## **Campaign Rules**

## NWPSA Students' Council Campaigning Rules

To ensure a fair and transparent election the following campaigning rules MUST be adhered to by all candidates. Deviation from these rules may be subject to expulsion from the election race.

1. Campaigning is defined as:

a) Any physical and visible items promoting and/ or supporting a candidate, including any online promotion of and by the candidate, and;

b) All verbal persuasion and pressure to support a candidate by the candidate, and;

c) Scheduled speaking opportunities.

2. A maximum of \$200 CAD may be spent by a candidate on their campaign. To ensure compliance to this rule the campaign expense form and all receipts must be submitted to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), through email (SACRO@nwpolytech.ca), no later than 10:15 am the day following the last day of campaigning.

3. Any negative or slanderous campaigns directed towards any nominees or otherwise will not be tolerated, including but not limited to, verbal, print, social or digital material.

4. Bribery for votes will not be tolerated.

5. Each candidate may print up to thirty (30) 11x17 colour posters through the SA office at no charge. A limited number of additional prints may be available at fair market value through the SA office.

6. During the forums, candidates should be prepared to answer questions asked on any number of topics. Questions chosen are at the CRO's discretion.

7. Out of town or otherwise unavailable candidates may receive help from the SA Executive with the placement and/or removal of campaign material, at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer.

8. All physical campaign material must be removed from campuses no later than 5 pm on the last day of the election.

9. Candidates are not permitted to volunteer or loiter at or near voting stations during the election.

10. Candidates may continue to campaign during the election period.

11. Candidates may remind students to vote and who to vote for; however, they may not actively facilitate any part of the voting process.

Any candidate that does not follow the above guidelines, as determined by the Chief Returning Officer, will be subject for removal from the election process.