Advisory Opinion of the *Indiana University Student Government* Election Commission

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On January 23, the Election Commission received the following question:

*“As eager as we are to organize, we want to be sure not to break any rules by meeting with groups and such before our team officially files. We know you said the application would be out at the end of the month, but do you know when the application will be live? We want to get started ASAP and start meeting and reaching students.“*

Section 202 Filing for Candidacy, of the Procedural Election Code, states that to properly file for candidacy, a candidate must submit to the Election Commission an electronically signed application via the online system provided by the Election Commission and posted on the IUSG website listing the IUSG office the candidate is seeking. However, before this application is out, tickets can still begin to form and meet informally for planning purposes. In regards to actually campaigning, such as publicly publishing a website, this must wait until after the application is approved for candidacy by the Election Commission, in order to make sure all candidates are eligible to run. Once this happens, space reservations to meet on campus in academic spaces must be filed through the Election Commission, pursuant to Section 208. Once the application is approved, candidates can start campaigning, but it is advised that they wait until the Call-Out meeting on 2/27. At this meeting, all of the rules will be gone over with the tickets and changes to the Election Code. Proposed changes have not been passed yet, so the Election Code will not be posted on the website until this occurs.

Respectfully,

IUSG Election Commission

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