

# Election Code Advice

This PowerPoint is to serve as guidance regarding the new election code, explain the complaint and violation process and go over some do's and don'ts regarding campaigning in the SGA election.

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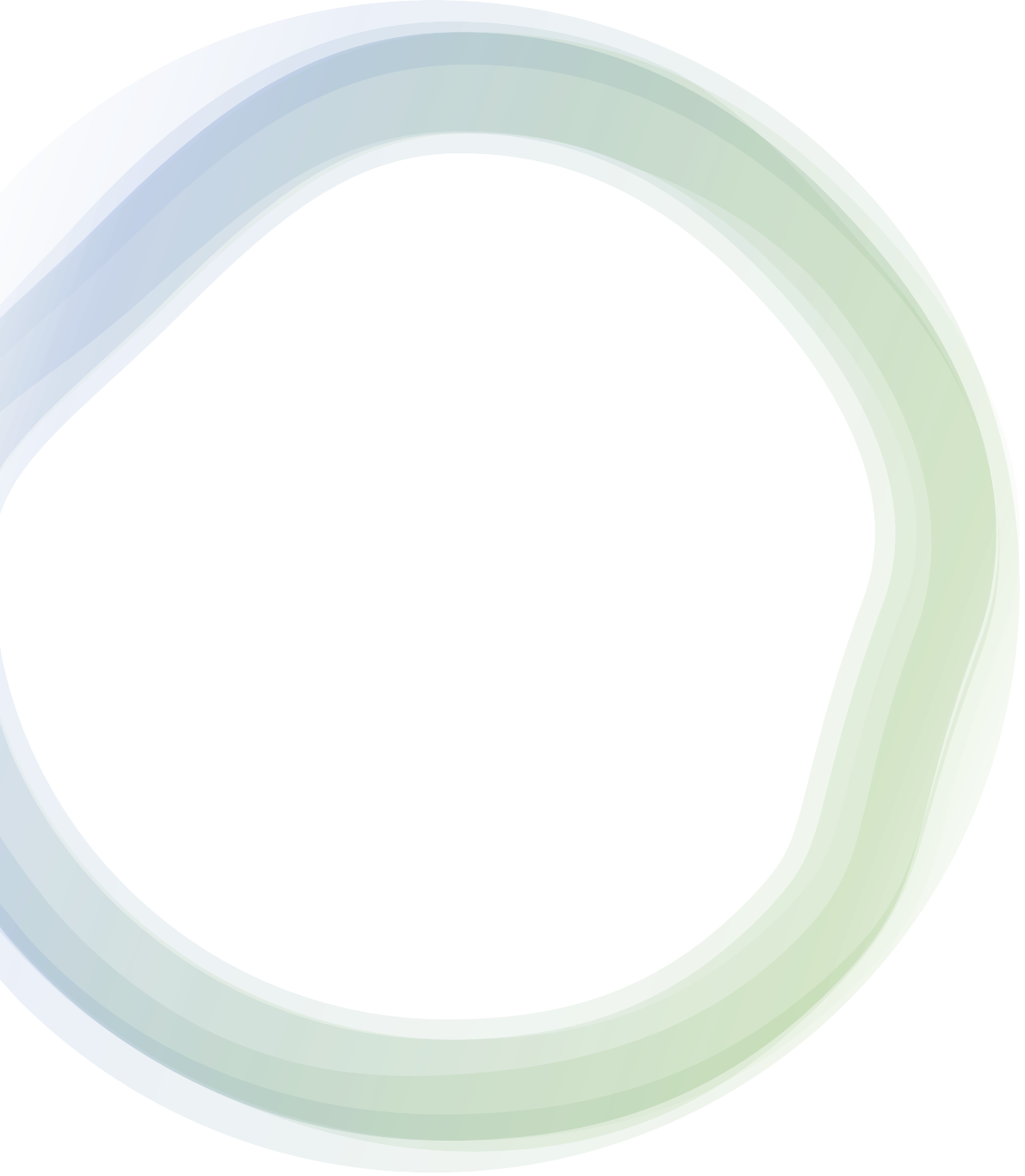


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Since the passing of the new election code, can sitting SGA official use their position as an advantage in the election cycle?



NO



# What are prohibit by UH codes

They will not be able to use their offices for campaign purposes

No campaign material will not be house or stored within SGA sponsored spaces

They will be required to turn in office hours to ensure all campaign is happening outside of their paid office hours. Verified by the Advisor

Per bylaws, they may not use their official SGA title to gain any benefits such as rooms, equipment's and other elements that could affect the outcome of the election.

They cannot use SGA allocated money for their political campaign

They cannot accept public or private gifts, favor, services or benefits

# Do and Don't's

- Do make sure you are responding to the election commission emails and meeting all required deadlines.
- Choose people based on: (1) personality, (2) campaign availability, (3) vision
- AVOID DRAMA BY ANY MEANS!!
- Keep up with dates and campaign expenses
- Do have fun
- Remember to tell all your fellow classmates to get out there and vote.
- Don't campaign in restricted areas.
- Don't forget to turn in your financial disclosure to the election commissioner every Wednesday
- Don't forget that all running candidates are to adhere to all SGA and UH documents during the campaign cycle. (please read them frequently during the campaign period)
- Don't violate the election code

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# Complaints

Step 1: File a complaint with the Attorney General **within 3 business day** of incident.

Step 2: The Attorney General will then reach out to the accused for a defense statement.

- 2A. The accused party would have 4 hours to respond to the initial email.
- 2B. If the AG solicits a defense statement after 8pm they will have until 12pm to respond. An extension will be provided at the AG discretion.

Step 3. The AG will investigate the **complaint using all SGA and UH governing documents** and determine whether the complaint has merit **within 1 business day, however in some cases, it can be up to 2 business day.**

Step 4. If merit is determined, the AG will give out a sanction determined by the class of violation. Violation are determined at the discretion of the AG.

Please check out the violation section in the Election code regarding classification





# Know your rights

- You can appeal any decision made by the AG to the Appellant Court
    - They have jurisdiction over all Class B and C violations
    - No merit complaints will be considered final by the AG
  - All Class A and D violation will be sent straight to the Supreme Court
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