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STATEMENT:

Fundamental to the role of the Students' Union is its ability to hold political leaders accountable for their policies and actions, and this includes holding political parties to account for their positions and their records as governments and legislative caucuses. The process of political advocacy shall be conducted in a non-partisan manner, as described in this policy.

1. Participation in Partisan Political Campaigns

It is recognized that Board members and employees, as citizens of the community, may wish to engage in partisan political campaigning. Such campaigning must be done on a board members' or employees' own time. No resources, facilities or equipment of the Students' Union may be used for partisan political causes, campaigns or candidates.

2. All Candidate Meetings During Election Campaigns and Promotion of Voting

A component of the Students' Union's mandate is encouraging members to participate in the political process and a common tactic to achieve that goal is the hosting of on-campus all candidate meetings. All candidate meetings shall be held in a fair and open manner with a moderator appointed by the Board to ensure fairness in accordance with Procedure 10.04-01.

3. Third-Party Campaigning During Election Campaigns

Encouraging members to prioritize positive public policy on education when voting in provincial, national or local elections is an aspect of the Students' Union's mandate. When participating in third-party campaigning the Students' Union will refrain from any endorsement of a specific political party or political; however, the Students' Union may publish an evaluation of the education platforms of each party and/or candidates with an appropriate ranking based on each party's/candidate's commitments and policy proposals.

4. Partisan Campaigning At Students' Union Events

Notwithstanding All Candidate meetings/events, Students' Union events shall be free from partisan campaigning of any sort. Vendor and information tables shall not be rented to political parties, nor individual candidates for the purpose of campaigning. Additionally, vendors or invited guests at Students' Union events shall be prohibited from distributing campaign material on behalf of a candidate or political party. Vendors or guests at Students' Union events who violate this policy shall be prohibited from attending future events at the discretion of the Board.

5. Partisan Clubs

Subject to Policy 40.02, the Board may ratify clubs with partisan affiliations. Such clubs shall be restricted from using Students' Union funds, facilities and equipment to further partisan causes as described in Policy 40.02.

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