

SFSS Independent Elections Commission (IEC)  
2019 SFSS General Election Regulations

It is the purpose of this document to provide candidates with the rules governing the conduct of the 2019 SFSS General Election and referendum. The Independent Elections Commission (IEC) derives its authority to create rules for the purpose of governing an election and/or referendum in the society's bylaws, specifically bylaw 15(8)(g).

IEC Regulations: IEC complaints & queries

1. All complaints must be done through the IEC complaints jotform found on the SFSS Elections web page.
2. Candidates shall not submit complaints in person
3. Candidates with questions regarding the election can visit IEC office hours, refer to the society web page, or email [elections@sfss.ca](mailto:elections@sfss.ca)
4. Candidates with questions for the IEC Chief can email the chief at [elections.chief@sfss.ca](mailto:elections.chief@sfss.ca)

IEC Regulations: Election materials

1. All campaign material must be approved by the Independent Elections Commission (IEC).
2. All printed campaign material must be sent to the Independent Elections Commission (IEC), who will approve material regardless of where the material is being printed.
3. Campaign posters can only be posted on concrete walls and pillars on the Burnaby campus.
4. Campaign posters can only be posted on black grates on the Surrey Campus. Candidates are limited to one poster due to lack of space.
5. Campaign posters can only be posted on bulletin boards at the various Downtown Vancouver Campuses.

6. Campaign posters shall not be posted inside any commercial businesses or services (i.e Tim Horton's).

#### IEC Regulations: Campaign Finances

1. All candidates will have a maximum budget of \$50, which will be reimbursed by the society.
2. All candidates must report any finances used on non-printed material (i.e Facebook and Instagram ads or boosts).
3. Candidates shall not share, or pool campaign budgets.
4. Candidates shall not use candidate budget on referenda items and referenda budget on candidate items.
5. Candidates shall not receive or take any value in kind sponsorship for the purpose of campaigning (i.e "my friend gave me this vote for me sign").
6. Candidates shall not use "giveaways" or "freebies" for the purpose of campaigning.

#### IEC Regulations: Campaigning

1. Candidates shall not campaign in the following locations:
  - a. SFU Libraries
  - b. SFU Residence
  - c. SFU Dining Hall
  - d. SFSS spaces
    - i. SFSS Offices in MBC
    - ii. SFSS Surrey Office
    - iii. Women's Centre
    - iv. Out on Campus
2. Candidates shall not campaign during university classes.
3. Candidates shall not enter lecture halls and classrooms for the purpose of campaigning.
4. Returning candidates (current board members) shall not use any society resources for the purpose of campaigning.

5. Candidates are not use email lists for the purpose of campaigning.

#### IEC Regulations: Slates

1. Candidates shall not form slates for the purpose of campaigning.
2. Candidates are not permitted to create campaign material for the purpose of “slate” or “group” campaigning.
3. Candidates are to campaign solely as individuals.
4. Candidates shall not share any campaign material.

#### IEC Regulations: Social Media

1. Candidates are free to use social media channels for the purpose of campaigning, as long as they provide the Independent Elections Commission (IEC) with links to all social media channels.
2. The Independent Elections Commission (IEC) will use its social media channels to monitor the election.
3. Candidates shall not create or use shared social media accounts for the purpose of campaigning.
4. Candidates are responsible for any and all campaign material. Any campaign material (on social media or otherwise) that is found to be defamatory, discriminatory, or attack another candidate in anyway will be met with disqualification.

#### IEC Regulations: Platforms

1. Candidate platforms shall be posted on the SFSS elections web page.
2. Posted platforms shall not exceed 500 words.
3. Candidates are free to provide a link to a more in-depth platform (no word limit) if they wish.
4. Candidates shall not create campaign websites.

5. Platforms containing any discriminatory, defamatory or inappropriate language will not be posted.

#### IEC Regulations: Debates

1. The Independent Elections Commission (IEC) will host one debate during the campaign period.
2. Debates will be live streamed, and easily accessible to all SFU students.
3. Debates shall not exceed three hours in length.
4. Any candidate who is found to be disrespectful, discriminatory, using explicit language or attacking another candidate in anyway during the debate will be asked to leave.

#### IEC Regulations: Voting Period

1. All campaign posters must be taken down prior to Voting Period.
2. Candidates shall not use any campaign related print material during the voting period.
3. Candidates are free to continue their social media campaigns until the conclusion of the voting period.
4. Candidates are free to continue in person campaigning until the conclusion of the voting period.
5. Candidates shall not use personal electronic devices for the purpose of campaigning during the voting period (i.e carrying around a laptop and “getting people to vote for you”)

#### IEC Regulations: Results

1. Results shall be announced the following noon after the closing of the voting period.
2. In the event of a TIE :
  - a. all election results will be withheld and the tied candidates will have a runoff election.
  - b. The runoff election will be a 24 hr - 48 hr voting period.

- c. All results shall be announced the following noon after the closing of the voting period.
3. All results are unofficial until candidate expense forms are submitted to and approved by the Independent Elections Commission (IEC).