

college who wish to nominate the candidate. No member of ASNMSU shall sign more petitions of candidacy than positions to be voted on for senator from that college at the general election.

- F. For a candidate's name to be placed on the official ballot, the candidate must attend at least one (1) candidates briefing as called by the Chief Elections Officer, or be officially excused from the same.
- G. Any other elected positions as may exist within ASNMSU shall follow the same pattern as the President and Vice President, with the exception that twenty-five (25) signatures shall be required for any candidate seeking such an office.

### **2-7-3. BENEFITS OF OFFICIAL CANDIDACY**

Official candidates shall receive the following benefits:

- A. A photograph and written statement printed in a voter guide prior to the general election at the expense of the Election Board, if that candidate so desires. Such a written statement shall not exceed two hundred (200) words. The Chief Elections Officer shall be responsible for arranging a photo session and collecting written statements;
- B. An official candidate may designate, with the Chief Elections Officer approval, a representative to attend necessary candidate meetings.

## **2.8. CAMPAIGN RULES**

In campaigning the following campaign rules shall be observed:

### **2-8-1. GENERAL RULES**

- A. No person shall campaign, post any campaign material, or in any other way, attempt to induce any voter or other person to vote for any person or question within the polling place as defined in 2-5-3;
- B. No person shall solicit members of ASNMSU to vote within the areas of the polling place;
- C. Campaigning shall begin no earlier than two (2) weeks before and no later than one (1) week before voting in the ASNMSU general election in which they are running; however, petitioners are allowed to inform individual students from whom they are seeking signatures as to why that student should sign their election petition;
- D. Placement of campaign materials on campus shall abide by all NMSU rules and regulations;
- E. Candidates for the offices of Senate, Vice President, and President shall be allowed to campaign by utilizing electronic sources to include list serves, online forums and public web sites without charge against candidate campaign expenditures;
  - 1. Any electronic campaign material purchased must be included in the total campaign expenditures.
- F. Candidates are responsible for being granted access to specific list serves by the appropriate individual(s) responsible for the list serve;
- G. Candidates shall be allowed to utilize online forums to include social media websites at the discretion of the Elections Board;
- H. No person shall be denied entrance into a candidates online forum or online community;
- I. Candidates shall be responsible for any electronic material which bears their name that is enacted by the candidate's official campaign workers or by the consent of the candidate or the candidate themselves;
- J. No person shall destroy or deface posters, pamphlets or other campaign material;
- K. No person shall disrupt or prevent the legal and orderly campaign of any person;

- L. The candidate shall be responsible for the actions of the candidate's official campaign workers as those actions relate to the conduct of the election;
- M. Total campaign expenditures for each candidate for the general election shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75) for senators and two hundred dollars (\$200) for President and Vice President:
  - 1. In the event of a run-off election, each candidate may spend an additional amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the general election limit;
  - 2. Candidates for other elected offices shall be limited as a senator with respect to campaign expenditures.
- N. It is unlawful for anyone to:
  - 1. Vote or offer to vote in the name of any other person;
  - 2. Vote or offer to vote with the knowledge of not being a qualified voter;
  - 3. Vote or offer to vote more than once in the election;
  - 4. Induce, abet, or procure a person known not to be a qualified voter to vote;
  - 5. Induce, abet, or procure a person who has voted previously in an election to vote again;
  - 6. Fraudulently deceive or mislead any voter or election official;
  - 7. Pay or cause to be paid directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable consideration to any student for the purpose of inducing any student to vote or to refrain from voting;
  - 8. Pay or cause to be paid, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable consideration to any person for the purpose of inducing any election official to violate the Election Code, or to mark, alter, suppress, or otherwise change any ballot that has been cast, any election return or other election documents;
  - 9. Accept a bribe;
  - 10. Induce or attempt to induce fear in any student, election official, and/or voter by threats of any sort.
  - 11. Obtain elections results prior to online polls closing.
- O. All candidates shall submit the list serve form by five (5:00) pm the first day of voting, financial disclosure forms by five (5:00) pm on the final day of voting, and the Violation form at the discretion of the Chief Elections Officer, to the office of the Chief Elections Officer.

**2-8-2. RULES ON TEMPORARY VOTING SITES**

- A. Candidates who request temporary and/or additional Internet voting sites for the purpose of an ASNMSU election shall make a request to the Chief Elections Officer, who will then decide if an additional site is needed or required.
- B. No candidates may setup temporary or additional Internet voting sites themselves, but must make the request to the Chief Elections Officer for handling to ensure impartial officials handle the site.
- C. No parties shall setup temporary or additional voting sites without the direct consent of the Chief Elections Officer for the purpose of voting in the ASNMSU elections.
- D. No candidates may use a wireless-capable device in a wireless capable area to induce, abet, or procure votes for themselves.

- E. Candidates requesting the setup of wireless capable devices or the use of wireless capable devices inside a wireless capable area for the use of the general student population in voting in the ASNMSU elections, may not do so themselves, but must make a request of the Chief Elections Officer for setup.
- F. Candidates are not allowed to be involved in the use or administration of additional and/or temporary Internet voting sites.
- G. Candidates are not allowed to personally use or administer the use of wireless-capable devices in wireless capable areas for the general student population's use for voting in the ASNMSU elections.
- H. Areas that have campaign materials setup cannot be used as temporary or additional areas for setup of devices used for voting in the ASNMSU elections by the general student population until all campaign materials have been cleared.

**2-8-3. WRITE IN CANDIDACY**

Candidates conducting a write-in campaign shall be subject to the campaign rules as if they were official candidates;

**2-9. ELECTION CODE PENALTIES**

Any person or election official who has been found to have committed a violation of the election shall be:

- A. Prohibited, if an official candidate, from having their name on the ballots; or
- B. Disqualified as an official candidate; or
- C. Disqualified from assuming office; or
- D. Subject to such (other) penalties as may be prescribed by an ASNMSU court, ASNMSU official, ASNMSU Elections Board or disciplinary body having authority to impose such penalties.

**2-10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS**

The Special Committee on Elections shall be appointed four (4) weeks prior to the start of the campaign period. It is the duty of the Vice President to notify each college council of their responsibility to appoint one (1) member among their qualified Senators to the Special Committee on Elections, four (4) weeks prior to the start of the campaign period. Formal duties, membership, quorum, and attendance of the Special Committee on Elections shall be established in 4-9.