

Political Campaign Policies

Solicitation on the University of Miami campus is permitted only with appropriate approval from the University. These policies have been established by the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Government and Community Relations to communicate proper procedures to student organizations and local and national campaigns.

Officially registered student organizations (undergraduate, graduate, and law) may table on behalf of one or more candidates. The activity must be overseen by UM students at all times, and groups must remain within their assigned spaces.

Signage endorsing political candidates shall be limited to being hung only the University Center Breezeway. The sponsoring student organization must be clearly identified on the banner, which must be limited in size to 3' by 10'.

If a student organization wishes to have signage endorsing political candidates at events, they may do so, but must follow the policies and procedures of a political demonstration in addition to all SCC policies. The signage must also be confined to the reserved event space and removed at the end of the reserved event time.

Stake signs on the sidewalk of the Green will be limited to 20 total signs. Signage endorsing political candidates will not be permitted in this space, only the advertising of a specific student organization event or service provided by a University department.

Solicitation at unauthorized locations around campus - including in residence halls, classroom buildings, and other public areas - is prohibited. The decision to support one or more candidates lies entirely with the student organizations. Student groups are not obligated to provide equal access to all candidates if they do not wish to do so.

Any student organization, University department, or external contracted event host that wishes to bring a candidate, other elected official (current or former), or candidate's "surrogate" to campus must notify the Department of Student Activities (SC 206). The University of Miami Police Department reserves the right to require security be present to ensure the safety of students and visitors. The event host will be responsible for covering any security-related costs that may be incurred. Reservation fees for speaking events will be determined by the intended audience (students vs. non-students), media presence, and other factors.

Voter registration of University of Miami students may only be conducted by COSO-registered political organizations and the "Get Out the Vote" initiative coordinated by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Groups registering students to vote must follow specific guidelines related to the distribution and collection of voter registration forms. Groups must meet with a representative from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs to review and accept these policies prior to beginning any voter registration efforts. For more information on Get Out the Vote initiatives, please email vote@miami.edu.