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## **Election Policy for Representatives to the Wenzhou-Kean University Board of Trustees**

The Student Leadership Council Election Committee reserves the right, without notification to the candidate, to remove or prohibit any campaigning materials, which are detrimental to the appearance of the campus, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate. The candidate shall have the right to appeal the decision in writing to the Student Affairs Office, located in General Education Hall, room D203.

1. Candidates are responsible for their campaign workers and any materials that have their name on it. This includes, but is not limited to, any materials with one or more candidate's name on it.
2. Wenzhou-Kean University offices, copy machines, equipment and/or supplies, including those designated to student governments or organizations, shall not be used by any candidate, or any candidate's campaign workers, for the advancement of any campaign. Violations will result in the disqualification of the candidate.
3. All candidates must meet with the Student Affairs Office, or designee(s) to review the election policy and campaign expectations before the candidate, or their supporters, may begin to campaign. Only unofficial verbal campaigning will be allowed prior to the candidates meeting. Written materials or other tangible campaign aids may only be used after the conclusion of the candidates meeting.

Only candidates that have met with the Student Affairs Office, or designee to review and discuss the election policy and campaign expectations will be considered official candidates in the student representative to the Wenzhou-Kean University Board of Trustees election. All candidates that have successfully met the application criteria will be notified to make arrangements to meet with the Student Affairs Office, or designee(s) within five (5) business days.

4. All campaign posters, flyers, literature and electronic posts or messages must adhere to all Wenzhou-Kean University policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the *Wenzhou-Kean University Student Code of Conduct*, *Wenzhou-Kean University Community Standards Policy* and the *Posting Policy for University-wide Publicity*.

Buttons or other campaign devices on individual apparel will be permitted to be worn anywhere on campus as long as they do not interfere with regular university activities.

5. Verbal campaigning by candidates and/or their representatives shall be permitted in all public common area spaces on campus as long as it does not interfere with regular university activities. All verbal campaigning should be conducted in a manner that is respectful and courteous to all community members.

6. For safety reasons, posters and other campaign materials will not be allowed to block visibility on glass windows or doors or entry into any University facility.
7. No flyers, posters, or other campaign materials shall be posted on an automobile without the owner's permission.
8. Signs, posters, flyers, or other campaign materials shall not be attached to any trees or shrubbery or the exterior of any building on campus. All campaign materials should take into consideration campus appearance.
9. All candidates, and their supporters, are required to abide by all national and local policies and regulations and may not disrupt or inhibit mobility in to or out of university buildings (ex: candidates, or their supporters, cannot block entrances or exits).
- 10. Candidates, or their supporters, are prohibited from bringing or providing voting equipment to voters. Voting equipment is defined as any electronic device that enables a voter to vote, including, but not limited to, computers, laptops or web-enabled mobile devices (tablets, smart phones, iPods, etc...). Any student wishing to vote must do so at their own leisure.**
11. Candidates shall be responsible for removing all election materials with their name on it within 1 day after the close of the voting. The result of the votes shall not be announced until the Student Leadership Council Election Committee has checked the campus.
12. The Student Leadership Council Election Committee shall have the right to disqualify candidates for violations of the Election Policy. The committee may disqualify a candidate immediately in the case of gross and willful violations that are shown to be done by the candidate or his/her campaign workers. Any proposed violation should be brought to the attention of the Student Leadership Council Election Committee.

A decision to disqualify a candidate may be appealed to the Student Affairs Office. No candidate shall be removed from a ballot prior to an election without the decision of the Student Leadership Council Election Committee being reviewed by the Student Affairs Office, or designee. All alleged violations will be taken into full consideration by the Student Leadership Council Election Committee before any action is taken against the candidate(s) in question.

13. Any violation of the Election Policy will be deemed a warning and up to the discretion of the Student Leadership Council Election Committee for final decision of a violation.

Upon issuing a warning, one or more representatives of the Student Leadership Council Election Committee shall notify the candidate by phone and/or mail within 24 hours to discuss the matter.

Any violation of the Election Policy within 24 hours of the closing of the voting will be deemed a warning and up to the discretion of the Student Leadership Council Election Committee for the final decision of a violation, after first meeting with candidate(s) to discuss the warning(s).

14. The results of any election will become official 24 hours after the close of the voting, provided no person has filed a written objection with the Student Leadership Council Election Committee concerning the results of the election. In the event that there is any contesting of the results of the election, the Student Leadership Council Election Committee shall make an initial determination as to the final outcome. That determination may be appealed to the Student Affairs Office.

In the event that a candidate is disqualified from the election or declines to accept the position, the candidate with the next highest amount of votes shall be offered the position.

15. The primary means of communication between candidates and the Student Leadership Council Election Committee and/or Student Affairs Office will be through the Wenzhou-Kean University email system. **All candidates are advised to check their WKU email daily.**
16. All candidates are encouraged to follow both the spirit, as well as the letter, of the policy. It is further recommended that candidates should attempt to present their own positive aspects as opposed to exploiting another's negative characteristics.

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