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1. Elections and Referenda

1.1. Definitions for this Bylaw

~~1.1.1.~~ ~~In this Bylaw,~~

~~1.1.1.~~ ~~“Election or By-Election:” means~~ a free, fair and open election for of the Executive.;

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~~1.1.3.~~ ~~“By-Election:” means~~ a by-election for one or more positions ~~on of~~ the Executive.;

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~~1.1.4.~~ ~~“Election Official:” means~~ voting members of the Elections and Referenda Committee.;

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~~1.1.5.~~ ~~“Election Schedule” or “Referendum Schedule”:~~ ~~means~~ the election/referendum schedule prepared by the ~~Chief Electoral Officer~~ Election and Referenda Committee.;

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~~1.1.6.~~ ~~“Nominee” means:~~ a Regular Member who has submitted a nomination form.;

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~~1.1.7.~~ ~~“Candidate” means:~~ a ~~nominee~~ Nominee whose nomination has been ratified by the Elections and Referenda Committee.;

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~~_____~~ Third Party: a person or group besides those ~~two~~ primarily involved.

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~~“Gift” includes any product whose dominant purpose is to buy votes rather than provide information about a candidate or stimulate legitimate political debate;~~

~~1.1.8.~~ ~~“Referendum” means:~~ a direct vote by which a specific proposal is accepted or rejected by Regular Members.;

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~~1.1.9.~~ ~~“Representative” means:~~ a representative of a candidate in an election Election/By-Election or ~~are~~ representatives of a campaign committee in a referendum Referendum.; and,

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~~1.1.10.~~ ~~“Campaign material:” means~~ material, electronic or otherwise, whose purpose is to advertise a campaign ~~and includes electronic materials.~~;

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~~1.1.11.~~ Gift: includes any product whose dominant purpose is to buy votes rather than provide information or stimulate legitimate political debate.;

~~1.1.11.~~ ~~1.1.12.~~ ~~“Voter” means:~~ all a Regular Member, ~~and includes those including those voting members of who are also the~~ Elections and Referenda Committee ~~members.~~

1.2. Scope

1.2.1. This Bylaw applies to all Members, employees, and appointees of the Association.

1.3. Elections and Referenda Committee

1.3.1. The Elections and Referenda Committee is composed of:

1.3.1.1. The Chief Electoral Officer, as chair.;

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- 1.3.1.2. ~~Three~~ At least two (32) Councillors or Alternate Councillors, who are not a members of the Executive, appointed by Council ~~;~~ and;
 - 1.3.1.3. At least two ~~Three~~ (23) Regular Members, who are not members of Council or the Executive, appointed by Council.
 - 1.3.2. The Elections and Referenda Committee ~~shall~~ shall:
 - 1.3.2.1. Conduct elections and referenda in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Association.;
 - 1.3.2.2. Conduct elections in accordance with the Election Schedule.;
 - 1.3.2.3. Conduct referenda in accordance with the Referendum Schedule.;
 - 1.3.2.4. Be knowledgeable about other procedures and policies necessary for a proper election.;
 - 1.3.2.5. Interpret and enforce this Bylaw.;
 - ~~1.3.2.6. Preside over the vote counting mechanism and election~~ election data;
 - ~~1.3.2.7.~~ 1.3.2.6. Remain explicitly and implicitly impartial by not supporting any candidate or registered campaign committee during an election or referendum.;
 - ~~1.3.2.8.~~ 1.3.2.7. Develop policies as required ~~;~~ and;
 - ~~1.3.2.9.~~ 1.3.2.8. Perform other tasks as delegated by Council.
 - 1.3.3. Before attending a meeting of the Elections and Referenda Committee or taking part in any business thereof, every member of the Elections and Referenda Committee shall ~~make sign~~ a written declaration that, during ~~his or her~~ their membership on the Elections and Referenda Committee, ~~he or she~~ they shall not:
 - 1.3.3.1. Seek a position.
 - 1.3.3.2. Nominate any person for an Election/ ~~or~~ By-Election; ~~or~~;
 - ~~1.3.3.1.~~ 1.3.3.3. ~~or~~ Act as ~~a~~ representative Representative in an Election/By-Election/Referendum. ~~in an Election or By-Election;~~
 - ~~1.3.3.2.~~ 1.1.1. ~~Nominate any person for an Election or By-Election;~~ ~~or~~;
 - ~~1.3.3.3.~~ Participate in a campaign committee for a referendum Referendum.
 - 1.3.4. Quorum is a majority of voting members.
 - 1.4. Chief Electoral Officer
 - 1.4.1. The Council Chair shall ~~be~~ act as the Chief Electoral Officer.;
 - 1.4.2. The Chief Electoral Officer shall be responsible for administering and enforcing this Bylaw and shall:
 - 1.4.2.1. Cultivate an atmosphere of commitment to the election and referendum process.;
 - 1.4.2.2. Not endorse any candidate ~~or/~~ campaign and must remain neutral.;
 - 1.4.2.3. Address issues raised by members of the Elections and Referenda Committee in a timely manner.;
 - 1.4.2.4. During Elections, By-Elections, and Referenda; hold meetings, as required, with the Elections and Referenda Committee, which may include meetings by telephone or email or through other means.
 - ~~1.4.2.4.~~ 1.4.2.5. Organize, ~~and Chair~~ with help ~~off~~ from the Elections and Referenda Committee, and chair an All-Candidates Forum ~~to be held during the campaign period.~~;
 - ~~1.4.2.5.~~ During Elections, By-Elections, and Referenda; hold meetings, as

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~~required, with the Elections and Referenda Committee, which may include meetings by telephone or email or through other means;~~

~~1.4.2.6. Secure the voters' registry;~~

~~1.4.2.7.1.4.2.6. Make all of the physical arrangements for Elections, By-Elections and Referenda, with consultation of from the Elections and Referenda Committee.;~~

~~1.4.2.8.1.4.2.7. Not vote in the regular election-Election or referendum Referendum period; and,;~~

~~1.4.2.9.1.4.2.8. Provide a sealed envelope to the Office Manager, before the voting period startsbegins, containing a ranked ballot of all candidates or options for the Election, By-Election, or Referenda-that, which will only be opened and counted in the case of a tie.~~

1.5. Substantial Violation

~~1.5.1. Notwithstanding any other section in this Bylaw,; in the case of substantial violation of this Bylaw, the Elections and Referenda Committee is authorized to ratify or refuse to ratify any person's candidacy, ratify or refuse to ratify, the results for any position-Election or referendaReferenda, or declare an election Election or referenda-Referenda invalid. Substantial violation is defined usingat the discretion of the Elections and Referenda Committee.~~

1.6. Third partiesParties

~~1.6.1. No third party shall participate in Elections or By-Elections;~~

~~1.6.2. No third party shall participate in a Referendum unless the third party submits to the Elections and Referenda Committee's jurisdiction-justification in writing and obtains the-written permission of-from the Elections and Referenda Committee.~~

1.7. Association staffStaff

~~1.7.1. Association staff-staff shall provide information to Regular Members about Elections, By- Elections, and Referenda in an unbiased manner and shall remain neutral throughout.~~

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1.8. Elections and By-Elections

1.8.1. Election/~~or~~ By-Election Schedule

1.8.1.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall prepare the Election/~~or~~ By-Election Schedule, with assistance and approval subject to of the Elections and Referenda Committee's approval, and shall include:-:

1.8.1.1.1. The dates and times for the call-Call for nominationsNominations, the nomination period, the Nomination Period, the orientation Orientation meetingMeeting, the nomination period, the procedures Procedures meetingMeeting, the campaign Campaign periodPeriod, the voting Voting periodPeriod, and the complaints-Complaints periodPeriod, and the day and time the results will be released.

1.8.1.2. Elections/By-Elections shall generally not take place during any period of time when a substantial portion of the Regular Membership is likely to be absent from campus.

1.8.1.3. The Election/By-Election Schedule must be ratified by the Election and Referenda Committee at least ~~onethirty (30)~~ ~~month~~days before the call for nominations;.

1.8.1.4. The Voting Period must be at least twenty (20) days after the Call for Nominations for an Election, or at least fifteen (15) days for a By-Election.

1.8.1.2. All attempts will be made to release the results of the Elections or By-Elections before the AGM, if the AGM is held in April.

1.8.2. Call for ~~nominations~~Nominations

1.8.2.1. The Call for Nominations shall last for at least seven (7) days.

~~1.8.2.1.~~**1.8.2.2.** The Chief Electoral Officer shall make the call-Call for nominations-Nominations and shall publicize it by all-reasonable means; mass email, with the assistance of the Office Manager, Association's's' social media and the Association's website;.

~~1.8.2.2.~~ The call for nominations shall be at least seven (7) calendar days in an Election or By-Election.

1.8.3. Nominations and ~~nomination~~ Nomination periodPeriod

1.8.3.1. The Nomination Period shall last for at least three (3) business days;.

~~1.8.3.1.~~**1.8.3.2.** Nomination forms will be made available on the Association's website and in the GSA Commons;.

~~1.8.3.2.~~ In an Election or By-Election, tThe nomination period shall be at least three (3) working business days, and shall begin and end at the times specified in the Election or By-Election Schedule;

1.8.3.3. A nomination form for an ~~Executive~~ executive position must include:

1.8.3.3.1. The full name, signature, and student number of the ~~nominee~~Nominee;.

1.8.3.3.2. The full name, signature, and student number of ten (10) ~~nominators~~Nominators who are Regular members.

1.8.3.3.3. The Nominee's The University eConfirmation of enrollment-Enrollment from PAWS for the current and

following Spring & Summer terms term of the nominee.

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1.8.3.4. A ~~nominee~~ Nominee:

1.8.3.4.1. Must be a Regular member.

1.8.3.4.2. Must not be an Election Official.

1.8.3.4.3. Must not nominate another person for the same position that ~~he or she~~ they are is-seeking.

~~1.8.3.4.3.~~ 1.8.3.4.4. Must be registered in a graduate program at the University for the following fiscal year (May 1 to April 30).

1.8.3.5. A ~~nominator~~ Nominator:

1.8.3.5.1. Must be a Regular member.

1.8.3.5.2. Must not be an Election Official.

1.8.3.5.3. Must not be a nominee for the same position for which ~~he or she has~~ they have nominated another person.

1.8.3.6. The names of ~~nominees~~ Nominees and Nominators are confidential.;

~~1.8.3.7. The names of nominators are confidential unless the nominee chooses to release them;~~

~~1.8.3.8.~~ 1.8.3.7. No person may seek more than one position on the ~~Executive~~ executive;

~~1.8.3.9.~~ 1.8.3.8. If, after the regular nomination period has ended, there are no nominees for a position on the ~~Executive~~ executive, the Elections and Referenda Committee may extend the nomination period ~~for one week~~ for a period of time as determined by the Elections and Referenda Committee.; ~~(normally one week);~~

~~1.8.3.10.~~ 1.8.3.9. If no nomination is received after the extension of the nomination period, the Chief Electoral Officer shall refer the vacant position(s) to the next General Meeting or Council Meeting, whichever comes first, to appoint a ~~Regular Member~~ graduate student to fill the position(s) until the By-Election Bylaw is followed is completed in September. ~~In September, the Chief Electoral Officer shall follow the By-Election Bylaw to fill the~~ for those vacant position(s).

~~1.8.3.11.~~ 1.8.3.10. A ~~nominee~~ Nominee must provide a twenty-five (25) dollar ~~cash~~ deposit, upon submission of the nomination form, that which is refundable unless the ~~nominee~~ Nominee has violated ~~Elections~~ procedures or caused damage to University property, as determined by the Elections and Referenda Committee.

1.8.4. Orientation Meeting

1.8.4.1. After the ~~call~~ Call for ~~nominations~~ Nominations, the Chief Electoral Officer shall chair a ~~mandatory~~ Orientation Meeting for ~~potential nominees~~ Nominees ~~for to~~ the ~~Executive~~ executive and may ~~in at his or her~~ their discretion hold subsequent Orientation Meetings during the ~~nomination~~ Nomination period ~~Period~~;

1.8.5. Procedures Meeting

1.8.5.1. ~~After the end of the nomination period,~~ RT the Chief Electoral Officer

shall chair ~~the-a mandatory~~ Procedures Meeting for all Nominees and shall ensure that ~~nominees-Nominees and Election and Referenda Committee members~~ attending the meeting have received the necessary sections of this Bylaw, rules, and information;

1.8.5.2. A ~~nominee-Nominee~~ for an ~~Executive eExecutive~~ position must attend the Procedures Meeting to be eligible for ratification as a candidate. If a ~~nominee-Nominee~~ is unable to attend a scheduled Procedures Meeting and provides sufficient reason to the Elections and Referenda Committee in advance of the meeting, the Elections and Referenda Committee may hold an alternate Procedures Meeting in advance of the campaign period ~~*~~ to ensure the ~~nominee-Nominee~~ ~~(s)~~ has received the necessary sections of the Bylaw, rules, and information.

1.8.6. Ratification

1.8.6.1. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall ratify a ~~nominee~~ Nominee as a ~~candidate-Candidate~~ where:

1.8.6.1.1. The ~~nominee-Nominee~~ has submitted a valid nomination package ~~;~~ ~~and~~;

1.8.6.1.2. The ~~nominee-Nominee~~ has submitted the deposit, and attended the mandatory Orientation and Procedures Meetings.

1.8.7. Campaigning Period

1.8.7.1. Prior to the Campaign Period, no one shall:

1.8.7.1.1. Publicly advertise the intent of any person to seek election.

1.8.7.1.2. Campaign on behalf of any candidate.

1.8.7.2. The ~~campaign-Campaign period-Period~~ shall be no less than seven (7) ~~calendar~~ days for an Election or three (3) business days for a By-Election ~~;~~ ~~and shall not take place during any period of time when a substantial portion of the student body is likely to be absent from campus.~~ ~~*~~

1.8.7.3. The Chief Electoral Officer, with advice from the Elections and Referenda Committee, shall organize an All-Candidates Forum for ~~Executive~~ Candidates that will take place in the GSA Commons, unless substantive reason is provided to hold it elsewhere ~~*~~.

1.8.7.3.1. In the case of not being able to attend, the ~~candidate~~ Candidate is able to send a ~~representative-Representative or a form of media~~ to represent their platform ~~;~~ ~~*~~

1.8.7.4. Candidates ~~/ or and/ or their representatives-Representatives~~ shall NOT:

1.8.7.4.1. Misrepresent the character or policies of other ~~candidates~~ Candidates, nor shall they interfere in any manner with the campaign materials of other ~~candidates~~ Candidates ~~;~~ ~~*~~

1.8.7.4.2. ~~No candidate~~ Deliver campaign speeches or information in regularly scheduled classes, labs, computer labs, the GSA Commons, or University Culinary Services locations, unless it is at the scheduled All-Candidates Forum ~~;~~ ~~*~~

~~1.8.7.4.3.~~ No candidate Engage in door-to-door soliciting within University residence buildings and on University property;

1.8.7.4.4. Campaign or display their posters within University residence buildings.

~~1.8.7.4.3.~~

1.8.7.4.5. Release posters, unless the posters have been approved by the Elections and Referenda Committee.

1.8.7.4.6. Offer gifts to Voters.

1.8.7.4.7. Distribute products to Voters unless the products have been approved by the Elections and Referenda Committee.

1.8.7.4.8. Use personal funds to acquire campaign materials. Any such material to promote a Candidate will be considered unauthorized and any such incident shall be remedied at the discretion of the Elections and Referenda Committee.

1.8.7.5. Candidates/Representatives shall:

1.8.7.5.1. May print up to a maximum of fifty (50) posters with dimensions no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches. The Association will cover costs for printing up to a maximum of fifty (50) dollars.

1.8.7.5.1.1.1. Candidates must have their poster approved by the Election and Referenda Committee prior to printing or displaying.

1.8.7.5.1.1.2. Candidates will only be allowed to submit one (1) final poster for approval.

1.8.7.5.1.1.3. Any poster, related to their candidacy for GSA Elections/By-Elections, shall count towards the Candidate's poster limit.

1.8.7.5.1.1.4. Adhere to the poster restrictions for each building on campus; Each Candidate is responsible for learning and following applicable University rules, regulations, and policies regarding poster display and poster restrictions in campus buildings.

1.8.7.5.1.1.5. Candidates must inform the Elections and Referenda Committee of where, and how many, of their posters have been displayed and where.

1.8.7.5.2. Shall create a three (3) minute video of their candidacy platform for posting to the GSA Website.

1.8.7.5.2.1.1. Candidates must have their video approved by the Election and Referenda Committee prior to its use.

1.8.7.5.2.1.2. Candidates will only be allowed to submit one (1) final video for approval.

~~1.8.7.6.~~

1.8.7.5.3. May use websites, social media and may send mass emails for campaign purposes. Each Candidate is responsible for learning and following applicable University rules, regulations, and policies regarding electronic

communication. These websites and email lists must be the Candidates own and not provided or belonging to others.

~~1.8.7.6.1. Candidates may print up to a maximum of fifty (50) posters with dimensions no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches. The Association will cover costs for printing up to a maximum of fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~1.8.7.6.2.1.8.7.5.4. Shall ensure their campaign materials are taken down by 11:59 PM on the last day of voting.~~

~~1.8.7.6 Any poster, related to their candidacy for the GSA Elections or By Elections, on which a candidate's name appears, shall count towards the candidate's Candidate's poster limit; No Candidate or their Representative shall release posters, unless the posters have been approved by the Chief Electoral Officer~~

~~Candidates and/or Representatives may use websites and may send mass email for campaign purposes and are responsible for learning and following applicable University rules, regulations, and policies regarding electronic communication. These websites and email lists must be the Candidates own and not provided or belonging to others;~~

~~No candidate and/or representative shall offer gifts to voters Voters;~~

~~No candidate and/or representative shall distribute products to voters Voters unless the products have been approved by the Elections and Referenda Committee;~~

~~No candidate and/or their representative(s) shall use personal funds to acquire campaign materials. Any such material to promote a candidate Candidate will be considered unauthorized and any such incident shall be remedied at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer;~~

~~Candidates may print up to a maximum of fifty (50) posters with dimensions no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches. The Association will cover costs for printing up to a maximum of fifty (50) dollars;~~

~~Candidates shall ensure that their campaign materials are taken down by 11:59 PM on the last day of voting*;~~

The GSA Commons shall be a neutral forum. No promotional materials shall be displayed or distributed within the GSA Commons; save for; oOnly one poster from each Executive eCandidate shall be placed in the GSA Commons by the GSA Office Manager;

~~1.1.1.1. No candidate or representative shall engage in door-to-door soliciting during the voting period.~~

~~1.1.2.1.1.1. Ballots~~

~~1.1.2.1.1.1.1. Position titles shall be listed on the ballot in the order in which they appear in this Bylawthe Constitution.~~

~~1.1.2.2.1.1.1.2. Full names of the eandidates-Candidates shall be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order (by first name), with the option to "abstain" listed last.~~

~~1.1.2.3.1.1.1.3. Upon the eandidate's-Candidate's request, the eandidate's-Candidate's name on the ballot may differ from the eandidate's-Candidate's given name, provided that the Elections and Referenda Committee approves the alternate name and the random order of the Candidates' names does not change.~~

~~1.1.2.4.1.1.1.4. Slate-Nick-names shall not appear on the ballot.~~

~~1.1.3.1.1.2. Acclamations~~

~~1.1.3.1.1.1.2.1.~~ If there is only one (1) Candidate for one (1) position of the executive, the acclamation must be affirmed in a vote of confidence in which the Candidate receives a majority of 'yes' votes.

1.1.2.2. If the Candidate does not receive a majority of 'yes' votes, the process detailed in the By-Election Bylaw shall be followed.

~~1.1.4.1.1.3.~~ Withdrawal

~~1.1.4.1.1.3.1.~~ A ~~candidate~~ Candidate seeking to withdraw ~~from an election~~ must provide written notice of withdrawal to the Chief Electoral Officer at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of voting.

~~1.1.5.~~ Acclamations

~~1.1.5.1.~~ If there is only one (1) candidate Candidate for one (1) position ~~on of the eExecutive~~, the acclamation must be affirmed in a vote of confidence in which the candidate receives a majority of 'yes' votes.;

~~1.1.5.2.~~ If the candidate Candidate does not receive a majority of 'yes' votes, the process detailed in the By Election Bylaw shall be followed.

~~1.1.6.1.1.4.~~ Voting Period

~~1.1.4.1.~~ There shall be no campaigning during the Voting Pperiod.

~~1.1.6.1.1.4.2.~~ ~~For an Election or By-Election, the~~ The voting Voting period-Period shall be last for at least two (2) business days and shall begin and end at the times specified in the Election or By-Election Schedule;

~~1.1.6.2.1.1.4.3.~~ Voting shall be publicized by all reasonable means.;

~~1.1.6.3.1.1.4.4.~~ Voting shall be by secret and secure electronic ballot, using the Personalized Access to Web Services (PAWS), or its equivalent.;

1.1.4.5. All positions are to be elected by single member plurality, in which each voter is allowed to vote for only one candidate, and the winner of the election is whoever receives the largest number of votes.

~~1.1.6.4.1.1.4.6.~~ A minor technological failure shall not invalidate an Election/By-Election and ~~Election Official~~the Election and Referenda Committee shall work to minimize the impact of any disruption in voting.;

~~1.1.6.5.1.1.4.7.~~ Eight percent (8%) of the total graduate student body must vote in an Election/By-Election. In cases where this does not occur, a new vote must be held or the voting period can be extended, at the discretion of the Elections and Referenda Committee;

~~1.1.6.6.1.1.4.8.~~ At the end of the ~~voting-Voting period~~Period, the results shall be ~~immediately sent to the~~ be accessed by the Chief Electoral Officer ~~by email;~~

~~1.1.7.1.1.5.~~ Results

1.1.5.1. After the Elections and Referenda Committee has reached quorum

and has dealt with outstanding complaints, the Chief Electoral Officer shall communicate the results to the Elections and Referenda Committee for ratification;

1.1.5.2. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall ratify results when there is no significant violation of this Bylaw.

~~1.1.7.1.1.1.5.3.~~ The Chief Electoral Officer shall release results to candidates, students, and other necessary outlets at a place and time as set out in the Election or By Election Schedule. As soon as all violations or complaints have been dealt with by ~~with~~ the Elections and Referenda Committee, as per Bylaw 4.10, ~~and no later than ten (10) days after results have been released to the Chief Electoral Officer,~~ the Chief Electoral Officer shall ask for ~~and shall~~ cause the results to be posted on the Association's website and social media platforms, and shall notify all Candidates of the results. ~~immediately upon ratification.~~

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1.2. Referenda

- 1.2.1. A Referendum shall be held if it is sought to:
- 1.2.1.1. Establish or eliminate a dedicated student fee.
 - 1.2.1.2. Increase a dedicated student fee, other than the Health and Dental fees, by more than five percent (5%).
- ~~1.2.1.1.2.2.~~ A ~~referendum~~ Referendum shall ~~proceed when~~ be held:
- ~~1.2.1.1.1.2.2.1.~~ ~~Where the referendum~~ Referendum is proposed by Council; ~~if~~ at least two-thirds (2/3, 67%) of the Councillors present at the Council meeting, where the ~~referendum~~ Referendum is proposed, approve of the ~~Referendum~~; ~~or, m; or~~
 - 1.2.2.2. ~~Where the R~~Referendum is proposed by a Regular Member; ~~if~~ a petition containing the full names, nsid's, student numbers, and signatures of at least one ~~hundred~~ (100) Regular Members is presented to Council Chair, who shall present the information to Council.
 - ~~1.2.1.2.~~ Executives will remain a neutral body with respect to all RReferendum issues.
 - 1.2.2.3.
 - ~~1.2.1.3.1.2.2.4.~~ Referendums shall generally not take place during any period of time when a substantial portion of the Regular Membership is likely to be absent from campus
- ~~1.2.2.~~ A referendum shall be held if Council seeks to
- ~~1.2.2.1.~~ Establish or eliminate a dedicated student fee; or,
 - ~~1.2.2.2.~~ Increase a dedicated student fee, other than the Health and Dental Plan fee, by more than five percent (5 %);
 - ~~1.2.2.3.1.1.1.3.~~ ~~Executives will remain a neutral body with respect to all referendum issues.~~
- 1.2.3. Call for Referendum Questions:
- 1.2.3.1. Once per year, the Chief Electoral Officer shall make the ~~call~~ Call for ~~campaigns in which referendum questions may be submitted~~ Referendum questions;
 - 1.2.3.2. The Chief Electoral Officer shall publicize the ~~call~~ Call for ~~referendum~~ Referendum questions ~~by~~ by mass email, with the assistance of the Office Manager, Associations' social media and the Association's website ~~all reasonable means, including mass email, the Association's website and Association's social media accounts~~;
 - 1.2.3.3. The ~~call~~ Call for Rreferendum questions shall ~~be last for~~ at least seven (7) ealendar days;
 - 1.2.3.4. The Ccall for Rreferendum questions shall occur between September and April, ~~and shall not take place during a time when a large portion of the Regular Membership is not on campus.~~
 - 1.2.3.5. A secondary ~~call~~ Call for Rreferendum questions may occur if:
 - 1.2.3.5.1. Extenuating circumstances justify it as determined by the ~~Chief Electoral Officer~~ Elections and Referenda Committee; ~~and,~~
 - 1.2.3.5.2. A secondary call has been approved by a two-thirds (2/3,

67%) vote ~~by of~~ Council.

1.2.4. Referendum Schedule

1.2.4.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall prepare the Referendum Schedule, ~~subject with assistance and approval of~~ the Elections and Referenda Committee ~~approval~~, and shall include:

~~1.2.4.1.1.~~ The dates and times for ~~Campaign Registration~~the Call for Campaigns, ~~the the~~ Procedures Meeting, the Campaign Period, the Voting Period, ~~and~~ the Complaints Period, and ;
~~and;~~

~~1.2.4.1.2.~~1.2.4.1.1. ~~The day and place and time of the release of results of the referendum~~the results of the Referendum will be released. ;~~*~~

~~1.2.4.1.3.~~—The Referendum Schedule must be ratified by the Elections and Referenda Committee at least ~~one thirty (30)~~ thirty (30) ~~month~~days before Campaign Registrations begins ~~a referendum vote is held.~~ *

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~~1.2.4.1.4.~~—Notice

~~1.2.4.1.5.~~1.2.4.1.3. The ~~date for the vote~~Voting Period ~~on for a referendum~~Referendum question must be at least ~~twenty eight~~thirty (30) ~~28~~ days after the question is initiated.

1.2.5. Referendum Questions

1.2.5.1. Signature requirements for ~~referenda~~Referenda questions shall be ratified by the Elections and Referenda Committee prior to the commencement of the ~~campaign~~Call for Campaigns~~period~~ ;

1.2.5.2. A ~~referendum~~Referendum question pertaining to changes to the fees charged to Members shall state the previous fee amount (if it exists) and the amount of the proposed increase.

1.2.6. Call for Campaigns~~Application Period and Campaigns~~

1.2.6.1. The Call for Campaigns shall last for at least five (5) business days.

1.2.6.2. Application forms shall be released at the end of the Call for Campaigns and shall be made available on the Association website and in the GSA Commons.

~~1.2.6.1.~~1.2.6.3. Any Regular Member wishing to run a ~~campaign~~Campaign on either side of the issue may apply to register a Campaign Committee ~~a campaign committee~~ ;

~~1.2.6.2.~~ Application forms shall be released at the end of the call for campaigns ;

~~1.2.6.3.~~ The application period shall be at least five (5) working days ;

1.2.6.4. An application form must include an outline of the campaign platform and contact information for each of ~~its leaders~~the Campaign leaders.

~~1.2.6.4.~~1.2.6.5. Campaign Committees must provide a fifty (50) dollar cash deposit, upon submission of the application form, which is refundable unless the Campaign Committee has violated procedures or caused damage to University property, as determined by the Elections and Referenda Committee

1.2.7. Procedures Meeting

- 1.2.7.1. After the ~~Application Period~~Call for Campaigns -ends, the Chief Electoral Officer shall chair ~~the a mandatory~~Procedures Meeting for all ~~campaign Campaign committees Committees~~ and shall ensure ~~that~~ ~~campaign Campaign committee Committee~~ members have the necessary sections of this Bylaw, rules bylaws, -and information;
- 1.2.7.2. All members of a ~~campaign Campaign committee Committee~~ must attend the Procedures Meeting in order for the ~~campaign Campaign~~ to be eligible for registration.

1.2.8. Registration

- 1.2.8.1. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall register a ~~campaign Campaign~~ where
 - 1.2.8.1.1. ~~aAll the campaign Campaign committee Committee~~ members have attended the Procedures Meeting
 - ~~1.2.8.1.0.1.2.8.1.2.~~ The Campaign Committee has submitted a complete application form and deposit.

1.2.9. ~~Campaigning~~Campaign Period

- 1.2.9.1. No one shall campaign prior to the campaign period.;
- 1.2.9.2. No one shall campaign during the campaign period unless ~~he or she~~ isthey are a member of a registered ~~campaign Campaign committee Committee~~;
- ~~1.2.9.3.~~ Subject to this Bylaw, a third party may be a member of a registered ~~campaign Campaign committee Committee~~;
- 1.2.9.3.
- 1.2.9.4. The ~~campaign Campaign p~~Period shall begin after the Procedures Meeting ~~according to the Referendum Schedule~~, and shall end on the final day of voting. ~~;~~ The Campaign Period shall last for at least seven (7) days
- 1.2.9.5. The Chief Electoral Officer, with advice from the Elections and Referenda Committee, shall organize voluntary ~~referendum Referendum~~ forums in accessible locations during the ~~campaign Campaign period~~Period;
- 1.2.9.6. Members of Campaign Committees shall NOT:
 - ~~1.2.9.6.0.~~ No one shall mMisrepresent the character or policies of other campaigns, nor shall they interfere in any manner with the campaign materials of other campaigns.;
 - 1.2.9.6.1.
 - ~~1.2.9.6.2.~~ No one shall aAffix anything to material that has been disseminated by the Association or the Elections and Referenda Committee.
 - ~~1.2.9.7.0.~~ D;
 - ~~1.1.1.1.0.~~ No registered campaign committee or member shall deliver campaign speeches or information in regularly scheduled classes, labs, computer labs, the GSA Commons, or University Culinary Services locations, unless it is during the scheduled forums.;
 - 1.2.9.6.3.

- 1.2.9.6.4. Engage in door-to-door soliciting within University residence buildings or on University property.
- 1.2.9.6.5. Campaign of display posters within University residence buildings.
- 1.2.9.6.6. Release campaign materials unless the materials have been approved by the Elections and Referenda Committee.
- 1.2.9.6.7. Offer gifts to voters.
- 1.2.9.6.8. Distribute products to Voters unless the products have been approved by the Elections and Referenda Committee.
- 1.2.9.6.9. Use personal funds to acquire campaign material. Any such material to promote a Campaign will be considered unauthorized and any such incident shall be remedied at the discretion of the Elections and Referenda Committee;
- 1.2.9.7. Members of Campaign Committees:
 - 1.2.9.7.1. May print up to a maximum of seventy-five (75) posters with dimensions no larger than eleven (11) inches by seventeen (17) inches. The Association will cover costs for printing up to a maximum of seventy-five (75) dollars.
 - 1.2.9.7.1.1. Campaign Committees must have their poster approved by the Election and Referenda Committee prior to printing or displaying.
 - 1.2.9.7.1.2. Campaign Committees will only be allowed to submit one (1) final poster for approval.
 - 1.2.9.7.1.3. Any poster, related to the Campaign, shall count towards the Campaign Committee's poster limit.
 - 1.2.9.7.1.4. Each Campaign Committee is responsible for learning and following applicable University rules, regulations, and policies regarding poster display and poster restrictions in campus buildings.
 - 1.2.9.7.1.5. Candidates must inform the Elections and Referenda Committee of where, and how many, of their posters have been displayed and where.
 - 1.2.9.7.2. May use websites, social media and may send mass emails for campaign purposes. Each Candidate is responsible for learning and following applicable University rules, regulations, and policies regarding electronic communication. These websites and email lists must be the Candidates own and not provided or belonging to others.
 - 1.2.9.7.3. Shall ensure their campaign materials are taken down by 11:59 PM on the last day of voting.
- 1.2.9.8. The GSA Commons shall be a neutral forum. No promotional materials shall be displayed or distributed within the GSA Commons; save for only one poster from each Candidate shall be placed in the GSA Commons by the GSA Office Manager;

No campaign committee member shall use personal funds to acquire campaign materials;

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~~The Association will cover costs for printing up to seventy five (75) posters with dimensions no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches. The association shall cover the cost of printing up to a maximum of seventy five (75) dollars;~~

~~1.1.1.4. No campaign committee member shall use their personal funds to acquire campaigning material;~~

~~1.1.1.5. No campaign committee member shall engage in door to door soliciting within any University residence buildings or on University property during the campaign period or the voting period;~~

~~1.1.1.6. No registered campaign committee or member shall release campaign materials, including electronic materials, unless the materials have been approved by the Chief Electoral Officer;~~

~~1.1.1.7. Registered campaign committees and members shall adhere to the poster restrictions for each building on campus;~~

~~1.1.1.8. Registered campaign committees shall ensure that their campaign materials are removed by 11:59 PM on the last day of voting;~~

~~1.1.2.1.1.1.~~ Ballots

~~1.1.1.1. Referendum ballots must contain a neutrally worded question as approved by a majority vote of the Election and Referenda Committee.~~

~~1.1.2.1.1.1.2. Ballots shall have an 'in favour', 'opposed' and 'abstain' options for the Referendum question.~~

~~1.1.3.1.1.2.~~ Voting

~~1.1.2.1. There shall be no campaigning during the Voting Period.~~

~~1.1.3.1.1.2.2. The voting Voting period Period shall be last for at least two (2) business days and shall begin and end at the times specified in the Referendum Schedule;~~

~~1.1.3.2.1.1.2.3. Voting shall be publicized by all reasonable means, including email, Association social media accounts and the Association website;~~

~~1.1.3.3.1.1.2.4. Voting shall be by secret and secure electronic ballot, using the Personalized Access to Web Services (PAWS), or equivalent or its equivalent;~~

~~1.1.3.4. Quorum for a referendum is fifteen percent (15 %) of the Regular Membership;~~

~~1.1.1.1. A minor technological failure shall not invalidate a referendum Referendum and Election Officialsthe Election and Referenda Committee shall work to minimize the impact of any disruption in voting;g.~~

~~1.1.2.5.~~

~~1.1.2.6. Fifteen percent (15%) of the total graduate student body must vote in a Referendum. In cases where this does not occur, a new vote must be held or the voting period can be extended, at the discretion of the Elections and Referenda Committee.~~

~~1.1.1.2.1.1.1.1. At the end of the voting period, the results shall be immediately sent made availableaccessed to theby the Chief Electoral Officer by email;~~

~~1.1.1.3. After the Elections and Referendum Committee has reached quorum and has dealt with outstanding complaints, the Chief Electoral Officer shall communicate the results to the Elections and Referenda Committee for ratification;~~

~~1.1.1.4. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall ratify results where there is no significant violation of the Constitution or this Bylaw.~~

1.1.2. Results

1.1.2.1. After the Elections and Referendum Committee has reached quorum and has dealt with outstanding complaints, the Chief Electoral Officer shall communicate the results to the Elections and Referenda Committee for ratification;

1.1.2.2. The Elections and Referenda Committee shall ratify results where there is no significant violation of the Constitution or this Bylaw.

1.1.2.3. As soon as all violations or complaints have been dealt with by the Elections and Referenda Committee, as per Bylaw 4.10, the Chief Electoral Officer shall ask for the results to be posted on the Association's website and social media platforms, and shall notify the Campaign Representatives of the results.

~~1.1.2.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall release results to candidates, students and media at a place and time as set out in the Referendum Schedule, and shall cause the results to be posted on the Association website immediately;~~

~~1.1.2.2.~~1.1.2.4. The results of a ~~referendum~~Referendum are binding on the Executive and Council.

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1.2. Violations and Complaints

- 1.2.1. Candidates are liable for violations by ~~representatives~~ Representatives.;
- 1.2.2. Registered campaign committees are liable for violations during Referenda; including the actions of any individual or group working on behalf of the campaign.;
- 1.2.3. Complaints arising out of ~~any~~ Elections/By-Elections or Referenda must be submitted in writing to the Association ~~office~~ Office ~~within five (5) working days after the final ballot count day of voting~~ by four (4) PM of the last day of Voting. Complaints must not be hearsay and must be substantiated by proof and evidence, with as much detail as possible to help inform the Elections and Referenda Committee. ;
- 1.2.4. The Chief Electoral Officer, in consultation with the Elections and Referenda Committee, shall investigate and deal with those complaints received by the Association Office alleged violations of the Bylaw ~~within eight (8) days after the final day of voting;~~ twenty-four (24) hours after the voting period has ended. and the schedules arising from the beginning of the academic year to the deadline to file complaints.;
- 1.2.5. Complaints concerning the Chief Electoral Officer shall be reviewed during a meeting of the Elections and Referenda Committee, excluding the Chief Electoral Officer, ~~who shall forward complaints to Council if appropriate.~~;
- ~~1.2.6.~~ The Elections and Referenda committee shall investigate all other complaints of violations of this Bylaw and its schedules;
- ~~1.2.7.~~ 1.2.6. The Elections and Referenda Committee may take such steps as it deems necessary to fulfill its mandate.;

1.3. Review

- 1.3.1. Any person affected by a decision of the Elections and Referenda Committee may ~~make an application for review~~ request a review by submitting a complaint to the Office Manager.;
- 1.3.2. The Office Manager shall forward the ~~application~~ complaint to the Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee. If the Chair of the Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee is also the Chief Electoral Officer, an interim chair shall be appointed by and from the members of the Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee to chair the meeting at which the complaint is considered.;
- 1.3.3. Where the Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee is of the opinion that the application is not frivolous or vexatious, ~~they shall notify the Council of the complaint;~~ a hearing shall be convened.
- 1.3.4. Where a hearing is required, the ~~matter shall be referred to the~~ Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee shall convene to ~~to~~ hear the complaint. The Chief Electoral Officer shall not participate in the hearing;
- 1.3.5. The ~~review panel~~ Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee may overturn a decision of the Elections and Referenda Committee if the Elections and Referenda Committee;
 - 1.3.5.1. Acted without jurisdiction, acted beyond its jurisdiction, or refused to exercise its jurisdiction.;
 - 1.3.5.2. Failed to observe a principle of natural justice or procedural fairness.;
 - 1.3.5.3. Based its decision on an erroneous finding of fact that it made in a

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perverse or capricious manner or without regard for the material before it; or;

1.3.5.4. Acted in any other way that was contrary to law.

1.3.6. A decision of the ~~review panel~~ Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee ~~is final and~~ shall be announced made within fourteen (14) ~~calendar~~ days of the hearing and is considered final.

~~1.8.8.~~ ~~All appeals of the final decision must be made within fourteen (14) days of the final decision and must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer.~~