# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

### Tuesday December 1, 2009 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

#### LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-18)

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2009-18/6a	FENTIMAN/CSORBA MOVE that Studen

**FENTIMAN/CSORBA MOVE** that Students' Council, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve the following Referenda question:

Do you support the establishment of a Millennium Village Dedicated Fee, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The fee shall be assessed to both full and part time students at a rate of \$7.50 per academic term, not to be levied more than twice per academic year, subject to the following conditions:
  - The fee shall be initiated in the Summer 2010 academic term,
  - The fee shall increase annually at a rate tied to the Alberta Consumer Price Index.
  - The fee shall expire on June 30, 2020, or until such a time that a successful referendum is conducted to rescind the fee, and
  - Student's may opt out of this fee, online and unconditionally.
- 2. A Millennium Villages committee be formed to:
  - a. Manage and transfer funds to Millennium Promise\*,
  - b. Maintain regular communication with Millennium Promise,
- c. Report on, market, and publicize the transfer of funds in a transparent and accountable way, and
  - d. Advertise the opt out deadline.
- 3. The Millennium Villages committee shall appoint one member to the Students' Union Social Responsibility Committee, and include at least one Students' Council member appointed by Students' Council in its membership.

\*Millennium Promise is an external organization which administers the Millennium Village Project.

#### 2009-18/6b

**SCHULZ/ZEPP MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, adopt Bill #16 in first reading based on the following principles:

All Students' Union electoral candidate expense limits and all Referenda/Plebiscite side expense limits should be increased annually at a rate equal to the Consumer Price Index for the province of Alberta, rounded up to the nearest dollar.

#### 2009-18/60

**L'ABBE/KUSTRA MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, adopt Bill #17 in first reading based on the following principles:

The CRO shall draft a schedule of fines and penalties as an appendix to his/her rules and regulations.

#### 2009-18/6d

**ZEPP/COX MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, adopt Bill #18 in first reading based on the following principles:

The CRO should place a limit on the minimum distance between posters/signs placed outside.

That all building code limits on banner size be included in the nomination packages provided by the CRO. In the absence of an upper limit, the CRO will indicate one deemed to be appropriate.

#### 2009-18/6e

**KUSTRA/L'ABBE MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, adopt Bill #19 in first reading based on the following principles:

Any social media or internet activity with the purpose of campaigning, as currently defined in Bylaw 2000, may not commence/exist until the campaign period begins.

The CRO must be kept privy to elections-related social media and public internet ventures undertaken by candidates, and reserves the right to penalize candidates for any bylaw/regulation violations.

#### 2009-18/6f

**SCHULZ/EASTHAM MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, adopt Bill #20 in first reading based on the following principles:

If candidates in a Students' Union election choose to run as part of a slate, all candidates shall be voted for individually, with any affiliation with a slate being clearly identified on the ballot.

If candidates in a Students' Union election choose to run as part of a slate, each candidate shall have an expense limit equivalent to candidates running individually, with there being a stipulation that a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 25% of each candidate's budget going towards the slate as a whole, and the remainder being spent on the individual candidate. This will be enforced

through separate expense reports for each each candidate, and for the slate as a whole.

#### 2009-18/69

**ZEPP/L'ABBE MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, adopt Bill #21 in first reading based on the following principles:

A candidate or side in a Students' Union election may distance themselves from a third party in the event that the third party effectively campaigns or acts on or against their behalf without knowledge or consent of the candidate or side. The onus would be on the candidate or side to demonstrate to the CRO that steps have been taken to distance themselves from the third party and to attempt to halt any unauthorized campaigning by a third party. If a candidate or side is able to demonstrate the above points to the CRO's satisfaction, the candidate or side would not be subject to punitive fines as a result of the third party's actions, but may still be subject to counterbalancing fines.

#### 2009-18/6h

**L'ABBE/DUNN MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Council Administration Committee, adopt Bill #22 in first reading based on the following principles:

Any regulations regarding endorsement of Students' Union electoral candidates by Students' Union employees be left up to the decision of Students' Union operating policy.

#### 2009-18/7

#### **GENERAL ORDERS**

#### 2009-18/7d

**DEHOD MOVES** to reconsider the motion relating to the drafting of a referendum question on the U-Pass (2009-17/7b)
DEHOD MOVES THAT Students' Council direct Bylaw Committee to draft a referendum question based on the following principles:

That the Students' Union pursue a universal transit pass (U-Pass) program as follows:

- 1) the U-Pass would provide unlimited usage of Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit, and Strathcona County Transit during the Fall and/or Winter Terms to undergraduate students enrolled in at least one course on the University of Alberta campuses located within the Edmonton city limits;
- 2) the cost of the U-Pass to each student would be mandatory, and would be
  - a) \$91.67 per Fall or Winter term for the 2010/2011 academic year,
  - b) \$104.16 per Fall or Winter term for the 2011/2012 academic year, and
  - c) \$116.67 per Fall or Winter term for the 2012/2013 academic year;
- 3) the U-Pass would be optional for
  - a) students not enrolled in at least one course located on a University of Alberta campus within the Edmonton city limits for the majority of a term,
  - b) students unable to make use of ordinary transit services by reason of disability,
  - c) students who are senior citizens, and
  - d) students employed by Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit, or Strathcona County Transit;
- 4) the Students' Union shall be authorized to enter into the necessary contractual agreements with participating municipalities, contingent upon the

inclusion of acceptable transparency and accountability provisions; and 5) the U-Pass would expire upon the passing of a referendum to that effect, or the Students' Union deciding that it can no longer adhere to these terms.

2009-18/7e

**MASTEL/CLARKE MOVES THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill # 8 in the second reading: Principles

Any new dedicated fee unit, or increase to an existing dedicated fee unit beyond the current rate of change, shall be required to:

- Implement an unconditional online opt-out for the total amount of the fee

- Reaffirm majority support for the total amount of their fee by campus wide referendum at least once every five (5) years.

Exemptions shall be made for the Students' Union Membership Fee and any fee that is implemented for the direct purposes of bond or mortgage which was approved by Students' Council.

Please see document LA 09-18.01

**EASTHAM MOVES THAT** incumbent members of the executive and the incumbent Board of Governors representative be allowed to endorse candidates running in both Executive Committee and Board of Governors Elections and General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council Elections.

2009-18/8 INFORMATION ITEM

2009-18/8d Nick Dehod, VP Student life- Report

Please see document LA 09-18.02

2009-18/8e Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 09-18.03

2009-18/8f Bylaw 2000 Review Committee- Final Report

Please see document LA 09-18.04

**2009-18/89** Bylaw 2000

Please see document LA 09-18.05

2009-18/8h Leah Trueblood, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 09-18.06

- shall be identical to the previous year's operating budget until Students' Council does approve an operating budget.
- (3) Students' Council shall approve a set of budget principles dictating the priorities to be enshrined in the operating budget prior to the approval of each operating budget.
- (4) A budget process shall be set out in standing orders of Students' Council.

#### Fees

- 7. (1) The Students' Union's operating budget shall include the level of the base Students' Union membership fee.
  - (2) The base Students' Union membership fee shall not fluctuate by more than fifteen percent from year to year
  - (3) In addition to the base Students' Union membership fee, Chair of Audit Committee shall maintain a schedule of dedicated fees to be collected.
  - (4) The fees on the schedule shall be divided into Class A Fees, and Class B Fees, Class C Fees, and Class D Fees.
  - (5) Class A Fees may be amended or abolished only by
    - (a) Students' Council, or
    - (b) referendum.
  - (6) Class B Fees may be amended or abolished only by
    - (a) a joint resolution of Students' Council and one other body, specified in the schedule; or
    - (b) referendum.
  - (7) Class C Fees
    - (a) <u>shall include fees established after September 2009 and may only be amended or abolished by</u>
      - i. Students' Council; or
      - ii. referendum;

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- (b) <u>shall include Class A fees that are being increased beyond</u> its current rate of change as per the schedule; and
- (c) <u>shall exclude:</u>
  - i. the Students' Union membership fee; and
  - ii. any fee that is implemented for the direct purpose of paying a bond or mortgage which was approved by Students' Council.
- (8) <u>Class D Fees</u>
  - (a) <u>shall include fees established after September 2009 and may only be amended or abolished by</u>
    - i. a joint resolution of Students' Council and one other body, specified in the schedule; or
    - ii. referendum; and
  - (b) <u>shall include Class B fees that are being increased beyond</u> its current rate of change as per the schedule;
- (9) Class C Fees and Class D Fees shall
  - (a) <u>implement an unconditional online opt-out for the total</u> amount of the fee;
  - (b) <u>be reaffirmed by majority support for the total amount of their fee by campus-wide referendum at least once every five (5) years.</u>
- (107) Unless otherwise specified in the schedule, all fees in the schedule increase annually at a rate equal to the Consumer Price Index for the province of Alberta.
- (118) Each Class A Fee, and Class B Fee, Class C Fee, and Class D Fee listed on the schedule shall be allocated to a reserve specified in the schedule.
- (129) the schedule shall stipulate whether each fee is payable by students enrolled at Augustana Faculty

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#### 2009/2010 Report to Council

December 1st, 2009 Vice President (Student Life)

**Prepared by:** Nick Dehod, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2009/2010

It's been a short week and there is not a large amount of new things to report. If you have any questions as a follow-up to my Mid-Term report from the last Council meeting, I still encourage you to either ask me during question period or arrange to have a meeting so we can discuss and concerns, ideas, or suggestions you have.

#### **Changing of the Guard**

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that Norma Rodenburg, our Senior Manager of Student Services, has accepted a position with Dean of Students' Office and will be leaving the Students' Union at the end of the month. Norma has been with us for over 8 years, and for those of you who do not know her, to say that Norma has brought a tremendous amount of knowledge, experience, & enthusiasm to the SU and our services would be an understatement. We're all sad to see her go but excited at the new opportunity and experience she will gain working for the Dean of Students on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. We should begin posting for the position either today or tomorrow.

#### The PAW

Tonight there will be a presentation on The PAW Centre. The entire PAW Committee looks forward to sharing what the project looks like and answering any questions you have.

#### **Programming**

In the last couple weeks, the Street Team has been out promoting Anti-freeze. You might have seen them doing a series of freezes in different buildings across campus or handing out hot chocolate in quad. Remember to register you six person teams for Antifreeze 2010 on Wednesday from 12pm to 5pm. Registration packages are available at Infolink and 2-900.

The SU Kids Christmas Party will be happening on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 3:00pm. We're looking forward to spreading some holiday cheer with some youngsters as well as hoping to have a surprise visit from another Nick (if you know what I mean).

Campus Cup will be happening February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be comprised of four different tournaments, the winner of each playing in the Campus Cup Final on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate having over 1000 students, staff, and professors participating. We are also in the process of contacting Guinness. As part of the opening ceremony that will be happening during the noon hour on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, we will attempt to break the World Record for participation in a single Dodgeball match. Although our marketing department is currently backlogged due to several changes to staff, we are prioritizing this project so that we can have material ready before students head home for the holidays.

#### **Student Counseling Services**

We have had further discussions with the University Health Centre as well as done more research into how counseling services is delivered at other University's. While we want more

counseling on campus, we also do not want to compromise the cost of our Health Plan, as well as make the service inaccessible to students who cannot afford it. I should have an update at tonight's Council meeting.

#### **U-Pass**

Unfortunately the principles will have to be brought back for reconsideration. The University has now identified that there could be administrative challenges to including and excluding certain students from the agreement. There will be more on this at Council.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at **vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca**. **Happy Holidays!** 



#### 2009/2010 Report to Council

December 1, 2009 Vice President (Operations and Finance)

Prepared by: Zach Fentiman, Vice President (Operations and Finance)

To: Students' Council 2009/2010

#### The PAW

Presentation today! Please ask questions!

#### **Students' Union Space Audit**

Received a first draft of the space audit—there needed to be some clarifications, but it is on its way to the final draft stage.

#### **Heifer In Your Tank**

I, along with the executive, attended this year's Heifer In Your Tank presentations in the evening of November 26, 2009—an annual presentation of projects from Dean Robinson's Animal Science 200 class. It was fantastic!

#### Students' Union Social Responsibility Committee

Now that the application deadline is complete, we will be selecting the SAL members for the committee and starting up in January.

#### Classwork, etc.

I've been working on a project report for one of the two classes I'm in that is due this Thursday. Just wanted to give you all the heads up about how I'll be spending the next few evenings. Also, my finals are on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, and I plan to budget some time to study for those as well.

#### **H1N1 Vaccination Clinic**

Starting tomorrow and continuing through to Friday, the Alumni Room has been booked for H1N1 vaccinations (from 9:00 to 4:00 I believe, more information @ ualberta.ca).

#### **Upcoming Events**

BFC - Friday, December 4, 2009

Augustana: Part 2 – Tuesday, December 8, 2009

SUB Closed: December 21, 2009 to January 3, 2010 for holidays!

SUBtitles commission cheque day! - December 16, 2009





## Bylaw 2000 Review Committee

Final Report to Students' Council

#### **Preface**

The Bylaw 2000 Review Committee was struck by the Council Administration Committee (CAC) after deliberations on June 29, 2009 with the mandate to review and provide recommendations for changes to the Students' Union Bylaw 2000: Elections, Plebiscites, and Referenda. It was ultimately decided that the committee would be composed of six members, including five Students' Council members (with a maximum of one Executive member), and the Chief Returning Officer, who sits on the committee as a non-voting member. The committee has, since then, met on a twice weekly basis to perform a thorough and meticulous analysis of Bylaw 2000, a review of the next-most recently undertaken review of elections bylaws (the Committee for the Finding and Realization of Changes to Elections, 2002), and reviews of the elections bylaws from various other Canadian universities. Using this information, the committee drafted a set of questions to address the issues of greatest concern regarding Bylaw 2000, and the questions were made public in the form of an online survey.

The Bylaw 2000 Elections Survey was available online at the URL www.su.ualberta.ca/electionsurvey from November 6, 2009 to November 26, 2009. It was advertised on the Elections Office website and the SU website homepage, through articles in the Gateway, and by way of oral updates to Students' Council. The survey was also distributed via email to the following groups:

- Students' Councillors (past and present), including Executive members
- The last four Chief Returning Officers
- Orientation volunteers
- Student Group and Faculty Association members
- Candidates from the previous two elections

Using the information gathered in this survey (in the form of both polls, written responses), the committee has put forth the following recommended changes to Bylaw 2000, divided into appropriate subsections. The recommendations are designed to reflect changes in modern forms of campaigning that have arisen since the last major review of the bylaw in 2002. The findings of this report are not binding, and are submitted to the Council Administration Committee and Students' Council for further consideration and implementation.

We invite your feedback on the Final Report of the Bylaw 2000 Review Committee. Please contact the Chair, Tom L'Abbe at tlabbe@ualberta.ca or the Chief Returning Officer, Jennifer Huygen, at cro@su.ualberta.ca.

Best regards,

The Bylaw 2000 Review Committee

Thomas L'Abbe, Natalie Cox, Jennifer Huygen, Brittany Kustra, Caitlin Schulz, and Adam Zepp

#### **Timing of Elections**

### Recommendation: No changes should be made to the current dates of each election (Executive and Students' Council). (5/0/0)

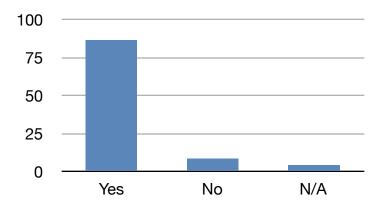
Responses were extremely clear in regards to this topic, with 93.4% of respondents feeling that the current schedule of elections is appropriate. Under the current system, candidates have ample time during Reading Week to prepare for campaigning, as well as enough time after the election for successful candidates to transition into their new position and recuperate from the campaign before the April exam period.

The status quo is laid out in Bylaw 2000 as follows:

- 10. Election Dates Executive Committee and Board of Governor
  - (1) The election shall be held annually on the Wednesday and Thursday during the second week following the Winter Term Reading Week.
  - (2) An Executive Committee and Board of Governors by-election shall not occur during the months of May, June, July, and August.
- 11. Election Dates General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council
  - (1) The election shall occur fifteen (15) days after the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative as set out in Section 10.
    - a. Notwithstanding, the C.R.O. may establish one alternate date designated for the election to occur, where the faculty can prove that the above date is unsuitable for their electorate.
    - b. Notwithstanding, the election of representatives from Augustana Faculty to General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council shall be conducted concurrently with the General Election of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative as set out in Section 10.
- 12. A General Faculties Council or Students' Union Council election or by-election shall not occur during the months of May, June, July and August.

#### Recommendation: No changes should be made regarding the duration of the campaigns. (5/0/0/)

The majority of respondents felt that the length of each campaign (Executive and Councillor) should remain the same. Currently the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative campaign lasts seven (7) business days and the General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council campaign lasts six (6) business days.



Percentage of responses to the following question: Is the duration of each campaign appropriate?

Recommendation: No changes should be made regarding the order of the elections (Executive Committee followed by General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council) (5/0/0)

The majority of respondents (79.8%) felt that the current ordering of the elections is appropriate. It should be noted, however, that of the written comments against the status quo, the majority felt that the Executive and Councillor elections should be held simultaneously. Reasons cited include a drop in voter turnout and decrease in interest after the Executive Elections and a cumulatively long campaign period stretching over one month between the two elections. However, the committee felt that the profile of each separate election would be diminished if both were combined into the same campaign period, and that the blitz of campaign materials would be overwhelming to voters. Additionally, having the Councillor elections after the Executive elections allows unsuccessful Executive candidates to run for Students' Council or GFC and ultimately be able to make a contribution to the student body in one capacity or another, should they choose to do so.

#### **Pre-Campaigning**

Recommendation: For Executive Committee, Board of Governors Representative, General Faculties Council, and Students' Union Council elections, no campaigning should be allowed from the date at which nomination packages are available, extending up to the date at which campaigning begins. (5/0/0)

The majority of respondents (52.3%) felt that restrictions are necessary in regards to pre-campaigning. Of the comments in agreement, many felt that the period during which campaigning is prohibited should either remain the same or be extended. The committee felt that, aside from the prospect of initiating a retroactive penalty scheme (as the CRO could not feasibly penalize or police persons engaging in campaign related activities outside of any official campaign period) an appropriate solution was the extending of the pre-campaign period, as it is currently defined, to begin when nomination packages become available. Bylaw 2000 currently stipulates that the CRO make nomination packages available not

fewer than twenty (20) days prior to the nomination, and the committee's recommendation would effectively increase the period during which campaigning is prohibited by this length of time.

#### **Expense Allocations**

Recommendation: All campaign (Executive Committee, Board of Governor's Representative, General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council) expense limits (the total amount) and all Referenda/Plebiscite side limits should be indexed to CPI, in the same manner as DFUs, rounded up to the nearest dollar. (5/0/0)

Although the majority of respondents, in regards to both the electoral campaigns and referenda/plebiscites, felt that the current expense limits placed on the campaign are sufficient, there was a prevalent theme in the comments that campaign budgets being tied to some sort of market fluctuations would be appropriate. The committee agreed, notably since the campaign expense limits have remained the same since 2002. CPI was mentioned numerous times, and the committee also felt it an appropriate guide for expense limit fluctuations since other SU fees are adjusted this way.

### Recommendation: No fundraising should be allowed by any electoral candidate of referenda/plebiscite side. (4/1/0)

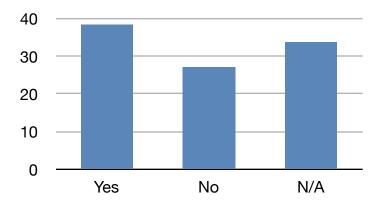
The majority of respondents (66.7%) felt that no fundraising whatsoever should be allowed. As well, many who felt that it should be conceded that it created a greater issue of third-party involvement, as well as the possibility of undermining the notion of creating a 'level playing field' for all candidates. Those who did express an interest in pursuing fundraising, however, noted the fact that it provided an alternative for candidates who did not wish to spend student money in an election. Ultimately, the committee felt that there was too little support for the idea to look at coming up with a suitable and, if possible, fair system for fundraising. The committee also wanted to stress the importance of elections, and that, by providing an alternative for spending students' money on elections, it could create the appearance that this money is better spent elsewhere.

#### **Fines and Penalties**

Recommendation: The CRO draft a schedule of fines and penalties as an appendix to his/her rules and regulations. (4/1/0)

Respondents were quite divided as to whether there should be a penalty scheme enshrined in bylaw (such as the ones the committee came across in the bylaws of numerous other institutions) or whether fines and penalties should be left solely up to the discretion of the CRO. A number of issues were brought forth, from candidates purposely breaking rules and accepting the pre-determined fines as a campaign expense to people being uncomfortable with the determination of fines being the sole responsibility of the CRO. Although past precedent is relied on for help in these matters, and DIE

Board exists for candidates to appeal anything they view as being unfair or biased on the part of the CRO, the committee felt that some sort of guidelines alerting candidates to how fines would be assessed would be appropriate, and that a schedule included with the nomination packages would be an appropriate form for this to take.



Percentage of responses to the question, in regards to fines: Should there be a penalty scheme (e.g. demerit system, point system, discretion of the CRO, other)?

Recommendation: The inclusion of a clause in bylaw prohibiting malicious activities by candidates, which will result in severe penalties up to and including disqualification. (5/0/0)

The committee felt that there should be a clauses in Bylaw 2000 which enforces the fact that the CRO should punish any activities deemed to be malicious to the greatest extent possible. While not intended to tie the hands of the CRO, the committee feels that there should be a clause which supports the notion that candidates should be punished, when possible, more harshly for malicious activities knowingly undertaken, as opposed to accidental violations of bylaw.

#### **Campaign Materials**

Recommendation: No changes should be made to the number of posters currently allowed. The Committee also recommends that the CRO consult Facilities and Management on a yearly basis to remain updated on building codes. (5/0/0)

The majority of respondents (68.9%) felt that the number of posters permitted per building should remain the same. Of the comments to the contrary, some felt that the number should be decreased for sustainability reasons, and some felt that the number should be increased for elections visibility reasons. As well, deregulations of posters altogether was mentioned. In all, the committee felt that the current number is a good compromise among the various schools of thought.

The status quo is laid out in Bylaw 2000 §43 as follows:

(2) In any given building, at any time

- a. no Executive or Board of Governors Candidate shall have more than ten (10) posters;
- b. no Plebiscite or Referendum side shall have more than ten (10) posters;
- c. no General Faculties Council or Students' Council candidate shall have more than sixteen (16) posters.

### Recommendation: The CRO should place a limit on the minimum distance between posters/signs placed outside. (5/0/0)

The committee felt that some restrictions should be placed on posters/signs which are placed outside, as none currently exist and, aside from a candidates budget, there are no limitations in place. Using municipal, provincial, and federal elections as an example, using a distance between signs seems appropriate, as well as much more easily enforced than a blanket number as an upper limit to outdoor posters/signs.

Recommendation: That all building code limits on banner size be included in the nomination packages provided by the CRO. In the absence of an upper limit, the CRO will indicate one deemed to be appropriate. (5/0/0)

This is one area where the committee sought to clarify current regulations. There are currently no limits on banner size in bylaw, as most buildings have their own restrictions. The committee feels that it is adequate to ensure that the CRO inform the candidates of all such restrictions, and that, in the absence of such a restriction, the CRO designate one he/she feels to be appropriate.

#### **Social Media**

Recommendation: Any social media or public internet activity with the purpose of campaigning, as defined in current bylaw, may not commence/exist until the campaign period begins. (5/0/0)

Responses to whether or not social media should be restricted were extremely favored towards no restrictions whatsoever. Responses which differed from this included a desire for a greater degree of clarity in bylaw, as some past candidates have been unsure how to proceed with using social media. There were also a small number of respondents who were proponents of an altogether ban of social media. The committee felt that the permissible use of social media

should be included in bylaw, and that a suitable way to do this was to outline precisely when it may be used for campaign activities.

Recommendation: Social media or public internet activity with the sole intent to prepare campaign activities and materials and to solicit volunteers, as defined in the current bylaw, may be undertaken, so long as they are kept private. (4/1/0)

One issue which came up in the discussion of social media was in regards to the use of social media for non-campaign purposes. The committee agreed that there is a communication aspect to social media analogous to email, text messaging, and conversation, and that there must be some concessions made for the use of social media in regards to an elections campaign which is not campaigning, as defined in bylaw. It will remain the responsibility of the candidate, in consultation with the CRO, to ensure that any such activity, which would be permissible during the pre-campaigning period, does not cross over into campaigning, as he/she would then be in direct contravention of bylaw.

Recommendation: The CRO must be kept privy to all elections-related social media and public internet ventures undertaken by candidates, and reserves the right to penalize candidates for and bylaw/regulation violations. (5/0/0)

The committee felt that it is important that candidates keep the CRO informed of any elections-related social media and public internet ventures so that the CRO is able to properly monitor said undertakings. As well, a clause should be inserted into bylaw reinforcing the fact that the CRO has the authority to penalize candidates for any social media and public internet activities which contravene bylaw. This clause is integral to the fact that, supposing the integration of the above suggestions into bylaw, there would be very little restriction placed on social media. This would therefore result in those infractions which would still not be allowed being almost impossible to enforce by the CRO, unless he/she is required to be kept informed of all such activity by the candidate. As well, it should be noted that the committee recommends that the CRO is merely kept informed of all social media and public internet activity; the approval of the CRO is not necessary before undertaking any such ventures.

#### **Slates**

Recommendation: A clause be added to Bylaw 2000 explicitly regarding voting for candidates running as part of a slate. This clause shall state that all candidates be voted for individually, with any affiliation with a slate being clearly identified on the ballot. (5/0/0)

The results of the survey clearly indicated that most students feel slates should be included in bylaw, although many comments indicated the fact that there was a lack of clarity in bylaw 2000 with regards to slates. Of the comments in favor of removing slates from bylaw altogether, many indicated that this feeling was due to the lack of slates being run in past years. The committee felt that the large reason for this, as supported by comments, was the lack of clarity in bylaw,

as well as the current financial restrictions in place. Firstly, the committee believes that it should be clearly indicated in bylaw that candidates running as part of a slate will still be voted for independently, with slate affiliation being noted on the ballot. The committee did not feel that it was appropriate for the slate to be voted for as a whole. This could cause conflicts such as a highly unpopular candidate for one position being elected due to the very high popularity of another candidate in the slate.

Recommendation: For candidates running as slate, each candidate shall have an expense limit equivalent to candidates running individually, with there being a stipulation that a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 25% of each candidate's budget go towards the slate as a whole, with the remainder being spent on the individual candidate. This will be enforced through separate expense reports for each each candidate, and for the slate as a whole. (5/0/0)

Numerous comments indicated that the expense allocation for slates should be changed, and indeed the committee felt that the current system was one of the main factors behind the lack of slates running in recent years. Currently in bylaw, the entire slate is given the same budget as one candidate in the same campaign, with there being minimum spending requirements of this amount imposed on the individuals and on the slate. Responses overwhelmingly indicated that the slate budget should be equivalent to the regular candidate budget multiplied by the number of candidates in the slate, and the committee agreed. The committee did feel, however, that restrictions must be in place to ensure, for example, that 5 students cannot run for 5 executive positions, but then choose to spend the entirety of their budget on one of the campaigns. The committee felt that a percentage of each candidate's budget, varying from 10-25%, should be spent on slate campaigning. The amount each candidate contributes would be reported to the CRO, and each candidates individual budget would then be adjusted accordingly (and verified by the CRO on the submitted expense form). There would then be an additional expense form submitted, with the budgeted amount equivalent to the sum of all candidates' contributions, and again being subject to verification by the CRO.

#### **Volunteers**

Recommendation: The clarification, throughout Bylaw 2000, of the fact that "campaign manager" refers to the campaign manager of a referendum/plebiscite exclusively. (5/0/0)

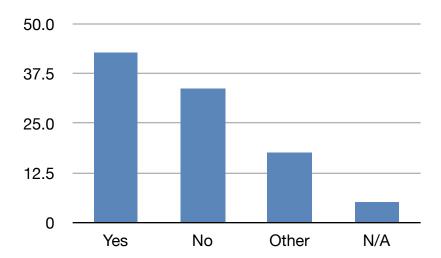
There was a great deal of discussion in regards to the campaign manager of an electoral campaign in the beginning stages of the committee's planning, however it was ultimately felt that this stemmed from initial confusion in Bylaw 2000 in regards to the campaign manager of a Referendum/Plebiscite. The question was then posed in the survey, and the same confusion was again noted, with many parties feeling that there was, in fact, regulations in place regarding an electoral campaign's campaign manager. In some places in bylaw there are references to "the campaign manager of a referendum/plebiscite question", whereas other areas reference just "the campaign manager". Although the intent of both references are to refer to the same thing, the committee felt that a greater degree of clarity is necessary in bylaw.

Recommendation: That a clause defining third-party involvement in a candidates' campaign, which would distance the candidate from said third party in the event that the third party effectively campaigns or acts on/ against their behalf, be added into bylaw. The clause should define a third party as someone acting without the express consent or knowledge of a candidate, whether acting for their benefit or detriment. (5/0/0)

One of the issues discussed at length in comments and by the committee was that of students or other parties acting on behalf of a candidate, especially without their knowledge, which could ultimately result in the candidate being fined or disqualified from the election. The committee felt that, although it is important that candidates remain responsible for the actions of their volunteers, there must be a change in bylaw due to the fact that, as it currently stands, someone could sabotage any candidate by doing something as simple as campaigning for them on election day. If this clause were to be included in bylaw, a candidate would essentially be able to appeal unwarranted fining or disqualification by proving to the CRO and/or DIE Board that they were unaware of any activity being done on their behalf.

### Recommendation: That any regulations regarding endorsement of candidates by SU employees be left up to the decision of the SU operating policy. (5/0/0)

Although this is technically a recommendation to remain with the status quo, the committee wished to point out that Students' Council is not the only stakeholder in SU elections, therefore an issue such as candidate endorsement involves parties other than itself. Currently there are no regulations in bylaw, and although the committee investigated the possibility of including a recommendation either in favor of or against endorsements, there was no clear direction indicated in survey responses. Other University elections include such things as student group endorsements as an integral part of their election process, however, that is not the case at the University of Alberta, and there was no unified message indicating that this was desired by students.



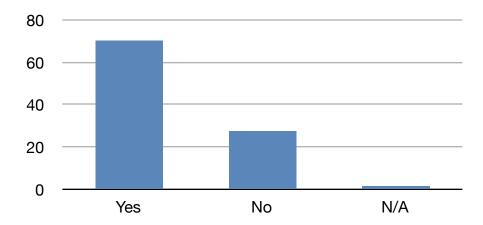
Percentage of responses to the question: Should Executive Committee members, Students' Council members, Students' Union employees, registered student groups, and/or similar interested parties be able to endorse candidates?

As well, the notion of third party involvement in Students' Union campaigns was discussed, in relation to electoral campaigns as well as to referenda/plebiscite questions. Numerous responses expressed an opposition to the possibility of influential third party groups supporting a particular candidate, which would ultimately be a deviance from the notion of creating a level playing field for all candidates.

#### **Jokes Candidates**

### Recommendation: Joke candidates continue to be permitted in all elections with a budget equivalent to 2/3 of the regular candidates budget. (5/0/0)

A strong majority of responses (70.7%) felt that joke candidates should continue to be allowed in Students' Union elections, and the committee agrees that they are an integral part of the elections process. Many comments referenced the fact that joke candidates help many students who would otherwise remain apathetic get involved in the elections process. As well, although the Elections Office always has a strong advertising campaign around elections time, joke candidates help supplement this a great deal, and the creative freedom joke candidates are allowed makes for a more enjoyable elections process for many people. The majority of comments to the contrary indicated a lack of support for joke candidates spending students' money, however, when asked specifically about what the budget for joke candidates should be, numbers varied so widely, from 0-100% of the candidate budget, that the committee felt the current amount appropriate.



Responses to the question: Should joke candidates be allowed to participate in the elections?

#### **Bylaw 2000**

### A Bylaw Respecting the Elections, Plebiscites and Referenda of the Students' Union

#### 1. Short Title

This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Elections, Plebiscites and Referenda Bylaw"

#### 2. Definitions

In this bylaw

- a. "member" shall be anyone who is an undergraduate student currently enrolled in at least one course for credit at the University of Alberta;
- b. "C.R.O." shall be the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- c. "D.R.O." shall be a Deputy Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- d. "D.I.E. Board" shall be the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board of the Students' Union, as set out in Judiciary of the Students Union Bylaw;
- e. "faculty" shall be any entity defined by the University of Alberta General Faculties Council as either a faculty or a school and in which members are registered and shall include Open Studies;
- f. "council" shall be either be Students' Council or General Faculties Council (GFC) as the context requires;
- g. "general election" shall be the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors or the General Election of Faculty Councillors;
- h. "polling station" shall be a polling location sanctioned by the C.R.O. and staffed by the office of the C.R.O.;
- i. "plebiscite" shall be a vote, open to all members, held on a given question but whose result is not legally binding upon the Students' Union;
- j. "referendum" shall be a vote, open to all members, held on a given question and whose result is legally binding upon the Students' Union;

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- k. "side" shall be any person or group of people who have their registration as a plebiscite or referendum side accepted under this bylaw;
- 1. "campaign manager" shall be a person registered as part of a plebiscite or referendum side who has been selected by those members of that side to serve as campaign manager for the purposes of this bylaw;
- m. "candidate" shall be any member whose nomination is accepted under this bylaw;
- n. "joke candidate" shall be any candidate running either individually or as a member of a slate, who chooses not to use his/her given name or a reasonable derivative of his/her given name when appearing on the ballot;
- o. "slate" shall be any two (2) or more candidates each running for a different position who choose to run under the guidelines for slates as opposed to the guidelines for individual candidates;
- p. "campaign" shall be the period of time during which campaign activities are permitted;
- q. "campaign activity" shall be any act, planned or organized by or on behalf of any candidate, slate or side, that is calculated to convince members to vote in a given way;
- r. "volunteer" shall be any individual who assists in campaign activities;
- s. "campaign expense" shall be any and all expenditures incurred in engaging in campaign activities;
- t. "campaign materials" shall be any physical or electronic media produced or distributed as part of campaign activities;
- u. "banner" shall be any campaign material composed of paper, cloth, or similar material of a total area greater than four (4) square feet;
- v. "poster" shall be any campaign material composed of paper, cloth, or similar material, of a total area of under four (4) square feet that is designed to be posted on a wall or similar place;

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- w. "voter" shall be any member who exercises his/her entitlement to vote;
- x. "forum" shall be any event organized by an entity other that the Students' Union, a candidate, side, or a volunteer acting on behalf of a candidate or side at which campaign activities are facilitated;
- y. "University" shall be the University of Alberta;
- z. "academic year" shall be from May 1<sup>st</sup> to the following April 31<sup>st</sup>;
- aa. "working hours" shall be any and all hours occurring between 0900 and 1700;
- bb. "student newspaper" refers to *The Gateway*.

#### 3. Mandate

This bylaw shall govern the conduct of all elections, plebiscites and referenda conducted by the Students' Union.

#### 4. Elections Staff Composition

The elections staff shall consist of:

- a. the Chief Returning Officer; and
- b. one (1) or more Deputy Returning Officers, at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer and as permitted by budgeted availability of funds.

#### 5. Elections Staff Hiring Process

- (1) The Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed by Students' Council after a recommendation is issued by a committee composed of:
  - a. the Chief Returning Officer, as chair, voting only in the event of a tie; and
  - b. two (2) members of the D.I.E. Board
- (2) The Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall be appointed by the Council Administration Committee after a recommendation is issued by a committee composed of:
  - a. the Chief Returning Officer, as chair, voting only in the event of a tie; and
  - b. two (2) members of the D.I.E. Board

#### 6. Elections Staff Eligibility Requirements

The Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall be required to remain members for the Fall and Winter academic terms of their term in office and shall not concurrently hold any position of Students' Council or any of its boards and committees, the D.I.E. Board, or the Students' Union's paid staff.

#### 7. Elections Staff Terms of Office

The Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall serve from June 1 to May 31 of the following year.

#### 8. Duties of the Elections Staff

- (1) The duties of the Chief Returning Officer shall include:
  - a. overseeing the implementation of Bylaw 2000;
  - b. such duties as may be required of the Chief Returning Officer under Bylaw 2000; and
  - c. the submission to Students' Council of a written report of activities and recommendations prior to May 31.
- (2) The duties of the Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall include:
  - a. such duties as may be required of the Deputy Returning Officer(s) under Bylaw 2000; and
  - b. such assistance as required by the Chief Returning Officer in the discharge of his/her duties, as set out in Section 8(1).

#### 9. Elections Staff Reporting and Dismissal

- (1) The Chief Returning Officer shall report directly to Students' Council, and shall be dismissed only by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Students' Council on two consecutive meetings, to be held not less than one (1) week apart.
- (2) The Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall report directly to the Chief Returning Officer, and shall be dismissed only by a simply majority vote of the permanent members of the Council Administration Committee.

#### 10. Election Dates - Executive Committee and Board of Governors

- (1) The election shall be held annually on the Wednesday and Thursday during the second week following the Winter Term Reading Week.
- (2) An Executive Committee and Board of Governors by-election shall not occur during the months of May, June, July, and August.

#### 11. Election Dates - General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council

- (1) The election shall occur fifteen (15) days after the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative as set out in Section 10.
  - a. Notwithstanding, the C.R.O. may establish one alternate date designated for the election to occur, where the faculty can prove that the above date is unsuitable for their electorate.

- b. Notwithstanding, the election of representatives from Augustana Faculty to General Faculties Council and Students' Union Council shall be conducted concurrently with the General Election of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative as set out in Section 10.
- (2) A General Faculties Council or Students' Union Council election or by-election shall not occur during the months of May, June, July and August.

#### 12. Dates - Plebiscites and Referenda

Where the C.R.O. receives a valid petition or where Students' Council initiates a plebiscite or referendum, then the plebiscite or referendum in question shall be held on the dates of the next general election not occurring within thirty (30) days of receipt of the valid petition or initiation by Students' Council of the plebiscite or referendum in question.

#### 13. Plebiscite and Referendum Initiation

- (1) Where a member wishes to initiate a plebiscite or referendum via petition, that member shall submit to the C.R.O.:
  - a. the intent of the question;
  - b. whether the question is a plebiscite or a referendum;
  - c. the name, faculty, and student identification of that member;
  - d. a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) deposit in the form of cash or a certified cheque or money order payable to the Students' Union.
- (2) Upon receipt of a submission meeting the requirements set out in Section 13(1), the C.R.O. shall immediately forward the intent of the question to the Bylaw Committee.
- (3) The Bylaw Committee shall approve within fourteen (14) days from receiving the intent of the question from the C.R.O., a petition question which:
  - a. fully reflects the intent submitted by the member;
  - b. if carried and acted upon, would not violate any Students' Union bylaws or any federal or provincial law;
  - c. where the plebiscite or referendum is to approve the collection of a University non-academic fee, provides for the formation of a permanent committee to oversee and direct the expenditure of this fee, such committee to have Students' Union members in voting positions proportional to the contribution of Students' Union members;

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- d. where the plebiscite or referendum is to approve the collection of a fee for a University facility or service, provides access by any Students' Union member to that facility or service.
- (4) Students' Council shall, at the meeting following the drafting of the petition question by the Bylaw Committee as set out in Section 13(3), approve a question which meets the criteria set out in Section 13(3) unless the question would cause Students' Council to breach its fiduciary responsibility to the Students' Union.
- (5) Sections 13(2) and 13(3) notwithstanding, where it is not possible for the Bylaw Committee or Students' Council to approve a petition question which meets the criteria set out in Section 13(4), neither the Bylaw Committee or Students' Council shall approve such a question.
- (6) Students' Council shall have the authority to call a plebiscite or referendum without a petition.
- (7) Prior to being approved by Council all plebiscite and referendum questions must be drafted by the Bylaw Committee.

#### 14. Acceptance of Plebiscite and Referenda Petitions

- (1) Where a valid petition bearing the names, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least five percent (5%) of the total membership of the Students' Union as of February 1 of that academic year requesting a plebiscite on a given Students' Councilapproved question is submitted to the C.R.O., then a plebiscite shall be held on that question as set out in Section 13, provided that the names, signatures, and student identification numbers were all collected within ninety (90) days of submission of the petition.
- (2) Where a valid petition bearing the names, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least fifteen percent (15%) of the total membership of the Students' Union as of February 1 of that academic year requesting a referendum on a given Students' Councilapproved question is submitted to the C.R.O., then a referendum shall be held on that question as set out in Section 13, provided that the names, signatures, and student identification numbers were all collected within ninety (90) days of submission of the petition.

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(3) Where a valid petition is submitted to the C.R.O., that member's deposit shall be refunded.

#### 15. Plebiscite and Referendum Campaign Side Selection

- (1) At least twenty-eight (28) days in advance of the plebiscite or referendum, the C.R.O. shall:
  - a. schedule, announce, and advertise via every available edition of the student newspaper, a meeting for the registration of sides, such meeting to take place not more than twenty-one (21) and not fewer than fourteen (14) days in advance of the plebiscite or referendum in conjunction with the candidates meeting;
  - b. publish in every available edition of the student newspaper the wording of the question.
- (2) For each plebiscite or referendum, there shall be
  - a. a "yes" side;
  - b. a "no" side.
  - c. no other official sides.
- (3) Members wishing to register themselves as part of a side shall attend the meeting for registering sides, as set out in Section 15(1) (a).
- (4) A member's registration for a side shall be accepted when the member
  - a. attends the meeting for registering sides;
  - b. announces his/her intention to register for a side;
  - c. provides the C.R.O. with his/her name, student identification number, and contact information; and
  - d. the C.R.O. is satisfied that that member does not aim to falsely represent that side by registering for it.
- (5) Section 15(4) notwithstanding, no member shall register for more than one (1) side for any plebiscite or referendum.
- (6) Each side shall select, from among the members registered to it, one (1) campaign manager.

#### 16. Campaign Manager Eligibility

Any member of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to serve as a campaign manager of a referenda/plebiscite sides without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive.

#### 17. Candidate Nomination Deadlines

The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the deadlines for the nominations of candidates prior to the end of November each year, to occur not fewer than

- a. thirteen (13) days before the date of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Election; or
- b. nine (9) days before the date of the Faculty Councillor Election.

#### 18. Candidate Nomination Packages

- (1) The C.R.O. shall make available to every member nomination packages not fewer than twenty (20) days before the nomination deadline as set out in Section 17, and shall advertise the availability of these in not fewer than three (3) editions of the student newspaper before the nomination deadline.
- (2) The C.R.O shall produce nomination packages which shall contain, at minimum
  - a. complete and current copies of this bylaw and the Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw;
  - b. nomination papers soliciting the name, contact information, and student identification number of the proposed nominee, the position the nominee wishes to contest, and
    - i. for Executive and Board of Governors elections, nominations papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least fifty (50) and at most one hundred (100) members as nominators;
    - ii. for General Faculties Councillor and Students' Union Councillor nominations papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least ten (10) and at most twenty (20) members registered in the same faculty as the nominee as nominators:
  - c. contact information for the C.R.O. and D.R.O.s:
  - d. the time, date, and location for the candidates meeting.
- (3) Valid nomination packages shall contain
  - a. a signed acceptance of the nomination by the proposed nominee;
  - b. a signed letter from the proposed nominee's faculty confirming that he/she is in good academic standing under University regulations;

- c. a statement, signed by the proposed nominee, identifying the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, and
  - i. for Executive and Board of Governors nominees, papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least fifty (50) members identifying themselves as nominators as well as a fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit in the form of cash or a certified cheque or money order payable to the Students' Union,
  - ii. for General Faculties Councillor and Students' Union Councillor nominees, papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least ten (10) members registered in the same faculty as the nominee as nominators;
- (4) Candidates who are registered in Open Studies are exempt from 17(3) (c) (ii).

#### 19. Restrictions on Candidate Nominees

- (1) No member shall be nominated for more than one (1) of the positions contested in each election.
- (2) Notwithstanding Section 19(1), members may be nominated for both Students' Council and General Faculties Council within the same election.
- (3) Members of Students' Council and its standing committees, in order for their nomination papers to be valid are required to take a leave of absence from their duties for the period beginning with the nomination deadline and ceasing with the conclusion of voting of the election in which they are contesting a position. The following exceptions apply:
  - a) Any member of Students' Council contesting an executive position when the race is uncontested,
  - b) An executive contesting a Councillor position when the race is uncontested,
  - c) Any member of Students' Council, excluding members of the Executive, contesting a Councillor position.

For the purpose of this section, any race solely contested by a joke candidate shall be considered uncontested.

(4) Where a member contravenes Section 19(3), all of the member's nominations shall be declared null and void.

#### 20. Acceptance of Candidate Nominations

Where a member submits valid nomination papers, as set out in Sections 18(3) and 19 and prior to the nomination deadline as set out in Section 17, that member's nomination shall be accepted by the C.R.O. within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.

#### 21. No Candidate Nomination, or Plebiscite/Referendum Registration Received

- (1) Where no valid candidate or side for a given position, plebiscite, or referendum has been received by the deadline, the C.R.O. shall extend the deadline for that position or side by up to two (2) days.
- (2) Where the only nominations received for a given position is (are) joke candidate(s), the CRO shall extend the deadline for that position by up to two (2) days.

#### 22. Candidate and Plebiscite/Referendum Registration Meeting

- (1) The C.R.O. shall hold a meeting for all candidates, referenda and plebiscite sides following the nomination deadline but prior to the commencement of the campaign.
- (2) All candidates and campaign managers shall either attend the candidates meeting in its entirety or designate, in writing, an agent who will do so.
- (3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 22(2), that candidate or campaign manager shall be disqualified.
- (4) The C.R.O. may, at his/her discretion, grant exemptions to Section 22(3) to candidates, but shall do so only where
  - a. the candidate requesting the exemption does so in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the candidates meeting; or
  - b. the candidate informs and provides satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. of an emergency for which no notice could be given.

#### 23. Content of the Candidate and Registration Meeting

At the candidate and registration meeting, the C.R.O. shall, at minimum

- a. review all relevant bylaws, rules, and regulations, including this bylaw, and respond to questions about same;
- b. announce the time and date of any forums scheduled;
- c. conduct a random draw to determine the order of appearance of candidates' names on the ballot;
- d. determine and announce which candidates are joke candidates as set out in Section 2 (n);
- e. where two (2) or more candidates have asked to appear on the ballot under names that are either identical or so similar as to be effectively indistinguishable, determine and announce under what names each of the two (2) or more candidates shall appear on the ballot;
- f. announce any methods that will be regularly used to communicate with candidates:

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- g. take attendance for the purpose of verifying compliance with Section 21;
- h. For the Executive Committee and Board of Governors and Plebiscite/Referendum campaign
  - i. announce the times, dates, and locations of daily meetings,
  - ii. create a register listing the members registered for each plebiscite and referendum side as well as the campaign manager for each.

#### 24. Commencement of Campaign Activities

The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the time and date of the commencement of campaign activities, to occur no fewer than seven (7) days before the date of any vote prior to the end of November each year.

#### 25. Myer Horowitz Forum

- (1) The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the date and location of the Myer Horowitz Forum, to occur after the commencement of Executive Committee and Board of Governors and Plebiscite/Referendum campaign activities, prior to the end of November of each year.
- (2) The C.R.O. shall chair the Myer Horowitz Forum and shall enforce the following rules
  - a. each candidate and side shall be afforded an opportunity to speak that is equal to the opportunity afforded to each candidate or side in his/her race;
  - b. no objects shall be thrown;
  - c. no heckling shall occur;
  - d. no campaign materials shall be distributed during the Myer Horowitz Forum in the room in which the Myer Horowitz Forum is held.
- (3) Where an individual contravenes Section 25(2), the C.R.O. shall remove that individual from the Myer Horowitz Forum.
- (4) Where a candidate or side contravenes Section 25(2), the C.R.O., in addition to the remedies prescribed under Section 67, shall have the authority to enforce further disciplinary action, as prescribed under Section 67.

#### 26. Requirement for Forums

No candidate or side shall participate in any forum unless each candidate or side in his/her race has received at least twenty-four (24) hours notification of the forum and will be afforded an equal chance to speak at it.

#### 27. Requirement to Report Keys

- (1) All candidates and campaign managers shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline, report to the C.R.O. any keys, cards, and other means of access to any building or room on the University of Alberta campus.
- (2) The C.R.O. shall confiscate, until the commencement of voting, any keys, cards, and other means of access to any building or room on the University of Alberta campus where
  - a. the key, card, or other means of access in question would provide an unfair advantage to the candidate or campaign manager; and
  - b. the candidate or campaign manager is not academically, occupationally, or otherwise required to retain the key, card, or other means of access in question for the duration of the campaign.
- (3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 27(1), he/she shall be disqualified.

#### 28. Storage Space

The C.R.O. shall make arrangements for space to be available on the University campus to all candidates and campaign managers for the purpose of the storage of campaign materials.

#### 29. Prohibition on Pre-campaigning

No campaign manager, volunteer, or candidate shall engage in campaign activities between the nomination deadline or Students' Council initiation of a plebiscite/referenda and the commencement of the campaign.

#### **30. Formation of Candidate Slates**

- (1) Candidates wishing to run as a slate shall notify the C.R.O. in writing of their desire within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.
- (2) Candidates providing written notification to the C.R.O under Section 30(1) shall include a slate name, which shall not be the same as or a reasonable derivation of the name of any registered federal or provincial political party or referenda/plebiscite side.
- (3) Where candidates requesting to run as a slate are in compliance with Sections 30(1) and 30(2), the C.R.O. shall grant their request.

#### 31. Joke Candidates

(1) Where a candidate has been designated as a joke candidate, as set out in Section 2(0), and that candidate does not wish to be a joke candidate, that candidate may provide to

- the C.R.O. a new signed statement indicating the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, within 36 hours of being designated as a joke candidate.
- (2) Where a candidate who has been designated a joke candidate exercises his/her right, as set out in Section 31(1), to submit a new name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, and where the new name is, at the discretion of the C.R.O., a reasonable derivative of that candidate's legal name, that candidate's designation as a joke candidate shall be reversed.

#### 32. Candidates with Same or Similar Names

Where two (2) or more candidates or slates submit names that are either identical or so similar as to be effectively indistinguishable, the C.R.O. shall determine and announce within forty-eight (48) hours of the nomination deadline what name each of the two (2) or more candidates or slates shall use.

#### 33. C.R.O. Shall List Candidates

Within thirty-six (36) hours of nomination deadline, the C.R.O. shall post

- a. the legal name of each of the candidates;
- b. the name under which each shall appear on the ballot;
- c. the name of each slate, and the abbreviation of each slate as it will appear on the ballot; and
- d. shall publish the same in the next available issue of the student newspaper.

#### 34. Daily Meetings

- (1) On every weekday during the Executive Committee and Board of Governor campaign and Plebiscite/Referendum campaign, the C.R.O. shall hold a daily meeting, at which he/she shall review complaints, rulings, regulations, procedures, and announcements.
- (2) Each candidate and campaign manager shall either attend each daily meeting himself/herself or designate, in writing, a representative who will attend.
- (3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 34(2), he/she shall be fined ten dollars (\$10.00) for each meeting at which he/she is in contravention, and he/she shall not be assessed any further penalty.

#### 35. Requirements of All Candidates and Plebiscite/Referendum Sides

Each candidate, campaign manager and slate shall act reasonably and in good faith, and specifically shall

a. ensure that each volunteer engaging in campaign activities on his/her/its behalf is aware of all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders;

- b. ensure that each volunteer is in compliance with all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders while engaging in campaign activities on his/her/its behalf; and
- c. report any contravention of a bylaw, rule, regulation, or order to the C.R.O. immediately.

#### 36. No-Use of Non-Universal Resources

No candidate, side or slate shall make use of any resource that is not

- a. available to all candidates, sides and slates;
- b. general volunteer labour or expertise; or
- c. accounted for as part of that candidate's, side's or slate's campaign expenses.

#### 37. No Joint Use of Resources

- (1) No two (2) or more candidates, sides or slates shall jointly use any resources, including tables, posters, banners, and budgets but excluding volunteers, except that a candidate may jointly use tables with a slate of which he/she is a member.
- (2) No candidate shall
  - a. act as a volunteer for another candidate; or
  - b. endorse another candidate within his or her own race.
- (3) Any member with the exception of the C.R.O, the D.R.Os, candidates, and incumbent members of the Executive Committee shall be free to act as volunteers for or endorse any candidate, or slate.

#### 38. Restrictions on Campaign Activities

No candidate or side shall, without the permission of the C.R.O. engage in any campaign activity

- a. in any business or service operated by the Students' Union;
- b. in a University library;
- c. in a classroom during a class unless he/she first obtains the permission or the professor responsible for that class;
- d. in any residence; or
- e. in any building or on any land not owned or operated by the University or the Students' Union.

#### 39. Campaign Materials

- (1) All campaign materials shall be approved in form, content, and cost by the C.R.O. before they may be used in campaign activities.
- (2) Candidates, sides and slates wishing to have campaign materials approved shall provide the C.R.O. with

- a. a written estimate of the cost of the proposed campaign material, including the source of that cost; and
- b. the complete contents of the proposed campaign material, including text, images and layout.
- (3) The C.R.O. shall provide in confidence a written approval or refusal of campaign materials within eight (8) working hours of receiving a request as set out in Section 39(2).

#### 40. Forbidden Campaign Materials

- (1) The C.R.O. shall not approve campaign materials that
  - a. have more than a nominal value when distributed;
  - **b.** cannot be removed at the end of the Campaign; or
  - **c.** are likely to permanently damage or alter property.
- (2) Where a candidate, side or slate contravenes Section 39(1), the offending campaign materials shall be destroyed and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate, side or slate, as set out in Section 67.

#### 41. Media

All candidates and sides are free to pursue campus-based media as determined by the C.R.O; however, are restricted from contacting external media sources. All external media must be directed through the C.R.O office.

#### 42. Banners

- (1) No candidate, side or slate shall have more than one (1) banner on display in any given building at any given time.
- (2) Where a candidate side or slate contravenes Section 42(1), the offending banners shall be destroyed and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate, side or slate as set out in Section 67.

#### 43. Posters

- (1) No poster shall be displayed in such a way as to obscure another candidate, side or slate's campaign materials.
- (2) In any given building, at any given time
  - a. no Executive or Board of Governors Candidate shall have more than ten (10) posters;
  - b. no Plebiscite or Referendum side shall have more than ten (10) posters;

- c. no General Faculties Council or Students' Council candidate shall have more than sixteen (16) posters.
- (3) Where a candidate, side or slate contravenes Sections 43(1) and 43(2), the offending posters shall be destroyed, and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate, side or slate as set out in Section 67.

#### 44. Designated Printer

- (1) All printed campaign materials shall be purchased at official list price costs from one (1) or more of the printing companies designated by the C.R.O.
- (2) The C.R.O. shall designate at least five (5) printers from which candidates and sides may purchase materials to be in compliance with Section 44(1).
- (3) Where a candidate or side demonstrates that a desired campaign material could not be produced by any of the five (5) or more printers designated by the C.R.O. as set out in Section 44(2), the C.R.O. shall grant a limited exemption from Section 44(2) to that candidate or side.
- (4) Where campaign materials can be produced by a Students' Union operated business, candidates and sides shall purchase those campaign materials from that business.
- (5) Where a candidate or side contravenes Section 44(1) or Section 44(4), the offending campaign materials shall be destroyed, and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate or side, as set out in Section 67.

#### 45. Recycled Materials

Where a candidate, side, or slate chooses to print campaign materials on recycled paper containing one hundred per cent (100%) post consumer content, and where that candidate, side or slate demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the C.R.O., that this choice resulted in an increased cost being incurred to it, then the amount of this increased cost shall not count against the limits set out in Sections 48 through 50.

#### 46. Destruction of Campaign Materials

No candidate, campaign manager, or volunteer shall damage or destroy any other candidate's or side's campaign materials unless specifically authorized to do so by the C.R.O.

#### 47. Campaign Material Removal

All campaign materials shall be removed by 21h00 the day before the commencement of voting.

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#### 48. Campaign Expense Limits – Executive Committee and Board of Governor Candidates

- (1) No candidate for the Executive Committee or Board of Governors shall accrue more than five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00) in campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.
- (2) Slate and slate candidates shall determine the distribution of campaign funds between the slate and slate candidates and must report the distribution to the C.R.O. prior to the start of campaigning.
- (3) At least 10% of campaign expenses must be spent on both slate and slate candidate campaigns.
- (4) No slate or slate candidate's campaign budget shall accrue more than five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550) in expenses, including both slate and slate campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.
- (5) No joke candidate shall accrue more than two thirds (2/3) of the expenses set out in Sections 48(1) through 48(3).

#### 49. Campaign Expense Limits – GFC and Students' Council Candidates

- (1) No candidate for General Faculties Council or Students' Council shall accrue more than thirty dollars (\$30.00), plus six dollars (\$6.00) for every one thousand (1,000) students' in his or her faculty beyond three thousand (3,000) in campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.
- (2) Slate and slate candidates shall determine the distribution of campaign funds between the slate and slate candidates and must report the distribution to the C.R.O. prior to the start of campaigning.
- (3) At least 10% of campaign expenses must be spend on both slate and slate candidate campaigns.
- (4) No slate or slate candidate's budget shall accrue more than thirty dollars (\$30.00), plus six dollars (\$6.00) for every one thousand (1,000) students' in his or her faculty beyond three thousand (3,000) in campaign expenses, including both slate and slate campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.
- (5) Where the number of students in a faculty beyond three thousand (3,000) is not a multiple of one thousand (1,000), the amount of money in excess of the base amount as

set out in Section 49(1) through 49(3), shall be prorated and rounded to the nearest cent.

(6) No joke candidate shall accrue more than two thirds (2/3) of the expenses set out in Sections 49(1) through 49(4).

#### 50. Campaign Expense Limits – Referenda and Plebiscite Sides

- (1) No Referenda or Plebiscite Side shall accrue more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) in campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.
- (2) No joke candidates will be allowed as specified under Section 15(2) (c).

#### 51. Expense Reporting

- (1) Each candidate, side and slate shall keep an up to date and accurate record of all campaign expenses he/she/it incurs, and shall be responsible to the C.R.O. for all such campaign expenses.
- (2) Each candidate, side and slate shall submit to the C.R.O. the record, as set out in Section 51(1), no less than twelve (12) working hours prior to the commencement of voting.
- (3) No candidate, side or slate shall incur any campaign expenses within twelve (12) working hours of the commencement of voting, except where those campaign expenses have been reported in the record submitted to the C.R.O. as set out in Section 51(2).
- (4) Where the C.R.O. determines that a candidate, side or slate has exceeded or falsified its campaign expense limit
  - a. the candidate, campaign manager for the side, or the slate shall be disqualified;
  - b. that candidate, side, or slate shall be prohibited from engaging in further campaign activities;
  - c. notice of this shall be posted with the campaign expense records;
  - d. the violation will be communicated directly to the candidate, the side's campaign manager or the slate in question;
  - e. the C.R.O. may recommend to the D.I.E. Board that further action be taken against that the candidate, the side's campaign manager, the side's members, and/or any volunteers.
- (5) The C.R.O. shall review all campaign expense records, and shall post summaries of same more than eight (8) working hours prior to the commencement of voting.

#### 52. Fair Market Value

- (1) Where a product or service has been provided to a candidate, side or slate for no consideration or for consideration that is less than the official list price of the service provider, that candidate, side or slate shall be considered to have incurred a campaign expense at the fair market value of that product or service, as determined by the C.R.O.
- (2) Where a candidate, side or slate receives a product or service for consideration that is greater than the fair market value, then that candidate, side or slate shall be considered to have incurred a campaign expense equal to the actual consideration.
- (3) The fair market value shall be determined by the C.R.O. using the price that any other candidate, side or slate would have to pay for a comparable product or service as a guideline.
- (4) Candidates, sides and slates shall have the right, but not the obligation, to receive an assessment of a product or service's fair market value in advance.
- (5) A candidate, side or slate wishing to receive a fair market value assessment in advance shall make a written request to the C.R.O, which shall include
  - a. a full and accurate description of the product or service;
  - b. the supplier of the service, along with contact information for the same; and
  - c. the candidate, side or slate's estimation of the product or service's fair market value, and a rationale for same.
- (6) Where a complete request under Section 52(5), has been submitted to the C.R.O., the C.R.O. shall respond with a decision within eight (8) working hours.

#### 53. General Labour

For purposes of Section 51, general labour and any expertise had by a significant portion of the population, including, but not limited to, poster design, web page design, and web page programming, shall be considered to have a fair market value of zero.

#### 54. Right to Vote

- (1) Each member shall be entitled to cast one (1) ballot, except the C.R.O. who shall be entitled to cast a ballot only under the circumstances set out in Sections 59(9) and 61(2).
- (2) Where a member is found to have a cast more than one (1) ballot, only one ballot shall be counted.
- (3) All votes cast shall be by secret ballot.

#### 55. Voting Days

- (1) Voting shall be conducted at times determined and advertised by the C.R.O.
- (2) No voting, other than a maximum of one (1) advance poll, shall be conducted prior to the D.I.E. Board ruling on all appeals covered by Section 69.

#### 56. Voting

- (1) The C.R.O. shall conduct balloting by any means that provide precise, accurate results, and may use multiple methods in any combination.
- (2) At each polling station, there shall be a notice to voters that candidates are elected individually to each position, which shall also explain the balloting procedures.
- (3) On each ballot, there shall be an explanation of the balloting procedures, which shall include, at minimum, the following
  - a. that "None of the Above" shall be considered a candidate;
  - b. that voters shall rank each candidate according to their preferences;
  - c. that a portion of the ballot shall be considered spoiled where any of the conditions set out in Section 57(4) are met; and
  - d. that voters shall be permitted to rank as many as all or as few as zero of the candidates for each position.

#### 57. Limitations During Voting

- (1) During voting, candidates, campaign managers, members of sides and volunteers shall not encourage members to vote or engage in any campaign activities.
- (2) During voting, candidates, campaign managers, and registered members of sides shall not be within twenty (20) feet of any polling station except to vote themselves.

#### 58. Ballots

- (1) Ballots shall list each candidate running for each position, followed by, in each position, the voting selection "None of the Above."
- (2) For the purposes of Section 56(3) (b) "None of the Above" Shall be considered a candidate.
- (3) Where a referenda or plebiscite question(s) is/are on the ballot, the ballot shall list "yes" followed by "no" for each referendum or plebiscite question.
- (4) Where a voter's intention is clear, that voter's ballot shall be counted.

#### 59. Balloting and Counting-Executive, Board of Governors and Councillor Elections

- (1) Balloting shall be conducted by preferential balloting, in which each voter shall rank his/her choices for each position using natural numbers with one (1) representing the first choice, and increasing numbers representing less desirable choices.
- (2) A candidate shall require a majority of voters to indicate him/her as their first choice in order to be elected.
- (3) Voters shall be entitled to mark as few as zero candidates for any given position or as many as all of them.
- (4) A section of a voter's ballot shall be considered spoiled where
  - a. that voter has indicated the same number for more than one (1) candidate;
  - b. that voter has not included the number one (1) next to any candidate;
  - c. that voter has indicated more than one (1) number next to the same candidate; or
  - d. that voter has used non-consecutive numbers.
- (5) In the event that no candidate receives a majority of first place votes in a given race, the candidate with the fewest first place votes shall be eliminated.
- (6) Any voter who has indicated an eliminated candidate with a number shall have the candidate marked with the next highest number following the number by which the eliminated candidate has been indicated take the place of the eliminated candidate, and so on, in such a way that all candidates indicated by that voter as less desirable than the eliminated candidate are registered as being one (1) step more desirable that than originally indicated.
- (7) Where a ballot is left with no first place vote for a given race, the section of that ballot in question shall be considered spoiled.
- (8) Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first place votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, the candidate that had the fewest first place votes on the first count in which a differential existed shall be eliminated.
- (9) Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first places votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, and where this tie has existed on every count, and the C.R.O is a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race, then the C.R.O. shall cast a ballot.

- (10) Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first places votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, and where this tie has existed on every count, and the C.R.O is a not a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race, then the candidate to be eliminated shall be selected from those candidates with the fewest first place votes by a random or quasi-random method selected by the C.R.O.
- (11) The process set out in Section 59 shall continue for each position until such a time as a candidate receives a majority of first place votes for that position at which point that candidate shall be declared the victorious and removed from the ballot, and the process repeated with the remaining candidates not yet declared victorious.
- (12) The process set out in Section 59 shall continue for each position until such time as all the candidates are preferentially declared victorious.
- (13) Candidates shall be allocated seats as specified in Bylaw 100.
- (14) Where "None of the Above" is declared victorious, no further candidates shall be declared victorious.
- (15) Where a joke candidate is declared victorious, the seat to which that joke candidate has been elected shall be considered vacant.

#### 60. Requirements to Receive a Deposit

- (1) Where a candidate receives, on the first count, a number of first place votes totaling at least five percent (5%) of the total votes cast for his/her position, that candidate's deposit shall be refunded.
- (2) Where a candidate withdraws from contention more than forty-eight (48) hours after the nomination deadline, that candidate's deposit shall not be refunded.
- (3) Where a candidate has been disqualified from running for office, that candidate's deposit shall not be refunded.

#### 61. Balloting and Counting-Plebiscites and Referenda

- (1) The side that receives the greater number of votes shall be declared victorious.
- (2) Where both sides receive an equal number of votes, and only if both sides receive an equal number of votes shall the C.R.O shall cast a ballot.

#### 62. Secure Handling of Ballots

The C.R.O. shall provide for the secure handling of ballots, and shall ensure that at all times ballots are either under the direct supervision of the C.R.O. or in a secure location.

#### 63. Right to a Scruitineer

- (1) Each candidate and side shall be permitted to have one (1) person, designated in writing by the candidate or campaign manager, acting as scrutineer and being present at the counting of ballots.
- (2) Notwithstanding Section 63(1), the scrutineer may not be a candidate or campaign manager

#### 64. Requirements of the C.R.O

- (1) The C.R.O. or at least one (1) D.R.O. shall
  - a. supervise the counting of ballots;
  - b. post final results within twenty four (24) working hours of all complaints and appeals being resolved;
  - c. notify the Speaker of Students' Council and the President of the Students' Union of the final results in writing
    - i.Additionally for General Faculties Council Elections, notify the Vice President (Academic) of the Students' Union and the Secretary of the General Faculties Council of the final results in writing;
  - d. post unofficial results at any time, including during counting;
  - e. advertise final results in the first available edition of the student newspaper after the posting of final results as set out in Section 64(1) (b); and
  - f. store the ballots in a secure location for at least two (2) weeks after the last recount has been completed.

#### 65. Recounts

- (1) A request for a recount shall be granted by the C.R.O. where
  - a. the request is in writing and signed by a member;
  - b. the request is submitted to the C.R.O. within forty-eight (48) hours of the posting of Election results as set out in Section 64(1) (b); and
  - c. the difference between the votes of the victor and those of the second place candidate or side on the final count is less than two percent (2%) of the total votes cast.
- (2) The C.R.O. may initiate a recount independently for any reason.
- (3) The C.R.O. shall post the results of any recount within twenty-four (24) working hours of the recount being completed.

#### 66. Complaints

- (1) The C.R.O. shall prepare and provide a complaint form which shall require complaints to indicate
  - a. their names and student identification numbers;
  - b. the specific bylaw and section, rule, or regulation that has allegedly been contravened;
  - c. the specific individual or group that is alleged to be in contravention;
  - d. the specific facts which constitute the alleged contravention; and
  - e. the evidence for these facts.
- (2) Where a complaint is received within twelve (12) working hours of the alleged contravention, and where the original complaint form is provided to the C.R.O., the C.R.O. shall rule on that complaint.
- (3) The C.R.O. shall provide a copy of the complaint form, with the complainant's student identification number blacked out, to each respondent.
- (4) Where a complaint is received and is found to be complete as set out in Section 66(1), the C.R.O. shall rule on the complaint within twelve (12) working hours of receiving the complaint.
- (5) The C.R.O. shall post all of his/her rulings, including
  - a. a summary of the complaint;
  - b. a list of parties to the complaint;
  - c. where the C.R.O. fails to possess jurisdiction as set out in Section 68(6), a summary of the reasons for this finding;
  - d. a listing of all bylaws, rules, and regulations that apply;
  - e. a finding regarding the facts;
  - f. a ruling regarding the alleged contravention;
  - g. the penalty assigned, if any;
  - h. the time the ruling was posted; and
  - i. the time limit for appeal.

#### 67. Penalties Available

- (1) Where a candidate, campaign manager or volunteer has contravened a bylaw, rule, or regulation, regardless of the cause or the intent of the parties involved, and that contravention has provided an unfair advantage to a candidate, the C.R.O. shall assign a penalty that
  - a. fully counter-balances any advantage gained; and
  - b. where the contravention was intentional, penalizes the candidate or campaign manger who was or whose volunteer was guilty of the contravention.

- (2) Penalties available to the C.R.O. shall include
  - a. a fine, to be counted against the candidate's campaign expenses;
  - b. the confiscation or destruction of campaign materials;
  - c. limits, restrictions, and prohibitions on any type of campaign activities for any period of time up to the commencement of voting; and
  - d. disqualification of the candidate or campaign manager.

#### 68. Disqualification

- (1) A candidate or slate shall be disqualified where he/she/it is guilty of a contravention that
  - a. cannot be counter-balanced by a lesser penalty;
  - b. is malicious or substantially prejudicial to another candidate or slate; or
  - c. involves tampering with ballots, voting procedures, or counting procedures.
- (2) Where a slate is disqualified, all candidates running as a part of that slate shall also be disqualified.
- (3) Where the advantage gained by the "yes" side of a referendum or plebiscite due to a contravention cannot be fully counterbalanced by the penalties available to the C.R.O. as set out in Section 67, the C.R.O. shall cancel the referendum or plebiscite.
- (4) Where the advantage gained by the "no" side of a referendum of plebiscite due to a contravention cannot be fully counterbalanced by the penalties available to the C.R.O. as set out in Section 67, the C.R.O. shall counterbalance the advantage to the maximum extent possible, and may recommend to the D.I.E. Board that further disciplinary action be taken against the members guilty of the contravention under the Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw.
- (5) Where a side's campaign manager is disqualified, that side shall select a new campaign manager.
- (6) The C.R.O. shall be empowered to investigate and rule upon every contravention of this bylaw or any other bylaw, rule, or regulation related to the election, plebiscite or referenda.

#### 69. D.I.E. Board

(1) Where a member is guilty of a serious contravention, the C.R.O. may recommend to the D.I.E. Board that further penalties be brought under the Students' Union Judiciary Bylaw.

- (2) Any member shall be entitled to appeal a ruling of the C.R.O. to the D.I.E. Board.
- (3) All appeals of the C.R.O.'s rulings, with the exception of those arising out of voting and Election results, shall be heard and ruled upon by the D.I.E. Board prior to the commencement of voting.
- (4) No appeal shall be considered by the D.I.E. Board unless it is received within twelve (12) working hours of the C.R.O.'s ruling being posted.
- (5) Where a complete appeal is received, the D.I.E. Board shall convene a hearing within twelve (12) working hours of the appeal being submitted.
- (6) The D.I.E. Board shall, at the meetings set out in Section 69, either
  - a. rule on all appeals; or
  - b. order a delay to the Election, Referenda or Plebiscite.
- (7) No appeal shall exist from a ruling of the D.I.E. Board on an appeal of a ruling by the C.R.O.

#### 70. Multiple Coinciding Elections

- (1) The Election shall be divided into as many parts as there are councils for which elections are occurring.
- (1) All rules concerning nominations, campaign activities, campaign expenses, balloting, and penalties apply to a candidate per contested part of the Election and not to the candidate between multiple parts of the Election;
- (2) A slate may encompass candidates contesting multiple parts of the election.

#### 71. By-Election - Executive Committee and Board of Governors

- (1) Where another Election is required by virtue of Section 59(14) or Section 59(15), the new Election shall be governed by this bylaw with the exception of Sections 10 through 12, 17, and Sections 24 through 26, which shall not apply.
- (2) The Campaign for the new Election shall begin a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the commencement of voting as set out in Section 71(4).
- (3) The nomination deadline for the new Election shall occur a minimum of thirteen (13) days prior to the commencement of voting as set out in Section 71(4).

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(4) The voting for the new Election shall occur on two (2) consecutive weekdays to be determined and announced by the C.R.O. at least twenty-one (21) days in advance.

#### 72. By-Election – General Faculties Council and Students' Council

- (1) Where vacancies exist in positions filled under this bylaw on August 15 of any year, the C.R.O. shall call a by-election to take place in September or October of that year for all those positions vacant on August 15.
- (2) Where the total voting membership of Students' Council falls below twenty-three, the C.R.O. shall call a by-election to occur
  - a. not more than one month past the date that the voting membership of Students' Council fell below twenty-three; or
  - b. where Students' Council's voting membership falls below twenty-three during the months of May, June, July, or August, in September.
- (3) Except as otherwise stipulated in this bylaw, there shall be no by-elections to fill positions filled under this bylaw.
- (4) The deadline for the nomination of candidates in any by-election shall be determined and announced by the C.R.O. at the same time as the date of the by-election is announced, such deadline occurring not less than nine (9) days prior to the Election.
- (5) The commencement of the Campaign for any by-election shall be determined and announced by the C.R.O. at the same time as the date of the by-election is announced, such commencement occurring not less than seven (7) days prior to the Election.
- (6) Except as otherwise stipulated in this bylaw, any by-election shall be conducted in accordance with the rules governing the Election.

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