



## **SRC Annual General Election 2026– Rules and Regulations**

This document outlines details relating to the Election that are not covered in the following documents.

Please refer to the following Election-specific documents listed here:

- SRC Bylaws, particularly section 3 & 4 regarding The Board
- SRC Board Policies, particularly sections 3 (Board Role Description), 6 (Director's Code of Conduct), and 9 (Elections & Referenda)
- SRC Elections & Referenda Procedures (Entire document)

Please note that, as per the Election & Referenda Procedures Section 3, Item 4, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) may make procedural determinations. These decisions will be communicated by email to all parties (Candidates and their Campaign Managers). Check your BU email regularly throughout the entire election process.

### **Campaign Costs**

Each candidate may spend **up to \$100** on their campaign. The SRC will reimburse candidates a maximum of \$30 for your campaign costs. Each candidate, even if they spent nothing on their campaign, must submit a Campaign Expense Form, due the day after voting ends, submitted to the beige drop box in the SRC office. Original receipts must be included. Please put your form and receipts in an envelope or staple the receipts to your form.

### **Campaign Agents**

Candidates may have **one** person as Campaign Agent to support them with their campaign. The agent must be declared by the close of nominations at 12 noon on Thursday February 5.

To declare, the Candidate must declare on their application form and the Candidate Agent must complete the Campaign Agent application form. Campaign Agents are also required to attend Election School / Mandatory Candidates Meeting.

### **Slates**

A slate is a group of two or more candidates who affiliate for the purposes of campaigning. Slates must be declared before the close of nominations at 12 noon on Thursday February 5.

To declare, candidates in the slate must complete the Slate Application form (online or paper, one application per slate). Slates must email their logo to [srcsg@ubishops.ca](mailto:srcsg@ubishops.ca) by the deadline.

According to Board Policy 9.5.5 (page 22), candidates may affiliate in slates at their discretion, though their candidacies will be regulated separately by the CRO and candidates will maintain separate campaign promotions, materials, and expenses. Slates may have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 9 candidates.



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### **Social Media**

- The approved social media you may use to campaign is **Instagram**. No other social media may be used. All social media must be visible to the CRO and the Election Officer.
- You must create a new social media handle to promote your campaign. The handles must be approved by the CRO or the Election Officer.
- Every post must include **#bishopsvotes**.
- Use of the Internet as a campaign tool is expected, however NO campaign material may be distributed using the Bishop's Media (webmail, digital posters, social media, etc.) or by using any SRC Media (website, Facebook pages, SRC mobile application, etc.). This also means that you cannot use the "students" mailing list.
- Absolutely no campaigning is allowed before 8 am on Monday February 9.

### **Posters**

- Posters must be approved and stamped by the Election Officer or CRO with SRC Election stamp. (Tip – you can email your poster to [srcelections@ubishops.ca](mailto:srcelections@ubishops.ca) before printing to ensure your poster meets regulations)
- You are allowed a total of 50 stamped posters and only one poster per location.
- Candidates are allowed to post a maximum of 25 posters on campus at any one time.
- Maximum size is 11" x 17". Due to limited space, a poster of **8.5" x 11"** is recommended.
- Your poster may not include any Bishop's logos or the SRC / BUSRC logo.
- Posters must be hung on the purple BULLETIN Boards, with no part of the poster hanging off the vinyl surface. Posters may not be placed on doors, windows, or in hallways.
- Blue **or** white sticky tac must be used - **no tape of any kind**. This can be purchased at Doolittle's and can be considered a campaign expense.
- On cork boards, you must use pins.
- Extra posters or posters contravening the rules will be removed and may result in sanctions.
- You must not remove or cover up another candidate's posters.
- You must not deface or destroy another candidate's posters.
- Posters must be taken down within 24 hours of the end of voting.  
(Tip – take a picture or keep a list of the locations you've hung your posters)
- Posters in residence require **an additional stamp**, required from the front desk in Patterson.
- Please do not display posters or campaign materials of any kind off campus. Posting signs off-campus in contravention of municipal bylaws and will be considered a violation.
- Posters can be stamped during the campaign period. The CRO and the Election Officer will have hours set up to stamp posters. The hours will be communicated with the candidates by email. The deadline for poster stamping will be Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at The Gait during Debate Night.
- If you have questions or are unsure, please ask at [srcelections@ubishops.ca](mailto:srcelections@ubishops.ca).



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- **Poster locations include:**
  - 3 in Purple Pod
  - 1 in LLC by the Elevator
  - 1 in Johnson main entrance
  - 1 in Hamilton staircase
  - 1 at the Bus Stop Cafe
  - 1 in Nicolls (near Bus Stop Cafe)
  - 1 in Nicolls entrance near Morris House
  - 1 in Morris House (cork board)
  - 1 in Nicolls 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
  - 1 in Bandeen Entrance (Music Department)
  - 1 outside Doolittle's Coop (Student Center)
  - 1 at Mail and Print Services (Student Center Basement floor)
  - 1 in Admission Office (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Student Center)
  - 1 in Dewhurst Dinning Hall
  - Spor Plex (3 magnetic boards- use magnets)
  - 1 poster per residence (review above note regarding additional stamp)

### **Other Campaign Materials**

Candidates may use **other campaign materials**. Other campaign materials with logos, name, content, slate, or information related to your campaign must be approved by the CRO or the Election Officer **in advance of distribution**. Be creative! You may make handouts, business cards, bookmarks, or other printed materials.

The CRO or the Election Officer would be happy to review your materials before printing. Please email them to [srcelections@ubishops.ca](mailto:srcelections@ubishops.ca).

### **Candidate Photo**

This photo will appear on the ballot and on SRC's Instagram posts introducing the candidates and winners. At the Candidates Meeting, you will have your photo taken. No other photos will be used. **Come prepared to have your picture taken.** You may use other photos for your campaign material.

### **Candidate Statement**

This will appear on the ballot and is your opportunity to tell voters who you are and why they should vote for you. **Proofread your statement - it will not be edited for spelling or grammar.** You will provide your statement as part the application form. The deadline is February 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Violations**

Please read Board Policy Section 9 and the Elections Procedures Section 10 to understand what constitutes a violation and how violations will be handled.



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### **Election Appeals**

Please refer to Board Policy Section 9 and the Elections Procedures about your right to appeal.

If **any student** has concerns regarding a Candidate's or a Campaign Agent's statements or actions, they should contact the Secretary General / Chief Returning Officer, at [srcsg@ubishops.ca](mailto:srcsg@ubishops.ca) .

**Again**, please read the SRC Bylaws, Board Policies, and Election Procedures in conjunction with this document. All information regarding the election is available at [busrc.com/vote](http://busrc.com/vote). The Information Package has great tips and tricks for campaigning and preparing to serve on the Board.

### **Questions? Concerns? Contact us!**

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