

Chapter Two: Campaign Rules

- §200: Every candidate in a campus-wide election shall abide by and follow the campaign rules established by Student Congress
- §201: Each candidate shall assume the responsibility for the accuracy and truthfulness of his or her campaign.
- §202: Posters, buttons, etc., may be used. These posters may be placed in department buildings, on bulletin boards or designated areas, only after receiving permission from the building supervisor or the Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee.
- §203: It shall be illegal to remove, cover, obscure, alter, or otherwise tamper with any candidate's campaign materials until the election is officially concluded and the winner announced by the UCOSA Election Commission.
- §204: Any person may remove campaign materials after the election is officially concluded and after the winner is announced.
- §205: No campaign material shall be attached or affixed to the outside of a building, window, lamp post, or tree. No campaign material may be used that may destroy or alter University property. Each candidate must abide by all campus litter rules of the Student Affairs office.
- §206: There shall be no active campaigning in the building where the official UCOSA polling place is stationed. Active campaigning is defined as the candidate or members of his or her campaign may not have contact with any person (includes but not limited to the following: shaking hands, introducing himself or herself, or passing out brochures).
- §207: There shall be no campaign materials placed within thirty feet of the polling station. The only exception applies to campaign materials placed outside the building where the polling station is located. Candidates who place campaign materials shall be required to remove the campaign materials within twenty-four hours of notification.
- §208: There shall be no campaigning from any vehicle, which includes yelling or soliciting votes.
- §209: Voter fraud shall be defined by O.S. 26 §16-113. Voter fraud also is defined as any form of intimidation (as defined by a reasonable person) upon a student, with or without malicious intent. Voter fraud is strictly prohibited. If a candidate or an associated member of their campaign is found to have engaged in voter fraud, that candidate or slate of candidates shall be subject to sanctions (including but not limited to fines or disqualification) by the Election Commission. Any student caught committing voter fraud that is not directly connected with a candidate or slate of candidates shall be subject to sanctions (including but not limited to fines or suspension from voting) by the Election Commission.
- §210: Dorm-storming is strictly prohibited. Dorm-storming shall be defined as the campaign action

incorporating knocking on doors within all living situations to solicit votes during days which voting has commenced.

§211: Candidates shall abide by a one-thousand-dollar spending limit. The UCOSA Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates running as a slate shall file together and be held to a two-thousand-dollar spending limit.

§212: Candidates are required to file campaign finance reports weekly starting at the Friday after filing closes until the Friday following the election with the Chair of the Election Commission. Campaign finance reports shall consist of both revenue (donations) of over twenty-five dollars and all expenditures. Candidates are required to report the names of those making donations above twenty-five dollars. Candidates must also report in-kind donations (donations of materials or services).

§213: Candidates are strictly prohibited from receiving donations and in-kind donations from members of the University of Central Oklahoma administration, faculty, or staff. Administration, faculty, and staff of the University of Central Oklahoma are strictly prohibited from advocating for a specific candidate or slate of candidates for a position. If an instance is found, the candidates benefiting from such shall be subject to sanctions (including but not limited to fines or disqualification) by the UCOSA Election Commission.

§214: The UCOSA Election Commission shall establish at least one polling stations, staffed by Election Commission members or volunteers, during each election held on campus. Only UCOSA Election Commission members shall have access to the voting counts and information therein during elections.

§215: On dates for all UCOSA elections, official UCOSA polls shall open at or before 8 AM and close at 5 PM.

§216: No candidate, slate of candidates, or any person campaigning for a candidate or slate of candidates shall provide any means of casting a ballot to any person.

§217: No speaker or megaphone device, electronic or otherwise, shall be used by any candidate, slate of candidates, or any student campaigning for a candidate or slate of candidates before 10 AM and after 6 PM. Each candidate and each person campaigning for a candidate or slate of candidates must follow all noise guidelines consistent with UCO policy.

§218: No candidate or slate of candidates, or any student campaigning for a candidate or slate of candidates shall yell or shout to solicit votes before 10 AM and after 6 PM.

§219: Any regulation not explicitly granted or prohibited shall be reserved to the UCOSA Election Commission.

§220: Failure to follow any UCOSA law or campaign guideline as established by the UCO Student

Congress and UCOSA Election Commission may result in sanctions from said Election Commission. Candidates may appeal these sanctions. These appeals shall be heard by the Ad Hoc Judicial Committee,

Chapter Three: Campaign Rules Jurisdiction and Appeals

- §300: In order to win any election, a slate or candidate must receive a majority vote.
- §301: If no slate or candidate receives a majority vote, a runoff election shall occur within one week, as determined by the UCOSA Election Commission.
- §302: All complaints and grievances must be filed with the Chair of the Election Commission within twenty-four hours after the polls have closed, excluding Saturday, Sunday, any national holiday, and any UCO holiday.
- §303: All complaints or grievances must be submitted in appropriate form, as determined by the Chair of the UCOSA Election Commission. All information relating to grievance or complaint history, incidents of grievance or complaint, and witnesses must be submitted with any complaint or grievance.
- §304: All complaints and grievances shall be decided by the UCOSA Election Commission in a regular or special session. A majority vote shall be required of those Commissioners present when ruling to accept or reject any grievance or complaint.
- §305: The Election Commission may institute any additional rules relating to the procedure of filing any complaint or grievance. The UCOSA Election Commission shall be required to notify all candidates within twelve hours of any rule changes.
- §306: Any bestowing of title or acceptance of office to the candidate(s) in a campus-wide election shall immediately be suspended when any complaint or grievance has been filed with the Chair of the Election Commission.