

BCC Election Rules - Spring 2026





Rules and Penalties

1. Candidates who fail to attend the All Candidates Meeting, without providing prior written notice to bethune.elections@gmail.com, will be deemed ineligible to run in the election. **(-100%)**

2. Posters may be posted around campus and must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - Posters may ONLY be posted on Bulletin Boards and nowhere else. **(-5%)**
 - Please note that you may post on the blue bulletin boards in Bethune which say “must be approved by the master’s office” as elections are pre-approved
 - Posters MAY NOT be posted in the Bethune College Council Office space. **(-5% per poster)**
 - Candidates may not utilize any Bethune College Council or Bethune Head's Office materials. **(-10%)**
 - Posters deemed tasteless or degrading to other candidates will result in penalization as deemed by the Bethune College Council and CRO. **(-100%)**
 - Posters being ripped down or defaced by another candidate will result in a disqualification from the election process. **(-100%)**
 - Please note that there must be proof of this occurring.
 - Posters must be taken down on the last day of voting **(before 11:59 PM on March 13, 2026)**. Failure to do so may result in a penalization as deemed by the Bethune College Council and CRO. **(-2% per poster reported, per business day beyond the deadline)**
 - Slates and parties are not present on posters. **(-100%)**
 - Current Council members or other registered candidates may NOT be featured in campaign materials if they are identifiable or the focus of the poster (e.g., posing together in small groups, featured shout-outs (such as comments on posts), or recognizable close-up images). Large group photographs taken at open Bethune events may be permitted at the discretion of the CRO, provided they do not highlight specific Council members or registered candidates. **(-25%)**

Slates and parties refers to campaigning for yourself with another individual. For example, if I am running for President and my friend is running for VP Athletics, I would be in violation of slates and parties if I put up posters or social media content asking constituents to vote for myself and my friend.



3. Campaigning methods that utilize online content (i.e. social media, email, etc.) must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - No campaign material may be posted until the campaign period. **(-10%)**
 - Acts deemed degrading or harmful toward other candidates or toward the BCC will result in a penalization as deemed by the Bethune College Council and CRO. **(-100%)**
 - Acts deemed degrading or harmful by students affiliated with a candidate toward another candidate or toward the BCC will result in a penalization as deemed by the Bethune College Council and CRO. **(-20%)**
 - The use of emails sent out using York sanctioned, Bethune registered, or CNS registered listserv is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification from the election process. **(-100%)**
 - Posts may not be posted in Bethune-affiliated social media platforms. This includes the following groups and groups affiliated with: Bethune Athletics and Bethune College Council. Failure to comply will result in a penalization as deemed by the Bethune College Council and CRO. **(-25%)**
 - Slates and parties are strictly banned. **(-100%)**
 - Current Council members or other registered candidates may NOT be featured in campaign materials if they are identifiable or the focus of the post. This includes tagging, collaborative posts, testimonials, or photographs (e.g., posing together in small groups, featured shout-outs (such as comments on posts), or recognizable close-up images). Large group photographs taken at open Bethune events may be permitted at the discretion of the CRO, provided they do not highlight specific Council members or registered candidates. **(-25%)**
4. Class announcements are permitted; however, you must have approval to speak in front of a class by the professor beforehand to make such announcements. **(-15%)**
5. Candidates may not distribute items physical or otherwise as incentives for votes before, during, or after the campaign period, including but not limited to food, beverages, buttons, stickers, money. **(-25%)**
6. Candidates cannot pass around their own laptop/tablet/phone to another person to vote. **(-50%)**
7. Candidates may not campaign after the campaigning period has ended. **(March 8, 2026 @ 11:59 PM)**



- No new campaign content may be posted after this deadline, whether physically (e.g., posters) or online (e.g., social media). **(-25%)**
 - This includes reposting or resharing previously published campaign content during the voting period, whether by the candidate or by others acting on their behalf. Candidates are responsible for informing their supporters of this rule. **(-20%)**
 - Campaigning during the voting period through texting, direct messaging or intentionally telling people to vote for you is strictly prohibited. **(-35%)**
 - Candidates may remind constituents to vote in the election generally; however, they may not encourage voting for themselves or for any specific candidate. Such reminders must not include the candidate's name, photograph, or slogan. **(-15%)**
 - Candidates must remove or archive story posts that explicitly say to vote for them by 11:59 PM on the final day of campaigning. **(-10%)**
8. Candidates must comply with instructions from the CRO regarding removal or modification of campaign materials.
- If instructed to remove/modify content or posters, candidates must do so and provide proof within 12 hours. **(-5% per missing item)**
9. All deductions must remain anonymous and may only be discussed with the CRO. Candidates must not disclose their own or another candidate's deductions to others. If a deduction is raised during a Council meeting, it shall be discussed without identifying the candidate(s) involved. Breaches of anonymity will result in a penalty. **(-5%)**
- Candidates may communicate with the CRO prior to the ratification meeting to clarify circumstances surrounding a deduction, provide context, or share any information they wish Council to consider.

All penalties are stackable and subject to the Council's interpretation.



Additionally

- Please send me (bethune.elections@gmail.com) a photo of every physical poster you put up, as well as a photo of you removing each of these posters
- Please provide me with any social media accounts you plan to use for campaigning during the election
- It is strongly recommended that you have the CRO approve campaign materials so that you do not run into issues later
- Please reach out if you have any questions about your campaign materials or have proof of any candidate violating these rules



Elections Timeline

Nominations: Feb 3 - Mar 2 @ 1:00 pm

All-Candidates Meeting (Mandatory): Mar 2 @ 6:00 pm

Campaign Period: Mar 3 @ 12:00 am - Mar 8 @ 11:59 pm

Debate: Mar 6 @ 5:00 pm

Voting: Mar 9 @ 12:00 am - Mar 13 @ 11:59 pm

Ratification: TBD