

Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion

(ESB/AO 2015-001)

Subject: E-mail Rules and Guidelines

Whereas section 11-404 of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities, Student Discipline and Conduct reads:

*(a) Notwithstanding any action taken on account of the violation by civil authorities or agencies charged with the enforcement of criminal laws, **the dean of students may initiate disciplinary proceedings under subchapter 11-500 against a student who***

*(18) **engages in an inappropriate or disproportionate use of an information technology resource owned or controlled by the University or The University of Texas System or uses an information technology resource for an illegal, threatening, or intentionally destructive purpose; prohibited conduct includes but is not limited to circumventing system or network security, committing copyright infringement, **transmitting unsolicited e-mail**, sharing a University-issued password, falsifying an e-mail header, and using resources for personal financial gain or profit;***

Therefore the 2015 Election Supervisory Board is requiring that all candidates adhere to the following guidelines for any and all campaign emails to potential voters:

1. The use of Blackboard, Canvas, or academic platform's emailing capabilities may not be used by any person for the benefit of a candidate or candidates.
2. No candidate may at any time purchase or obtain potential voter's emails from a third party source.
3. The UT directory may not be used to obtain potential voter emails en masse.
4. Each candidate may use whatever internal program or document they choose to keep track of legally collected emails, **but at no time may share their email list with another candidate or 3rd party source.**

Any candidate that does not follow these guidelines will be found in violation of Section 11-404a18, and may have a complaint filed against them.

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