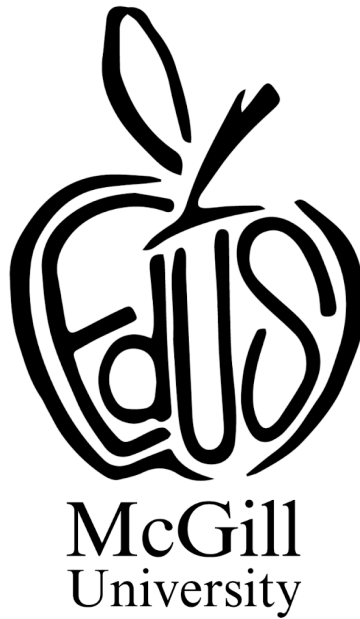


BY-LAWS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA



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Article 1 - The CRO

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 - Timeline

2.1 Both the Fall and Winter election periods of the EdUS shall adhere to the following stages:

1. Nomination Period: Must last at least eight (8) business days.
2. Extended Nomination Period (for positions with less than two declared candidates): Must last at least two (2) business days.
3. Campaign Period: Must last at least five (5) business days.
4. Voting Period: Must last at least three (3) business days.
5. Announcement of results: Must be completed by 5 PM on the third business day after the conclusion of the voting period.

2.2 Special election periods for byelections, special referenda, or other purposes may deviate from the timeline described above, provided that the changes are approved by the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of Council.

2.3 Exact dates for election periods must be proposed by the President and approved by a simple majority vote of Council at least three weeks prior to the start of an election period.

Article 3 - Eligibility

3.1 All members of the EdUS, as outlined in the Constitution, shall be eligible to run for a position on EdUS Council, except in cases outlined below.

3.1.1 No member may run for a position on EdUS Council while subject to any disciplinary measure under the Handbook of Students Rights and Responsibilities which has the effect of affecting the student's status.

3.1.2 No member may present themselves as a candidate for more than one (1) elected EdUS Council position in a single election cycle

3.1.3 Should EdUS elections and Departmental Association elections overlap, no member may present themselves as a candidate for a EdUS Executive position while also running for a Departmental Executive position.

Article 4 - Nominations

4.1 The CRO, in consultation with the President, shall establish a method of collecting signatures for nomination purposes.

4.2 The required number of signatures to be placed on the ballot is as follows:

4.2.1 Those running for Executive positions (President, Vice-Presidents, Executive Administrator) shall require fifty (50) signatures.

4.2.2 Those running for External Representative positions (Senator, SSMU Representative) or running for the position of Speaker shall require twenty-five (25) signatures.

4.2.3 Those running for Program Representative positions shall require ten (10) signatures.

4.3 Signatures for nomination purposes must be collected exclusively from members of the Society.

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

Article 5 - Referenda Committees

5.1 Council may form a committee dedicated to developing the initiative to be voted on in the referendum.

5.2 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 \$125 each.

Article 6 - Withdrawals

6.1 Withdrawals of referendum questions will be accepted by the CRO until 24 hours before the day of the first poll.

Article 7 - Campaigning

7.1 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.

7.2 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](#).

7.3 One poster shall not exceed eighteen (18”) x twenty-four (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 ½”) x eleven (11”) inches. These posters may be exhibited but not distributed.

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

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

7.6 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 7.3.

7.7 During the campaign and election periods, no individual or publication affiliated with the Council may express or imply anything but a neutral attitude towards any candidate or referendum position in a public statement. 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.

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

7.9 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 the election period is completed.

7.10 No handbills shall be larger than five and a half (5 ½”) x eight and a half (8 ½”) inches; have more than one (1) leaf, but two (2) sides are permissible.

7.11 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.

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

Article 8 - Campaign Funds

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

8.1.1 Each candidate for an Executive position (President, Vice Presidents, or Executive Administrator) shall be permitted to spend a maximum of fifty dollars

(\$50) on campaign materials.

8.1.2 Candidates for External Representative positions or Program Representative positions will be allowed twenty-five (\$25) to spend on campaign materials.

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

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

Article 9 - Disqualifications for Campaign Violations

9.1 Material, publications, or public statements that contravene the Constitution or Bylaws will be confiscated and/or flagged by the CRO.

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

9.2 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.

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

Article 10 - Polling

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

10.2 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 10 - Voting

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

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

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

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

Article 11 - Results

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

11.2 All complaints, protests, or petitions must be made to the CRO no later than five (5) days after the closing of the polls. They must be made in written form, whether electronically or physically, and signed by the electoral candidate.

11.2.1 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 12 - Tie Votes

12.1 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.

12.2 If two candidates for a representative position on Council have received an equal number of votes, the election will be decided by a simple majority vote of Council.

12.2.1 If more than two candidates for 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.

12.3 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 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 Commissioner position and outlines the application process to the Society.

15.1.1 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, after which a vote will take place.

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