Article 1 - Intent to Run

Section 1 - Definition
a. The submission of an intent to run is only allowed between:
   i. The release of results for the Freshmen Elections, and
   ii. The start of campaigning in the following GM Week elections.
b. An intent to run may only be submitted for candidates seeking to run for the positions of Grand Marshal, President of the Union, or Undergraduate President.
c. Intent to run is confidential and must be submitted via standardized form to either the Chair or Vice Chair of the Elections Commission (EC).
   i. This information is private and will only be available to the Elections Commission and those mentioned in Section 4.

Section 2 - Purpose
a. All potential candidates are eligible to meet with those listed in Section 4 in order to:
   i. Garner information about the role they intend to run for;
   ii. Solicit advice on campaigning from all but the incumbents; and
   iii. Best prepare themselves to eventually fill their intended role.

Section 3 - Restrictions
a. Submission of an intent to run enables potential candidates to take advantage of services offered under Section 4.
b. All services offered under an intent to run are also maintained once a potential candidate files a candidacy form.
c. All services are equally offered to all potential candidates that have submitted an intent to run.
d. Any potential candidates that would, for any part of their elected term, be participating in the Arch away semester are required to meet with a member of the Arch staff prior to submitting a candidacy form.
e. Submission of an intent to run does not constitute the start of campaigning for that or any candidate. Any campaigning that happens before it is officially allowed will be sanctioned according to the procedures outlined in the most recent GM Week Handbook.

Section 4 - Resources
a. Potential candidates have the option of meeting with any or all of:
   i. Their respective incumbent
ii. The Director of the Union
iii. Staff from the Archer Center
iv. The Dean of Students
v. The Vice President of Student Life

b. Meetings with any of these potential candidate resources may be requested through the Elections Commission. A member of the commission will be available to assist if needed in the scheduling of any meeting(s).

Article 2 - Pre-Campaigning

1. Pre-campaigning is defined as the promotion of any candidate or the promotion of a slogan, symbol, or idea for this purpose. This includes:
   a. Solicitation of nominations
   b. Dissemination of campaign material
   c. Public displays or actions intended to draw attention to one’s candidacy
   d. Parties, assemblies, etc. at which attention is drawn to one’s candidacy
   e. Wearing campaign material (shirts, buttons, hats, etc.)
   f. Addressing campaign-related questions
      i. This includes any effort on the part of the candidate to prolong discussion on their candidacy.

2. Affirming that one is running for a position will not be considered pre-campaigning.

3. Pre-campaigning is not allowed at any time where a Grand Marshal Week Handbook is not in effect.
   a. In the case that a Grand Marshal Week Handbook is in effect, that document’s definition of pre-campaigning takes precedence.

Article 3 - Effective Duration

1. The Elections Commission Decision 0 is always in effect.
   b. This document, or any portion thereof, can be suspended or reinstated at any time by a unanimous vote of the Elections Commission.

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