

Policies set forth by the Elections Committee

Section 1

Purpose Of This Document:

The goal of this document, established by the Temple Student Government Elections Committee, is to create a regulatory framework for all financial action throughout Temple Student Government University Elections. This document will be divided between Parliament and Executive campaigns, for, there will be a discrepancy in allowances granted to each platform. The following subheadings are those which we seek to expand upon, including:

1. Definitions
 - a. Campaign
 - b. Campaign Budget

2. Spending Cap
 - a. Parliament Campaign
 - b. Executive Campaign

3. Gifts
 - a. Gifts of Labor
 - b. Gifts of Objective Value
 - c. Monetary gifts

4. Coercion
 - a. Monetary Coercion
 - b. Status Coercion

5. Responsibilities
 - a. Parliament Campaign
 - b. Executive Campaign

Section 1

Definition

A. Campaign

- a. A Campaign consists of all Campaign Members working officially on behalf of any Candidate(s) who can solicit and receive endorsements, raise funds, hang banners, advertise electronically, distribute promotional items, and conduct other activities that could be perceived as campaigning by the Elections Commissioner.

B. Campaign Budget

- a. A campaign budget will be defined by the budget ascribed in Section 2. The total usage of the budget by each campaign will be calculated by the aggregate of gifts received and finances expended.

Section 2

Spending Cap

A. Parliament Campaign Spending Cap

- a. The Parliament spending cap will be set at \$500

B. Executive Campaign

- a. The Executive spending cap will be set at \$1000

C. Spending Cap Excession

- a. In the case where the Spending Cap has been surpassed the Campaign for whom exceeded the cap will be awarded one penalty. Refer to Article V in The Elections Code.

Section 3

Gifts

A. Gifts of Labor

- a. Gifts of Labor is to be defined as that which is (1) intangible, (2) regarding only persons, and (3) involves activity. All gifts that were conceived from labor and are tangebly accessible are not to be considered as Gifts of Labor. But rather, these are to be considered as Gifts of Objective Value.

i. Gifts of Labor Regulation

1. Gifts of Labor are not to be held to a monetary value. Gifts of Labor, unless paid labor is concerned, will be nothing more than an activity that stems from one's own volition.

B. Gifts of Objective Value

- a. Gifts of Objective Value are to be defined as that which is (1) tangible and (2) things which can be physically exchanged.
 - i. Gifts of Objective Value Regulation
 - 1. Anything received by a campaign which fits the definition of a Gift of Objective Value must have its value disclosed to the Elections Committee. If the value of said gift is unknown to the receiving campaign the Elections Commissioner will determine its value. The power for value determination rests solely in the Election Commissioner who will be in conference with the elections committee throughout the determination process. Both initial and determined value will be added to the total campaign finance report.
 - ii. Determination Process
 - 1. The determination of value to gifts of unknown initial value will be handled by the Elections Commissioner. The ability for this value assignment rests solely in the Election Commissioner.

C. Monetary gifts

- a. Monetary Gifts are currency gifts given from one party to a receiving campaign. These gifts will hold their predetermined monetary value and will be added directly to a campaign's budget.

Section 4

Coercion

A. Monetary Coercion

- a. Monetary coercion will be defined as, but is not limited to, a (1) promise of monetary transfer, (2) a physical monetary transfer, or (3) an indication of monetary transfer, subtle or otherwise.

B. Status Coercion

- a. Status coercion will be defined as, but not is not limited to, a (1) promise of status acquisition, social or professionally, (2) a contractual or confirmed agreement for status acquisition, social or professionally, and (3) an indication of status acquisition, subtle or otherwise and social or professionally.

Section 5

Responsibilities

A. Parliament Campaign

- a. All Parliament campaigns are to be responsible for the following:
 - i. Reporting all financial activity

- ii. Holding their campaign team responsible for financial activity done on the campaign's behalf
- iii. Disclosure of all gifts as defined in Section 3

B. Executive Campaign

- a. All Executive campaigns are to be responsible for the following:
- b. Reporting all financial activity
- c. Holding their campaign team responsible for financial activity done on the campaign's behalf
- d. Appointing a campaign member to conduct weekly financial transaction reports with the Elections Committee
- e. Disclosure of all gifts as defined in Section 3