CANDIDATES MEETING

9/17/2014
CAMPAIGNING BASICS

• Rules are outlined in
  ○ VSA Governing Documents - Bylaws Article X, Section 7: Campaigning. (Page 31)
  ○ College Regulations.

• Blanket rule: you may not do anything that could dishonestly or unfairly affect the election.
  ○ Be respectful of other humans.

• No unsubstantiated or misrepresentative claims, slander, libel, bribery, blackmail or profanity is allowed.

• Campaigning is only allowed from the end of this meeting to the beginning of voting: 12:00pm on Wednesday 9/24/2014.
● Maximum allowed spending:
  ○ All Campus: $35
  ○ House: $25

● You must keep receipts - BOEA or Judicial Board may request them and if you can’t show that you are within the rules, you could be disqualified.

● Don’t have the money? Email vsaelections@vassar.edu - completely confidential, we will provide you with necessary funds.
● Candidate Statement - included on ballot.
● Facebook
  ○ Do not create a group as you cannot delete them. Instead, create an event and delete it by 9/24/2014 at 12pm.
● Other forms…
  ○ Possibly acceptable but they must conform to all of the other rules. When in doubt, ask.
● Messages reminding people to vote, generically, are acceptable throughout campaigning and voting.
ACCEPTABLE CAMPAIGNING: POSTERS

- Definition: A poster is a fixed installation not to exceed 11” x 17” x 1” inches.
- No other hanging attachments may be distributed from posters.
- Number Allowed
  - House Officers: 2 in House, 2 in DC, 2 in CC
  - All others: 2 in EACH House, 2 in DC, 2 in CC
  - Maximum of 4 outside of Houses. Shirts count toward that total.
- Stamped Posters Only
  - Stamps are required to hand posters in CC and Houses. CC stamping is at the Info Desk. Reslife stamping is at the ROC window in Main by the CRC.
- You may not cover other people’s posters.
- You may not removed other people’s posters.
- You may not post them in places not explicitly for posters
  - Needs to be on some kind of poster space - usually corkboard, etc. - or Reslife may take them down.
• You may go door to door and if answered, you may have a discussion with students, make a pitch, etc.

• Passing out items such as candy with information about you is allowed but must be within the cost constraints. Also, it doesn’t seem to have a large impact in the outcome of elections.
UNACCEPTABLE CAMPAIGNING

● No form of mass unsolicited campaigning, apart from door-to-door, is allowed.
  ○ No mass flyering.
  ○ No impersonal or recipient suppressed electronic communication. (Mass email.)

● No campaign shall make use of any stamped or unstamped mail, radio, television, public address systems, or advertisements in publications.

● No unsubstantiated or misrepresentative claims, slander, libel, bribery, blackmail or profanity shall be allowed.
● We give warnings and progress to disqualification.

● You may protest a BOEA or another person’s action by emailing vsaelections@vassar.edu - you will get a decision within 24 hours.

● Further appeals of BOEA actions must be directed to the Judicial Board within 24 hours of the occurrence. They will hold a full hearing in 24 hours, if appropriate.
● If you filed and you are here, you will be on the ballot unless you withdraw.

● You may have your Candidate Statement changed up to 24 hours before voting opens. No exceptions.

● You may withdraw your candidacy up to 24 hours before voting opens. After this time the ballots are set and will not be altered.
● You are not allowed to publically post, transmit, publish, copy, or in any other way disseminate elections results that include vote counts without the express consent of BOEA.

● Results will be electronically posted within 24 hours of the end of the election - the time will be random.

● You must be respectful of all other students and be sensitive when discussing results with others, recognizing that running takes courage and should not be discouraged.
• Board of Elections and Appointments
  ○ vsaelections@vassar.edu

• Judicial Board
  ○ Email vsa@vassar.edu who will forward inquiries to the Judicial Board Chair.

• Elections Information
  ○ vsa.vassar.edu/elections/fall-2014