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BYLAW I ELECTORAL AND REFERENDA REGULATIONS

Article 1 General

1.1 The Chief Returning Officer (hereinafter referred to as the CRO) shall be advised by the President.

1.2 The CRO shall review all nominations and petition forms after they have been submitted to the Society's office.

1.3 A signature for nomination and petition purposes shall be valid only if it is accompanied by a corresponding name, student identification number, faculty, and program year.

1.4 Neither candidates nor members of YES and NO committees may work for the CRO.

Article 2 General Elections

2.1 Nominations for executive officers, representatives (hereinafter referred to as reps) to Council shall be opened for at least twelve (12) days and shall close at least twelve (12) days before the election. The last five (5) days of the nomination period shall not fall during the general University study week.

2.2 The deadline for nominations for any elected position shall be extended by five (5) working days if fewer than two (2) candidates are nominated for that position.

2.3 The Education Senator will be elected in accordance with the Students' Society of McGill University (hereinafter referred to as SSMU) elections.

2.4 Nominations must be signed by the number of members of the Society as follows: One hundred (100) for nominations for executive officers; Fifty (50) for nominations for reps to Council

2.5 A member of the Society may nominate more than one (1) candidate for each position.

2.6 After September 30th, reps to Council may be appointed by the executive committee.

2.7 The CRO shall arrange and promote a meeting for all candidates for the executive officer positions to be held at least five (5) working days before the election.

Article 3 Referenda Committees

3.1 Council may pass a motion forming a YES and NO committee for accepted referenda questions.

3.2 Council, in consultation with the CRO, shall establish spending limits for referenda campaigns. YES and NO committees are entitled to equal financial support from the Society, amounting to a maximum of \$25 each.

3.3 There shall be a campaign period of at least seven (7) days prior to the dates of the referendum.

Article 4 Withdrawals

4.1 Withdrawals of referenda questions will be accepted by the CRO until 24 hours before the day of the first poll

Article 5 Campaigning

5.1 The CRO shall submit to the last meeting of the fall term of Council a schedule of Elections outlining the dates for the opening and closing of nominations, as well as the date(s) of the poll(s).

5.2 Candidates for any of the EdUS Council positions will follow the procedures for nominations and campaigning as outlined in the Nomination Package.

5.3 One poster shall not exceed eighteen (18") x twentyfour (24") inches in dimensions and shall be posted in a place in the Education building designated by the CRO. The other posters may not exceed eight and a half (8 1/2") x eleven (11") inches. These posters may be exhibited by not distributed

5.4 Each building has its own regulations regarding the posting of notices, posters, etc. Each poster must be posted in compliance with said regulations.

5.5 No election or referendum poster whatsoever may be placed outdoors.

5.6 No banners supporting a candidate, position, slate or referendum question may be hung on University grounds. A banner is defined as anything larger than a poster as defined in Article 4.2 of this ByLaw

5.7 No publication supported either directly or indirectly by funds obtained from the Society fees may express or imply anything but a neutral attitude in an article, editorial, advertisement or letter towards any candidate or position in a Society election or referendum.

5.8 No candidate or campaign committee shall have access to radio features or public service announcements either directly or indirectly (excluding news coverage).

5.9 During the campaign period, all candidates with an onair position shall forego programming and broadcasting their shows. Likewise, all candidates who have Editorial

duties with either the McGill Tribune or the McGill Daily will refrain from fulfilling those duties during the aforementioned period.

5.10 No handbills shall:

be of a size larger than five and half (5 1/2") x eight and a half (8 1/2") inches;
have more than one (1) leaf, but two (2) sides are permissible.

5.11 Handbills may not be posted.

5.12 All campaign material, along with proper receipts, shall be presented to the CRO before being distributed. The CRO shall have the right to prohibit its use if the publication contravenes the rules outlined in Article 5.

5.13 Campaigning shall end at 00:00 hours on the day regular polls open. All promotional material must be removed by this time

Article 6 Campaign Funds

6.1 Each candidate for the positions of President, VicePresident Academic Affairs, VicePresident Finance, VicePresident Communications, VicePresident Internal Affairs, and VicePresident External Affairs, Executive Administrator shall be permitted to spend a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) on campaign materials. Departmental reps and SSMU Rep to Council will be allowed twentyfive (\$25) on campaign materials.

6.2 All who receive at least ten percent (10%) of the total vote shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Society of the amounts spent on campaign materials. The Senator will fall into accordance with SSMU elections

6.3 The CRO shall review all receipts as per Article 5.11 of this ByLaw and shall make a summary of said receipts available to all candidates, the VicePresident Finance, and interested parties within seven (7) days of the end of the campaign period.

6.4 Each candidate for an executive officer position shall be entitled to request an inquiry into the campaign spending of another candidate within five (5) days of the end of the campaign period.

6.5 The CRO shall complete all inquiries within seven (7) days of the end of the campaign period.

Article 7 Sanctions for Campaign Violations

7.1 Material that contravenes the Constitution, ByLaws, and Policy Manual of the Society will be confiscated by the CRO.

7.2 In the case of an election, the CRO is empowered to invalidate the election of any successful candidate who has continued to use material confiscated by the CRO. In the case

of a referendum, the CRO is empowered to invalidate the referendum if it is discovered that a committee on the prevailing side of the question had continued to misuse material confiscated by the CRO.

7.3 Any violation of the campaign funding rules shall result in the disqualification of the candidate or the referendum, as the case may be

Article 8 Polling

8.1 The CRO shall use the standardized online voting system provided by SSMU.

8.2 Should any complaints concerning the way in which a poll is being conducted be received by the CRO, steps to remedy the situation shall be taken immediately

Article 9 Voting

9.1 Voting will take place via the online platform, during the voting period as determined by the current EdUS Council.

9.2 The student body will be prompted to vote through the appropriate listserv.

9.3 Candidates and other members of the EdUS may provide unbiased reminders to vote (social media, class announcements) during the voting period.

9.4 A record shall be kept of every person voting in an election by a method determined by the CRO.

Article 10 Results

10.1 The CRO must retain all records pertaining to the election or referendum for a fourteen (14) day period.

10.2 All complaints, protests, or petitions must be made to the CRO no later than five (5) days after closing of the polls. They must be made in written form and signed by the electoral candidate or chairperson of the YES or NO committee.

Article 11 Tie Votes

11.1 If two or more candidates to the Executive Council have received an equal number of votes, a new election will be held with only the names of those candidates appearing on the ballot.

11.2 If two candidates to a representative position on Council have received an equal number of votes, they can share the position.

11.2.1 If more than two candidates to a representative position on Council have received an equal number of votes, a new election will be held with only the names of those candidates appearing on the ballot.

11.3 In the event of a tie, a referendum question shall be deemed defeated.

Article 12 Announcement of Results

12.1 Upon completion of the ballot counting, the CRO shall announce publicly the results of the election and submit the results in writing to the President.

Article 13 Invalidation and Disqualification

13.1 In the case of any grave violations of this Constitution or ByLaws on the part of the candidate or referendum committee such as interference with voting, persistence of illegal distribution of campaign material, etc., the CRO will invalidate an election or referendum if, in his/her opinion, a violation of the Constitution, ByLaws, and electoral regulations has adversely affected the outcome of that election or referendum. In making this decision, the CRO will consider the conduct of the parties and the seriousness of the violations.

Article 14 Appeals

14.1 All appeals to the Judicial Board regarding the conduct of an election or referendum shall be made within fortyeight (48) hours of the decision of the CRO.

BYLAW II TERMS OF REFERENCE COMMITTEES

Article 1 Committees

1.1 Committees will be decided upon during retreat.

1.2 Executive members will be chairing the committees that fall under their portfolio.

1.3 Executive members must report committee updates to Council at large on a biweekly basis.

1.4 Any member of the EdUS may join a committee.

1.5 Executive may remove members from the committee at their discretion if they feel they are not fulfilling the role of a committee member.

BY LAW III SOCIETY STAFF

Article 1 Hiring

1.1 If the Council deems it necessary to hire staff, it will do so.

Article 2 Payment

2.1 Payment will be determined by the President and VP Finances