Introduction
These rules are definitive for the purposes of all elections, and are subject to interpretation, in the first instance, by the Chief Returning Officer (which shall be the Assistant Student Services Manager(s)).

1 Campaigning and Permitted Campaign Methods

1.1 Campaigning
i. Campaigning may not begin until after the deadline for nominations has passed.
ii. Campaign posters may not be posted until approved by a member of Student Services as per 1.3.vii
iii. The campaign period will be specified by the C.R.O.
   a. Campaigning may not take place during the speeches as defined by 2.vii.
   b. It is not permitted to campaign in line of sight of the ballot box.
iv. No form of off-campus campaigning shall be permitted.

1.2 Permitted Campaign Methods
i. Candidates are permitted to use the following methods of campaigning without consultation:
ii. Word of mouth, by the candidate to members of the student body.
iii. Official posters, as defined by 1.3 below.
iv. Website and social media (see 1.5.iv below).

1.3 Posters
i. Official posters are defined as those that have been signed by the C.R.O. or another member of Student Services.
ii. The removal or defacing of a candidate’s poster(s) by any member of the student body is forbidden. This may result in disciplinary action being taken by the C.R.O. and/or Student Services Manager.
iii. Each Presidential, Vice Presidential and Musicians in Residence Candidate is limited to posting a total of twenty (20) posters all of which must be on A4 size paper.
iv. Posters for those who are campaigning for the position of Corridor Representative are limited to a maximum of ten (10) posters on A4 size paper.
vi. Posters may only be affixed on doors or on bulletin boards, though official or previous posters may not be removed in the process.
vii. Posters are subject to the discretion of Student Services Staff. All posters must be approved by a member of Student Services prior to being posted.
viii. Posters must be removed by the candidate following the end of the campaign period.
ix. All posters must be printed on recyclable paper and must be recycled after the end of the campaign period.

1.4 Mobile Campaigning
i. All forms of mobile campaigning are forbidden.
ii. Mobile campaigning is defined as any form of campaigning where the advert is not in a fixed position. This includes, but is not limited to, bumper stickers, rosettes, t-shirts, sandwich boards etc. Flyers are considered to be mobile campaigning material.

1.5 Telecommunications
i. The use of unsolicited text messaging and telephone calls is forbidden.
ii. The one hundred and fifty (150) word written speech by the candidate should be presented to C.R.O. before or immediately after the candidates’ speech and will be emailed to the student body as a summary manifesto. It may not be transmitted to any other person prior to this.
iii. Candidates and their campaign team (as defined by 3 below) are permitted to send emails to the effect that voting is open. Such emails must be individually addressed and shall not make reference to any of the candidates.
iv. All websites and social media accounts must be approved by the C.R.O. prior to posting. All updates shall be closely monitored by the C.R.O.

1.6 Other Forms of Campaigning
i. The use of amplified public address systems, such as tannoy, loudspeakers or DJs, to endorse a candidate is forbidden.
ii. Use of blackboards or other surfaces in the Headless Drummer is forbidden.
iii. Use of blackboards or other surfaces in classrooms is forbidden.
iv. The message boards in the Dining Hall and in Bader Hall may not be used.
v. Campaign/promotional materials may not be distributed to mailboxes in the student housing area nor shall any form of door-to-door campaigning be permitted.
vi. Both negative campaigning and campaigning for are forbidden. Any member found to be doing so will be subject to sanctions as outlined in 4.2.

2. Speeches
i. The timetable for speeches and elections will be determined by the Student and Enrolment Services Manager and published by the C.R.O.
ii. Each candidate will have three (3) minutes for their campaign speech.
iii. Speeches will be timed from first cue.
iv. Campaign speeches will only be conducted in front of respective constituencies. (i.e., President, Vice-President and Musicians in Residence candidates will have the opportunity to speak to the entire student body; Corridor Representative Candidates are limited to speaking only to those who will be voting for them.)
v. The candidates will speak in alphabetical order.
vi. Candidates will be sequestered from those who are making speeches for the same position.
vii. There will be a collective question and answer period at the end of each set of candidate speeches. Two questions regarding relevant student issues will be posed by the Student Services Team, and then will be open to the floor.
viii. Any additional campaigning in the room in which the speeches are being held, other than the speeches themselves, are forbidden.

3. Responsibilities of the Candidates
i. A candidate may have an independent observer named on their manifesto, whose sole role will be to observe the count. They should not be a member of the candidate’s campaign team and should not campaign for them in any way.
ii. The content and methods of campaigning shall be beyond reproach. Campaign organizations shall not misrepresent the character or policies of other campaign organizations nor shall they interfere in any manner with the campaign materials of other groups. Any negative reference to current or past Government and/or student body members is forbidden.
iii. Candidates are responsible for the actions of people within their campaign team. It must include anybody that the candidate has consciously and knowingly asked to campaign on their behalf.
iv. Any violation of the rules may result in the sanctioning of the candidate (as per 4.2 below), regardless of who actually committed said act, unless the violation had been actively discouraged by the candidate.

4. Complaints Procedure and Sanctions
i. In the event of a complaint being made in relation to an Election Campaign that the petitioner believes is a violation of the BISC Rules and Regulations and/or the Queen’s University Student Code of Conduct, the procedures outlined below in 4.1 and 4.2 do not apply and a complaint may be made to any member of Student Services or other staff as appropriate. In addition this is not a full and final list of sanctions.
ii. In cases where the infringement is a violation of the BISC Rules and Regulations, students will face regular disciplinary action (which may also result in the campaign in question being sanctioned).
4.1 Complaints Procedure
i. Any student body member who wishes to make a complaint about a campaign or candidate should do so, in writing, to the Chief Returning Officer as soon as possible. The Chief Returning Officer may then sanction any campaign as decided as per 4.2 below.

4.2 Methods of Sanction
i. Disqualification: The candidate is removed from the election.
ii. Posters: The C.R.O. has the right to decrease a candidate’s paper allowance by a number considered by them to be a reflection of the seriousness of the transgression. The C.R.O. can also increase the paper allowance of any other candidate in an election as means of compensation.