

Bylaw 2100
**A Bylaw Respecting the Chief Returning Officer and Elections Staff of
the Students' Union**

1. Short Title

This Bylaw may be referred to as the “Chief Returning Officer and Elections Staff Bylaw.”

2. Definitions

In this Bylaw

- a. “member” shall be anyone who is an undergraduate student currently enrolled in at least one course for credit at the University of Alberta; and
- b. “D.I.E. Board” shall be the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board of the Students' Union, as set out in Judiciary of the Students Union Bylaw.

3. Mandate

This bylaw shall govern the conduct of all elections, plebiscites and referenda conducted by the Students' Union.

4. Elections Staff Composition

The elections staff shall consist of:

- a. the Chief Returning Officer; and
- b. one (1) or more Deputy Returning Officers, at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer and as permitted by budgeted availability of funds.

5. Elections Staff Hiring Process

- (1) The Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed by Students' Council after a recommendation is issued by a committee composed of:
 - a. the Chief Returning Officer, as chair, voting only in the event of a tie; and
 - b. two (2) members of the D.I.E. Board
 - i. in the event that less than two (2) members of the D.I.E. Board are available to serve on the committee on at least seven (7) days' notice, the Council Administration Committee may make an appointment to the committee from outside of the D.I.E. Board, for each D.I.E. Board seat on the committee unable to be filled.

- (2) The Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall be appointed by the Council Administration Committee after a recommendation is issued by a committee

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6. Elections Staff Eligibility Requirements

- (1) The Chief Returning Officer shall not concurrently hold any position of Students' Council or any of its boards and committees, the D.I.E. Board or the Students' Union's paid staff.
- (2) The Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall be required to remain members for the Fall and Winter academic terms of their term in office and shall not concurrently hold any position of Students' Council or any of its boards and committees, the D.I.E. Board, or the Students' Union's paid staff.

7. Elections Staff Terms of Office

The Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall serve from June 1 to May 31 of the following year.

8. Duties of the Elections Staff

- (1) The duties of the Chief Returning Officer shall include:
 - a. overseeing the implementation of Bylaw 2100, 2200, 2300, and 2400;
 - b. such duties as may be required of the Chief Returning Officer under Bylaw 2100, 2200, 2300, and 2400; and
 - c. the submission to Students' Council of a written report of activities and recommendations prior to May 31.
- (2) The duties of the Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall include:
 - a. such duties as may be required of the Deputy Returning Officer(s) under Bylaw 2000; and
 - b. such assistance as required by the Chief Returning Officer in the discharge of his/her duties, as set out in Section 8(1).

9. Elections Staff Reporting and Dismissal

- (1) The Chief Returning Officer shall report directly to Students' Council, and shall be dismissed only by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Students' Council on two consecutive meetings, to be held not less than one (1) week apart.
- (2) The Deputy Returning Officer(s) shall report directly to the Chief Returning Officer, and shall be dismissed only by a simply majority vote of the permanent members of the Council Administration Committee.