

Advisory Opinion of the Indiana University Student Government Election Commission

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On February 19, 2019 the Election Commission received the following question:

First, Vision requests an advisory opinion regarding fundraising before the Feb. 27 Candidate Call Out Meeting. We understand from the previous email we are discouraged from formally campaigning, such as building a website, before Feb. 27. Is fundraising/collecting campaign donations considered formally campaigning, and is it allowed to happen before Feb 27?

Yes, you can start formally campaigning since all applications for your candidates are submitted and approved. This would also include fundraising and collecting campaign donations. The only reason it was advised to start more formally campaigning after Feb. 27 was to go over the new rules at the call-out meeting in the Election Code and make sure all candidates understand the Election Code. However, all the rules are posted on the website now and approved by Congress. As long as you are comfortable and understand the rules governing fundraising/collecting campaign donations as explained in the Election Code, then you can begin fundraising/collecting donations.

Best,
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