



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
KUSA ELECTORAL COMMISSION

KUSA ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT 2016

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Electoral Commission expects the candidates to strictly familiarise themselves to the following from which the KUSA Electoral Code draws:

- (a) Kenyatta University Statutes
- (b) Current KUSA Constitution (2014)
- (c) Current Kenyatta University Student Handbook
- (d) Kenyatta University Social Media Policy
- (e) Other University Policies
- (f) Laws of the Republic of Kenya.

2. CONDUCT

Candidates and their supporters shall not prevent other students from carrying out their democratic rights.

3. ELECTION OFFENCES

All candidates are seriously advised to familiarise themselves with election offences as contained in (a) and (b) below:

- (a) Article 58 of the KUSA Constitution
- (b) Other offences:
 - (i) Violent confrontation
 - (ii) Disruption of order and opponents campaign meetings
 - (iii) Any form of intimidation
 - (iv) Harassment
 - (v) Character assassination of other students and University staff
 - (vi) Defacing or mutilating or tearing or entering remarks on posters of other candidates.
 - (vii) Violent/foul/abusive language
 - (viii) Carrying of any weapon during the campaign period e.g. simis, rungus, mkwajus among others.
 - (ix) Forming **alliances** or **line-ups**, whether with individuals or groups, with a view to collectively winning elections
 - (x) Enlisting the services of gangs/goons/hooligans in their campaigns.

4. **CAMPAIGNS**

- (a) Candidates shall conduct campaigns in a peaceful and respectful manner.
- (b) Campaign posters shall be put in areas designated by the KUSA Electoral Commission.
- (c) Campaign techniques which disrupt tranquility of the learning environment shall not be allowed during weekdays. These include: use of megaphones, public address systems, ululating, whistling and noisy crowds in academic zones and administrative areas.
- (d) Campaigning will be allowed only between 6.00 a.m. and 11.59 p.m.
- (e) The 10.00 to 10.00 hostel rule shall be fully implemented.
- (f) Any candidate or his/her supporters forcing their way into someone's room against their will shall be disqualified.

5. **VEHICLES DURING CAMPAIGNS**

No vehicles shall be allowed on campus for campaign purposes during the election period.

6. **COMMUNICATION**

- (a) Any complains or appeals by candidates against their opponents or on the campaign process shall be directed in writing to the Chairman, KUSA Electoral Commission.
- (b) The official communication Telephone Number of the KUSA Electoral Commission 2016 is **020-2310709**. The electoral Commission will take necessary action against any candidate who fails to take or return a call from this number, without further reference to him or her.

7. **BALLOT PAPERS**

- (a) Names on the ballot paper shall be the official names known by the University.
- (b) The order of the candidates on the ballot paper will be determined alphabetically by their sir names, as recorded in the University data base.
- (c) The ballot paper will bear the official name of the candidate and no other details.
- (d) Note that aliases and nicknames will not be allowed on the ballot paper(s) but candidates may use them in their campaigns.

NOTE: Breaching this Electoral Code of Conduct by any candidate, their supporters or agents, shall lead to disqualification from the electoral process, and if need be lead to further disciplinary action by the University Student Disciplinary Committee.

WE WISH YOU A PEACEFUL CAMPAIGN

Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN, KUSA ELECTORAL COMMISSION – 2016

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