



MONSU Caulfield Inc.
2017 ANNUAL ELECTIONS
Monday 18 September - Wednesday 20 September 2017

RULING – PROMOTION OF SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS

1. Regulation 4 of the Election Regulations provides, *inter alia*, the following:
 - 4 Responsibilities of Returning Officer**
 - 4.1 *The Returning Officer:*
 - 4.1.1 *is responsible for the conduct of the election;*
 - 4.1.2 ***may decide all matters not provided for in the Constitution or these regulations; and***
 - 4.1.3 *is subject only to the Electoral Tribunal.* (emphasis added)
2. The Regulations do not contemplate the promotion or advertising of sponsors who may have provided money or goods to support a candidate or a ticket.
3. This conduct however could potentially be misleading to the extent that an advertisement from a sponsor on a ticket's social media page could be seen to be an endorsement of that ticket or that ticket's policies by the sponsor.
4. The election process should also not be seen to be, nor actually be, a potential money-making exercise for any participants.
5. In regards to this, I am ruling that tickets and candidates may not use their social media pages, or any other forms of publicity, to promote or advertise any individuals, groups or businesses that donate to their campaign.
6. Students wishing to appeal this decision may do so pursuant to the procedure outlined in the Election Regulations.

RULING MADE AT 11.00AM, TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

Glenn Donahoo
Returning Officer