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Canvassing and Solicitation Procedure

Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Office of the Vice-President (University Services and Finance)
Approver:	Office of the Vice-President (University Services and Finance)
Scope:	Compliance with the University policy extends to all members of the University community , including visitors to campus.

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Purpose

To outline the procedure for:

- a non-student, non-university affiliated person or group wanting to gain permission to canvass or solicit on **University property**;
- withdrawing permission to canvass or solicit; and
- dealing with those engaged in canvassing and solicitation without permission.

PROCEDURE

1. OBTAINING PERMISSION TO CANVASS OR SOLICIT

a. A written application must be made to the Office of the Vice-President (University Services and Finance) (VP-USF). The VP-USF has authority to approve or deny applications for **canvassing and solicitation**, make approval subject to conditions or revoke approval based on a consideration of the University's responsibilities, as noted in the Canvassing and Solicitation Policy, and on factors including but not limited to size and nature of the activity, location of the activity, the timing of the activity and any other relevant consideration.

b. Applications must indicate the purpose for which permission is sought, when and where the person/group wishes to canvass or solicit, number of persons to be engaged in the activity and full details pertaining to any desired equipment and/or displays (i.e. booths, products). A copy of any literature or other information which will be distributed by the applicant(s) must also be included with the application.

c. The University values the expression of diverse points of view. Provided that the literature or other information referred to in sub-section 1(b) complies with applicable laws and is lawful and compliant with university policies and procedures, then the content will not be a factor in determining whether or not to approve the application.

d. Permission will take the form of a letter/memorandum from the Office of the Vice-President (University Services and Finance). Permission will specify the person/group, number of allowed canvassers, allowed times and locations, and any other terms and conditions related to the activity.

Should a performance bond be applicable, payment to the University of Alberta need be made by certified draft or money order. Acting on a granted permission is an acknowledgement and acceptance of the specified terms and conditions.

- e. Those engaged in canvassing and solicitation must be able to produce their permission document upon request.
- f. The Office of the Vice-President (University Services and Finance) will provide a copy of the permission document, along with a copy of any literature or other information that is to be distributed by the applicant(s) to University of Alberta Protective Services (UAPS) to ensure that UAPS is aware of permissions granted to canvas and solicit.
- g. Permission will not be granted to any person or group more than twice in any term (Fall: September to December, Winter: January to April, Spring/Summer: May to August).

2. WITHDRAWING PERMISSION AND/OR DEALING WITH NON-PERMITTED CANVASSING AND SOLICITATION

- a. Through an **appropriate authority**, permission may be withdrawn effective immediately and without written notice at the discretion of the Office of the Vice-President (University Services and Finance). Permission could be withdrawn for reasons including but not limited to non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the permission, or unanticipated noise or other interference or disruption of the normal pursuits of the University, its staff and students, impeding vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or behaviours or conduct which contravene law or other University policies or procedures.
- b. The University, through an appropriate authority, can instruct a person or group not having received permission or being unable to produce proof of permission to canvass or solicit, to immediately cease the activity and, if deemed necessary, leave University owned, leased or controlled properties.

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. [\[▲Top\]](#)

University community	Includes all academic staff and colleagues, administrators and support staff as outlined and defined in Recruitment Policy (Appendix A and Appendix B) as well as third party contractors, visiting speakers, volunteers, professors emeriti, undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and visitors to campus.
University property	Buildings and lands either owned or leased by the University.
Canvassing and solicitation	Visiting University owned, leased or controlled property for the purpose of canvassing or solicitation of any nature, or with respect to any cause, including: a) The promotion of services or products; b) The provision of unsolicited materials, pamphlets or other information regarding matters of public interest or opinions; c) The determination or persuasion of public opinion; or d) The seeking of votes, donations, or other forms of support.
Appropriate authority	A person whose position and/or responsibilities in a given situation gives them the appropriate oversight to instruct a person or group canvassing and soliciting with or without the appropriate permission, to cease the activity and, if appropriate, also leave University owned, leased or controlled property. Such appropriate authorities could include but may not be limited to members of Protective Services, Residence Life, and management or supervisory administrative or academic staff.

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