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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 nomination and petition forms after they have been submitted to the cro.edus@gmail.com.

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 Should there be no sitting President during the nomination, campaign, and voting periods, the Council shall form a Presidential committee to fulfill the duties outlined in this document and President portfolio.

Article 2 General Elections

2.1 Nominations for executive officers, representatives (hereinafter referred to as reps) to the elected EdUS Council (hereinafter referred to as 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 alongside other members of the Council during the election period.

2.4 The Equity Commissioners will be elected by the Council after general elections are completed. Refer to Article 15 for the Equity Commissioners hiring process.

2.5 Nominations must be signed by the number of members of the Society as follows: One hundred (100) for nominations for executive officers; Twenty-five (25) for nominations for reps to Council.

2.5a Program reps for the cohorts of less than fifty (50) students will require fifteen (15) nominations, and program reps for cohorts of fifty or more students will require twenty-five (25) nominations.

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

2.7 After September 30th, reps to Council may be appointed by the elected Council.

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

Article 3 Referenda Committees

3.1 Council may form a committee dedicated to developing the initiative to be voted

on in the referendum.

3.2 Council, in consultation with the CRO, shall establish spending limits for referenda campaigns. Referenda committees are entitled to 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 referendum questions will be accepted by the CRO until 24 hours before the day of the first poll.

Article 5 Campaigning

5.1 The President shall outline the dates for the opening and closing of nominations, as well as the date(s) of the election poll(s), to the Society and the CRO.

5.2 Candidates for any of the EdUS Council positions will follow the procedures for nominations and campaigning as outlined in the Nomination Kit. The Nomination Kit is accessible via the [EdUS website](#).

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 but 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 5.3.

5.7 During the campaign and election periods, no individual or publication affiliated to the Council may express or imply anything but a neutral attitude in a public statement towards any candidate or referendum position. A public statement is defined as a deliberate endorsement released to an audience, i.e., a social media post or story, article, advertisement, poster, handbills, and so forth.

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 on-air position shall forego programming and broadcasting their shows. Likewise, all candidates who have editorial duties with any McGill student newsletter, such as the McGill Tribune or the McGill Daily, will refrain from fulfilling those duties until election period is completed.

5.10 No handbills shall be larger than five and half (5 1/2") x eight and a half (5 1/2") inches; have more than one (1) leaf, but two (2) sides are permissible.

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

5.12 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, Vice President Academic Affairs, Vice President Finance, Vice President Communications, Vice President Internal Affairs, and Vice President External Affairs, Executive Administrator shall be permitted to spend a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) on campaign materials. Departmental representatives and SSMU Rep to Council will be allowed twenty five (\$25) on campaign materials.

6.2 All electoral candidates shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Society of the amounts spent on campaign materials.

6.3 The CRO shall review all receipts as per Article 5.11 of this by-law 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 Disqualifications for Campaign Violations

7.1 Material, publications, or public statements that contravene the Constitution, By-laws, and Policy Manual of the Society will be confiscated and/or flagged by the CRO.

7.1a Should a violation of the Constitution, By-laws, and Policy Manual of the Society occur during the campaign period, the CRO must terminate the candidate's campaign and thus, their eligibility to run.

7.2 In the case of an election, the CRO must invalidate the election of any successful candidate in violation of campaign procedures as described in Article 7.1. In the case of a referendum, the CRO must invalidate the referendum if it is discovered that a committee violated campaign procedures as described in Article 7.1.

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. The President and CRO reserve the right to remedy the situation at their discretion.

Article 9 Voting

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

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, whether electronically or physically, and signed by the electoral candidate.

10.3a The written statement shall be sent to the President. The President reserves the right to address the statement according to their discretion with respect to the Constitution.

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. The referendum question may be reintroduced in the following voting period.

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 violations of the Constitution or the By-laws as outlined in Article 7, the CRO will invalidate an election or referendum.

Article 14 Appeals

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

Article 15 Equity Commissioner Hiring Process

15.1 The Council announces the opening and description of the co-Equity Commissioners position and outlines the application process to the Society.

15.1a The application process includes: the submission of a CV and cover letter, and a recorded interview with the President. The applicant's materials will be reviewed by the Council upon which a vote will take place.

15.1b Selected Equity Commissioners will undergo relevant trainings with SSMU and relevant organizations necessary to fulfill the role.

BYLAW II TERMS OF REFERENCE COMMITTEES

Article 1 Committees

1.1 Committees will be decided upon during Council meetings.

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 Executives 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 Finance.