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 - c) It is the duty of VUSAC members, including the CRO, to ensure that members of the VCU are aware that the VUSAC office is a neutral space.**
 - d) Failure to maintain neutrality by members of VUSAC can result in discipline by the VUSAC Executive.**

Rationale:

Regarding c: not every member of the VCU will have read the ERC (sadly!), but that does not mean they are not to abide by it. As such it should be made clear to members of VUSAC that they have to help keep the office neutral.

Regarding d: Currently there is not a reason for VUSAC members to stay neutral, and as such many do not. By noting that there can be action taken by the Executive (something that they have the right to do in other cases on failure to perform duties, and neutrality is a duty for VUSAC members), this will, hopefully, reinforce the importance of being neutral during elections.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

Current Chapter VIII, Article 13, Section 1:

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Rationale:

To my knowledge there's no reason it is these three specific members of the Dean's Office, and given that positions change and different people take over I don't see why any DO staff would not be able to sign the posters.

With regards to VUSAC executive it is just a way to make poster signing more accessible. During the busy printing morning we made an effort to have either the CRO, VPI, or President in the office and having someone there, in person, to sign posters would be helpful to candidates. And given that the executive is often so heavily involved in the running of elections I do not feel this impacts neutrality.

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Current Chapter VIII, Article 13, Section 4:

S4) With regards to postering within residences, the CRO, in conjunction with the CLC, will arrange that all non-candidate members of VUSAC post all campaign posters in residences. VUSAC will offer two opportunities for candidates to submit their signed posters to the CRO mailbox. The first of these must be within one business day of the All Candidates Meeting, and both opportunities must be during business hours.

- a) Candidates are responsible for any postering done outside of residences.
- b) Candidates will be penalized with a strike if they poster their own materials in residences, applied per instance of in-residence postering.
- c) The timeline to submit posters for signing shall be determined by the CRO, but those dates must be included in the Nominations Package and verbally communicated at the All Candidates Meeting

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S4) It is recommended that the CRO pursue options to assist candidates in placing posters in residences. Options can include, but are not limited to: postering for candidates with the assistance of VUSAC and the CLC, or facilitating a residence walk around for candidates with the assistance of the CLC.

Rationale:

While I think there was a good intention to this proposal, the reality is that it is hard to find the people needed to get such a large task done. As such it tends to be the CRO or the exec scrambling with the help of the CLC. This is just the reality of having to put up 400 posters in a day. Instead there are recommended options if it is something the CRO would like to pursue.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4

Add to Chapter X (Appeals), Article 22:

S8) All appeals are to be made via email, directly to the EAC Chair. Candidates are not to direct appeals to the CRO in any capacity.

Rationale:

This is a common occurrence that impacts the appeals process which is in place for a reason. It should be made clear that a CRO's decision will only be reversed if a candidate appeals to the EAC.