

# DIE Board Hearing Application

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NOTE: Under the DIE Board Protocols, the DIE Board reserves the right to reject applications that it judges to be frivolous or vexatious.

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**This application is for a:**

DIE Board Hearing

## Reason for Application

Describe the specific violation of a bylaw or rule, your specific interpretation question, or the specific errors made by the DIE Board or the CRO. If you want the Board to issue some kind of order, explain what you think the Board should do. You may also attach additional written submissions or supporting documents at the end of this form.

### Reason

A question has been raised about the seven-day period in the vacancy petition process. Regulation 110.06, section 03.2, says: "The first valid Vacancy Petition submitted for a given faculty will trigger a seven (7) day period after which no other petitions will be received per vacant seat."

It is not clear when the seven-day period should end. Since the regulation does not list an end time for the seven-day period, there are at least three ways for the Elections Office and the Governance Department to interpret and enforce this regulation. All three ways can provide a fair process.

Consider the seven-day period as seven full days ending at midnight on the seventh day. Based on available records, it appears that past practice has at least occasionally been to post only the date, without a timestamp, and accept any petitions received on that date.

Consider the seven-day period as seven full days in the sense of daytime hours, comparable to section 03.5. This is the approach that Governance and the CRO took in this instance, posting a deadline of 5PM. It has the benefit of protecting applicants from a perceived need to meet nighttime deadlines.

Consider the seven-day period as exactly 168 hours from when the petition is submitted, or from when it is posted. There is nothing in the available records to suggest that this interpretation has been used, but it is possible, as records are sparse.

A petition for one of the two vacant Science seats on Students' Council (Petition A) was received at 2:50 PM on 2024/04/05. The posted deadline to contest it was 2024/04/12 at 5:00 PM.

Two petitions (Petitions B and C) were received on 2024/04/12 at 4:22 PM and 4:34 PM. The first two

possible interpretations would make those petitions valid. The third interpretation would not.

Since this issue will impact the composition of Students' Council, the CRO asks:

Going forward, when should the seven-day period end?  
Should Petitions B and C be considered valid?

Please note that the CRO's term of office ends on 2024/04/30

## Proposed Respondent(s)

List the individual(s) alleged to have infringed a rule or who are otherwise adversely involved in interest to your application. If you are appealing a CRO Ruling, list the CRO and any candidates involved.

## Anticipated Witnesses

List other individuals involved in the case who can contribute to the Hearing, if any.

### Signature

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## Attach File

Although not required, you may attach additional written submissions or supporting documents for the Board to consider, including any relevant facts, a copy of any Students' Union legislation or rules relevant to your arguments, and your position on the matters in issue. These submissions will help the Board understand the nature of your complaint or request for interpretation. The Board may rule against you if you do not provide sufficient reasons for your application.

**Please submit as a single document.**

*If you're unsure of how to combine multiple separate documents, you can save all documents as a PDF and use [PDF Merge](#).*

**Direct any questions to:**

DIE Board Registrar

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