacy. After meeting all the requirements, the person shall officially become eligible for candidacy by official notification by the Director of Enrollment Management, Student Development, and Recruitment.

### **CAMPAIGNING**

1. Formal campaigning shall be defined as:
  - The appearance or presentation of a candidate or a candidate's platform to solicit votes;
  - The display or distribution of campaign materials as defined below to solicit votes.
2. The public endorsement of any candidate shall be limited to persons eligible to vote in SGA elections.
3. Members of the SGA executive board shall refrain from endorsing any candidate for office.
4. All candidates shall conduct their campaigns following the rules outlined in this document. If any infraction by a candidate or his/her supporters occurs, the Dean of Students will have the right to disqualify the candidate from elections.
5. Any candidate withdrawing from a given election shall inform the Dean of Students in writing by noon five (5) days before any given election.
6. All candidates shall participate in a platform speech held at a date determined by the Dean of Students. (Exception: 2021 speeches will be pre-recorded and added to SWAY campaigns).
7. There will be no bashing or slandering of other candidates in any form or media.
8. While creativity is encouraged, Trenholm State Community College standards of decency, care, and respect for each member of the TSCC community guide whether or not campaign material is allowable.
9. Violations of Trenholm State Community College's Code of Conduct may involve punishments up to and including disqualification from elections.

### **CAMPAIGN MATERIALS**

Campaign materials shall be limited to posters, signs, handbills, name tags/badges, mailings, e-mailings, and door hangers with the following restrictions:

- Posters shall not exceed 8.5 x 11 inches;
- Signs shall not exceed 8 x 4 feet;
- Handbills and door hangers shall not exceed 8.5 x 5.5 inches.
- The Dean of Students shall approve anything not listed as a campaign material;
- No adhesive-backed material shall be allowed;
- No campaigning on chalk or dry-erase boards in classrooms is allowed.

Campaigning materials are at cost to the candidate. Distribution of campaign materials shall be subject to regulation by the Dean of Students. *All campaign materials must be approved before the use in campaigning. Please submit electronic copies of all campaign material to [vallen@trenholmstate.edu](mailto:vallen@trenholmstate.edu). Any material not approved will be removed.*

Any candidate takes as a condition that he/she shall not hold Trenholm State Community College, its representatives, the SGA, or any other individual liable for the use and/or infringement of any copyrighted material.

### **USE OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS**

1. No campaign materials other than posters, signs, and name tags/badges shall be affixed or erected on TSCC property.
2. Campaign posters and signs shall be restricted to placement on TSCC bulletin boards. No candidate shall be allowed more than one (1) piece of campaign material per bulletin board.
3. No campaign materials shall be distributed among automobiles or permitted on utility poles, trees, fences, entry doors to or within buildings, or benches.
4. **Do NOT** tape any advertisements to painted walls.
5. At any time, the Dean of Students can alter these guidelines.
6. Candidates must remove all signs and campaign material as soon as practicable following the conclusion of their race. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**