



MAMA NGINA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

SAMNUC ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT 2024

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Electoral Commission expects the candidates to strictly familiarize themselves with following from which the SAMNUC Electoral Code draws:

- a) Constitution of Kenya 2010
- b) Universities Act
- c) MNUC Statutes
- d) SAMNUC Constitution, 2023
- e) Current MNUC Student Handbook
- f) MNUC social media Policy
- g) Other relevant University College Policies
- h) Any relevant laws of the Republic of Kenya.

2.0 CONDUCT

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

3.0 ELECTION OFFENCES

All candidates/teams are strongly advised to acquaint themselves with the election offences outlined in (a) and (b) below:

- (a) Article 57 of the SAMNUC Constitution 2023.
- (b) Other offences:
 - i. Make false, defamatory, or inflammatory allegations concerning any candidate/team or any other persons in connection with SAMNUC elections;
 - ii. Use of foul/abusive language which is likely to lead to violence or intimidation during an election campaign or elections;
 - iii. Carrying or displaying arms or weapons, traditional or otherwise, of any kind at campaign meetings
 - iv. Arrange a campaign meeting or rally at the same time and venue as another similar event organized by another candidate/team;

- v. Prevent the reasonable access to voters of any candidate/team or in any manner for the purposes of conducting voter education or soliciting support;
- vi. Plagiarize the symbols, colors, slogans, or acronyms of other candidates/team;
- vii. Deface, mutilating, tearing, entering remarks, removing or destroying any campaign materials of any candidate/team or publication of the SAMNUC Electoral Commission;
- viii. Enlisting the services of gangs/goons/hooligans in their campaigns.
- ix. The Student Governing Council (SGC) team is not allowed to form alliances with other candidates or delegates.
- x. The Student Governing Council (SGC) teams are not expected to sponsor or campaign for any candidates for the electoral college.
- xi. Any candidate to the electoral college identifying/associating with any team shall be disqualified and could lead to the disqualification of the team.
- xii. Association with/sponsorship from national party-political affiliates shall lead to automatic disqualification.
- xiii. Offer any inducement, gifts, reward, or bribe to any person in consideration of such person: -
 - a) Joining or not joining any camp;
 - b) Attending or not attending any election or campaign event;
 - c) Voting or not voting;
 - d) Accepting, refusing, or withdrawing that person's nomination as a candidate in an election;
- xiv. Propagate any opinion or action which is prejudicial to: -
 - a) The well-being, integrity, or security of the University College;
 - b) The maintenance of public order.

4.0 CAMPAIGNS

- a) The campaign period shall commence and close on such a date as the SAMNUC Electoral Commission may determine.
- b) Candidates/team shall conduct campaigns in a peaceful and respectful manner.
- c) Campaign posters shall be put in areas designated by the SAMNUC Electoral Commission.
- d) Campaign techniques which disrupt tranquility of the learning environment shall not be allowed during weekdays. These include:
 - i. use of megaphones,
 - ii. public address systems,
 - iii. ululating,
 - iv. whistling and
 - v. noisy crowds in academic zones and administrative areas.
- e) Any candidate or his/her supporters forcing their way into someone's room against their will shall be disqualified.
- f) When lectures are on, candidates/teams can only campaign with permission of the lecturer.

- g) Only one poster size A4 can be posted on each noticeboard.
- h) No use of spray cans to make graffiti on University surface areas during campaign.

5.0 VEHICLES DURING CAMPAIGNS

No vehicles, motorbikes, bicycles, animals and/or carts shall be allowed in the University College for campaign purposes during the election period.

6.0 COMMUNICATION

- a) Any complains or appeals by candidates/teams against their opponents or on the campaign process shall be directed in writing to the Chairperson, SAMNUC Electoral Commission.
- b) The official communication Telephone Number of the SAMNUC Electoral Commission is **0742 138 657**. The electoral Commission will take necessary action against any candidate/team who fails to take or return a call from this number, without further reference to him or her.
- c) If need be, the Commission shall contact the candidate/team using the number they provided in the nomination papers. It's the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the number is on.

7.0 BALLOT PAPERS

- a) Names of the candidates on the ballot paper shall be the official known names by the University College.
- b) The order of the candidates on the ballot paper shall be determined alphabetically by the first name as per the national ID.
- c) The ballot paper will bear the official names 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.
- e) Teams for SGC will be sorted alphabetically.

8.0 DISQUALIFICATIONS

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

Signed.....*Elijah Maseno*.....Date.....*16/09/2024*.....

Mr. Elijah Maseno
Chairperson,
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