



Poster and Banner Policy

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Audience: Members and non-members
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1. Introduction

The University of Regina recognizes the importance of use of its various open spaces in promoting a vibrant campus. The University of Regina has delegated the routine administration of this policy and the specific spaces dedicated for promotional activities to the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU). This document defines that administration.

URSU strives to provide members and non-members with space to promote activities (both on and off campus). URSU wishes to ensure that the promotion of events is done in a safe, equitable, respectful, and non-discriminatory manner. This policy is meant to clearly define a chain of responsibility to ensure that all materials posted on URSU space will adhere to the principles of 'Positive Space' and non-discrimination.

2. Definitions

- **Ad Material** - Any poster or banner
- **Banner** - All marketing materials that are hung from the walkways and the railings in the Riddell Centre
- **Poster** - Any notice or document for display or advertising that any organization or individual wishes to post on bulletin boards under the jurisdiction of URSU within the University of Regina premises.
- **Individual Student** - Any dues-paying member of URSU.
- **Off-Campus Individual** - Any individual from the community at large who is not actively paying dues to URSU.
- **On-Campus Faculty or Department** - Academic faculties, departments, or units, as well as University of Regina departments and federated colleges, including the University of Regina Bookstore.
- **On-Campus Student Group** - A student club or society which has been ratified by the URSU Vice-President of Student Affairs. Also, URSU-associated groups including the 5th Parallel Gallery, UR Pride, WUSC, RPIRG, Women's Centre, Engineers without Borders, and The Carillon.
- **Bar Manager** - The URSU staff member directly responsible for advertising in the Owl Bar. Currently this person is reachable at owl.manager@ursu.ca
- **On-Campus Business** - For-profit businesses on campus, including all food vendors (excluding The Owl), the Paul Swann Allied Health Care Center, and similar organizations.



- **Off-Campus Not-for-Profit Organization** - An organization which is a registered not-for-profit and does not operate primarily on campus. Proof of not-for-profit status may be requested.
- **Off-Campus For-Profit Organization** - An organization which operates primarily off-campus and does not have not-for-profit status.
- **URSU Staff Designate** - An URSU Staff member who has been tasked with supervising day-to-day poster and banner operations.

3. Policy

3.1. Content Guidelines

All Ad Material approved by URSU or posted on URSU spaces must not be in violation of the Saskatchewan Bill of Rights, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, all University of Regina By-laws and/or policies (most often the Respectful University Policy), and all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal laws.

Ad Material which may be perceived as being discriminatory, offensive, denigrating, demeaning, or exploitative on the basis of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, race, class, religion, creed, ancestry, country of origin, ethnicity, or other grounds shall be deemed to be in violation of this policy, and will not be permitted to be posted in or around URSU space(s), including URSU poster boards. Ad Material must also conform with the spirit of creating a positive space for students on campus.

During election periods, the Chief Returning Officer of URSU may remove posters and/or banners if they are deemed to be in contravention of the URSU Elections Bylaw.

3.2. Size and Quantity Restrictions and Associated Fees

Posters may be no bigger than 11"x17" unless approved by the Vice-President Student Affairs. Banner size is not restricted except that banners must not hang lower than 9ft above the ground.

On-campus organizations, particularly student groups, have higher priority for poster space than all other applicants. The Owl and the URSU Communications department face no restrictions. For all other applicants, poster limitations are as follows:

Applicant Type	Total # of Posters Permitted	# of Posters Permitted per Board	Cost
Individual Student	5	1	Free
Off-Campus Individual	5	1	\$4/poster



On-Campus Faculty or Department	15	2	Free
On-Campus Student Group	25	2	Free
On-Campus Business	15	1	\$4/poster
Off-Campus, not-for-profit organization	15	1	First 5 are free; \$4/poster for each additional poster
Off-Campus, for-profit organization	15	1	\$4/poster

1. All prices above include tax
2. Applications on behalf of another applicant type will be treated as that applicant type, e.g. an individual posting information about their personal business will be treated as a business and an individual posting on behalf of a not-for-profit will be treated as a not-for-profit.
3. The number of posters permitted pertains to all relevantly similar posters, e.g. all posters for the same event or organization will be counted regardless of their visual, thematic or linguistic differences.
4. The cost listed above is for the hanging of posters only. Additional charges apply if URSU prints the posters. Per year, URSU-sponsored Student Centres can print up to 50 posters for free and ratified student clubs can print up to 25 posters for free.

3.3. Process

URSU retains the right to moderate any and all posters that are posted on its poster boards, located throughout campus. The following process applies to all posters:

1. All copies of the poster must be brought to the URSU Front Desk. All posters must clearly indicate the name of the sponsoring organization or group.
2. The applicant will fill out a Poster Approval form.
3. An URSU staff member will review the content of the poster to ensure it is in conformance with this policy and complete the Poster Approval form indicating that it has been approved.
4. A copy of the poster will be scanned and saved by URSU for future reference.
5. An URSU staff member will stamp each poster up to the maximum # permitted for that applicant type. This stamp must be the official and current stamp of the Students' Union of the University of Regina. This stamp will include the date on which the poster was approved and must be placed in a spot where the stamp is legible.
6. If a poster contains language other than English or French, the poster may be taken to a translator by URSU to ensure it complies with the Poster Policy.



7. URSU will then hold the posters to be hung within 3-5 business days by the URSU Visual Advertising Assistant. Upon request, the URSU Staff Designate may permit the applicant to hang their own posters. In such a case, the applicant will be provided a list of poster-board locations and a list of requirements for hanging the poster.
8. Posters may be posted in the Owl at the sole discretion of the bar manager.

All posters being placed on URSU space shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. Posters may only be hung on approved URSU poster boards. They cannot be hung on poster boards which are owned by other departments or groups.
2. Posters may not cover posters that are already present. Posters should be placed in an orderly fashion.
3. Posters may only be affixed to bulletin boards by thumbtacks or stick pins.
4. Posters will be removed by the URSU Visual Advertising Assistant one month after the stamped date or the day after the event being advertised, whichever comes first. Only the URSU Visual Advertising Assistant or the URSU Staff Designate are permitted to remove posters.

All banner requests will be referred to, and must be approved by, the VP Student Affairs or the URSU Staff Designate.

3.4. Black-out Periods

From time to time it becomes necessary for URSU to remove all non-URSU Ad Material. This is typically done in order to advertise for elections or by-elections, as well as for Welcome Week and Frost Week. Approval for a poster blackout must either come from the VP Student Affairs or the URSU Staff Designate.

3.5. Enforcement

Enforcement of the poster policy is the responsibility of:

1. URSU Staff Designate
2. The URSU Vice President Student Affairs,
3. The URSU Executive Committee,
4. The URSU Board of Directors.

All employees in a position to approve posters shall be given a copy of this policy and the URSU Staff Designate shall brief all new employees with this policy.

3.6. Violations and Appeals Process

Violation or contravention of the guidelines outlined in the poster policy will result in disciplinary action toward the offender or group, including:

- Removal of posters and formal indication of same when contact information for formal indication is available,



- Permanent denial of authorization, upon the third offence, and
- Legal action and use of the University of Regina Policy on non-academic misconduct as required

Disputes involving denial/approval of posters by staff shall first be referred to the URSU Staff Designate. The URSU Staff Designate will alert the VP Student Affairs, who shall make a decision as outlined in this policy. The decision of the VP Student Affairs may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

Any fees paid for poster hanging are non-refundable if removal was a result of violating this policy.

4. Related information

University of Regina "Respectful University Policy":

<http://www.uregina.ca/policy/browsepolicy/policy-GOV-100-015.html>