

Elections 2008

Instructions to Campaigners

These instructions have been prepared by the Elections Committee in order to help you. These are essentially the rules that are laid down to ensure the fair running of the campaigns. We know that you obviously want this person to win, otherwise you wouldn't be helping them to campaign. If you don't follow these rules, you may force the Elections Committee to disqualify them and you as a campaigner may have discipline procedure invoked against you, and we know you don't want that.

- The Election Publicity regulations are formed from the constitutional elections regulations, standard ICU publicity rules plus additional regulations imposed by the Elections Committee. A copy of the constitution can be found at: <https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/democracy/governance,153,ICUAP.html?lp=316>
- Please ensure that you only use publicity materials given to you by the candidate. This will have been approved by the Returning Officer. If the candidate asks you to produce some material for them, ensure that you give it to them before using it, so that they can send it off to the Returning Officer for approval first. Vat receipts must also be produced for any expenditure that is spent on their behalf.
- Spamming is forbidden. No use of email lists (either college or union) or any mass emailing of any form is allowed. In the event of campaign e-mail's being sent and the receiver does not know the candidate neither/nor the sender, and a complaint is lodged, the candidate may be penalised and/or disqualified.
- Campaign material must not be placed over other candidates' material. Nor other candidates' material removed.
- Posters must not be placed on open brickwork.
- Posters must be at least 6 metres apart, along a line of sight.
- On the Sherfield Main Walkway, you may place one poster on every other pillar and may not place posters on any two adjacent side-wall poster boards which are facing each other.
- Posters must be put up using blu-tack or drawing pins – do not use sellotape.
- No leaflets in departmental pigeonholes.
- Posters may be placed in halls of residence with the permission of the warden only.
- No leaflets to be distributed within halls of residences.
- Campaigning is allowed in lecture theatres only with the permission of the lecturer.
- Posters in departments, the Union, Student common rooms, etc should be on recognized student notice areas. In the Union building, no posters may be placed in da Vinci's, dB's, the Union Bar or the President's Noticeboard.

If you are unsure on any of the above points, then ask. You can either ask the candidate you are campaigning for, as they will probably already have the answer, or you can ask the Returning Officer directly at elections@imperial.ac.uk, who will be more than happy to answer your query.

Remember, the candidate you are campaigning for is responsible for everything you do. If you break the rules they may be punished, which may ultimately lead to their disqualification.

