



University of Alberta Students' Union

BYLAW COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017
6:00 PM
SUB 6-06**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the

University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

AGENDA (BC 2017-06)

2017-06/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-06/1a Call to Order

2017-06/1b Approval of Agenda

2017-06/1c Approval of Minutes

2017-06/1d Chair's Business

2017-06/1e Attendance

2017-06/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-06/2a Fall semester goals and check in.

2017-06/2b Regulating standing committee, ad hoc, and task forces.

2017-06/2c Future standing committees and structures.

2017-06/2d Dedicated Fee Units (DFUs) Renewal.

For renewal: Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund

Bylaw 6100(3)(2):

Entities that wish to establish a Dedicated Fee Unit shall submit a proposal to the main office of the Students' Union by November 15th, of the year before the fee is to be implemented.

2017-06/3 **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2017-06/3a **Bill #4 - Abolishing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements -
*First Reading***

CHRISTENSEN MOVES to approve the first reading of Bill #4 - Abolishing Student Group Operating Policy Requirements, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

1. Bylaw 5600 currently requires that SU operating policy have “the following categories for student groups: registration requirements, privileges and services, administrative framework, constitutional reviews of student groups, grounds for suspension and termination, and granting.”
2. There is no current rationale for why this requirement exists under Bylaw 5600.
3. Operating policy is generally considered an internal Students’ Union document for the organization itself rather than to be applied to external student groups.
4. Bylaw 5600 shall be amended to abolish operating policy requirements.

2017-06/3b **Editorial #1 - Bylaw 1100**

JONES MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 100 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/3c **Editorial #2 - Bylaw 1500**

BROPHY MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 1500 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/3d **Editorial #3 - Bylaw 2100**

CHRISTENSEN MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 2100 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/3e **Editorial #4 - Bylaw 2400**

CHRISTENSEN MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 2400 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/3f **Editorial #5 - Bylaw 500**

BROPHY MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 500 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/3g Editorial #6 - Bylaw 6300

JONES MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 6300 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/3h Editorial #7 - Bylaw 8100

PIASECKI MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 8100 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/3i Editorial #8 - Bylaw 8400

PIASECKI MOVES to approve the editorial changes to Bylaw 8400 as listed on Google Drive.

2017-06/4 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-06/4a Fall semester meeting schedule:

- Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 6:00PM
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017 @ 6:00PM

2017/05/4b BC-2017-05 Meeting Minutes

See BC 2017-05.01

2017-06/5 ADJOURNMENT

2017-06/5a Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 6:00PM in SUB 6-06.

**BYLAW
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017
6:30 PM
SUB 0-55**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT	SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT)
Brandon Christensen (Chair)		Y	N/A
Sandy Brophy		Y	N/A
Navneet Gidda	James Thibaudeau	Y	N/A
Delane Howie		Y	N/A
Nicole Jones		Y	N/A
Robyn Paches		N	N
Alannah Piasecki		Y	N/A

MINUTES (BC 2017-05)

2017-05/1 INTRODUCTION

2017-05/1a Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18:45 (6:45 PM) by CHRISTENSEN.

2017-05/1b Approval of Agenda

HOWIE/JONES MOVE to approve the agenda.

6/0/0

CARRIED

2017-05/1c Approval of Minutes

PIASECKI/HOWIE MOVE to approve the minutes.

6/0/0

CARRIED

2017-05/1d Chair's Business

2017-05/1d Attendance

Attendance was taken. Proxies in attendance were noted above. It was announced that this was the last meeting for the Spring/Summer trimester.

2017-05/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2017-05/2a Regulating standing committee, ad hoc, and task forces

CHRISTENSEN:

Councillor SUNDAY requested that this item be included on the agenda, shortly after the previous Bylaw Committee meeting. The Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Ad Hoc Committee (ARRC) is experiencing some challenges in determining the process which should be followed for implementation. One idea which has spawned from the discussion between Nathan and I, is creating a Bylaw which would outline regulations for creating each one of the aforementioned items.

HOWIE:

In reviewing Bylaw 100, I have determined that there may be space for those very regulations to fall under it. There is currently nothing around frequency of meeting and it is very self-determined for these groups; however, it would be good to define a rhythm or structure. Ad Hoc Committees could be added, but task forces are more challenging to regulate because they are project-specific. Tasks are difference and they are difficult to universally regulate. This round of Bylaw updates will include Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.

CHRISTENSEN:

For the Ad Hoc Committee specifically, we can create a simple structure. These can include; stating/establishing a goal surrounding a theme or

group of things; defining membership and potentially the term of that committee (rudimentary ideas).

HOWIE:

Ad Hoc, as I've come to understand it, is defined as "add as needed" so introducing a term limit might be useful (although the ARRC might not fall be an exception) but just to have some framework for how long these exist or if they need to be renewed. The Bylaw 100 document with it's current work has not been shared.

CHRISTENSEN:

Move that document into the work folder (which will be reviewed on September 12, 2017).

2017-05/2b Bylaw 5560 - Student Groups and Operating Policy

CHRISTENSEN:

This bylaw is a basically a joke bylaw. It was copied from another University. Robyn wants it taken out of operating policy as there is no reason for it to be in operating policy.

PACHES:

According to this Bylaw, it mandates that student group policy be included within Operating policy which does not make any sense since operating policy is for employees of the students union and student groups would not be reading it anyway.

2017-05/2c General bylaw review allocation - (Due September 12, 2017)

CHRISTENSEN:

A reminder that the general bylaw review needs to be completed by September 12. There was some concern about the bylaws not being up to date since the website crashed. However, they all appear current. Each person was assigned a bylaw during a meeting in July. Everyone will look through their assigned bylaw and place it within the Bylaw Committee working folder, using track changes to keep track of any edits. Any particular or small changes to syntax, grammar, or sentence structure can just be made and we will approve them. Any other, larger

changes will require changes to Bylaw can be dog eared and addressed during the next meeting.

DELANE:

Anything that changes the spirit of the bylaw would need to be changed through a formal "bill".

CHRISTENSEN:

We will try to get through as many changes as we could during the next meeting.

There were no other thoughts or concerns.

2017-05/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2017-05/3a

Bill #2 - Joke Candidates - *Second Reading*

CHRISTENSEN/BROPHY MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #2 - Joke Candidates, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

First Principles

1. A joke candidates is currently defined as "any candidate who chooses not to use their given name or a reasonable derivative of their given name when appearing on the ballot."
2. A joke candidate will be redefined as "any candidate who chooses not to use their given name, a reasonable derivative of their given name, or their preferred name, as defined in Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300, when appearing on the ballot."
3. In 2015, a protocol was created and entrenched in Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300 which outlined a process for preferred names. The protocol will be updated to modernize the process further.
4. In the context of Bylaw 2400, it is unclear what happens if a joke candidate were to achieve more votes than a candidate in a race.
5. Bylaw 2400 shall be amended to clarify that, if a joke candidate does receive more votes than any other candidate, the joke candidate shall be dropped from the ballot and counting shall

continue, with the joke candidates' ballots being redistributed in accordance with normal conventions for SU elections.

6. In the context of Bylaw 2200 and 2300, a joke candidate may become a real candidate within 48 hours of being designated a joke candidate.
7. Bylaw does not currently stipulate when a person is designated a candidate.
8. Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300 shall be amended to state that a person becomes a candidate at the nomination deadline.
9. Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 2300 shall be amended to state a joke candidate may become a real candidate within 48 hours of the nomination deadline.

(See Google Drive for specific, second reading wording changes).

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

CHRISTENSEN:

The principles that were approved at Students' Council have now been reflected into second reading bylaw changes. Please refer to the Google Document (see attached).

HOWIE:

Is a preferred name registered with the registrar's office or is it just what you prefer?

CHRISTENSEN:

There is a definition in the bylaw changes in Bylaw 2200/2300.

THIBAudeau:

Could someone share the document with me?

CHRISTENSEN:

Section 13 was read aloud. Summarized candidates would become candidates at the nomination deadline.

Troubleshooting technological issues for THIBAudeau.

Next section 22 was reviewed. Summarized when joke candidates become joke candidates in the election timeline. Discussed how the new change would make a candidate a candidate at the nomination deadline.

HOWIE:

Now the change from Joke to Real candidate is well reflected.

CHRISTENSEN:

Preferred name must now include "be the name they regularly use or a name they register with the University."

HOWIE:

Debating "a" vs. "the" name.

BROPHY:

I think it is fine the way it is.

HOWIE:

No, in this case it should be "a" name as they might use more than one name for different purposes. Can you change your name with the University?

BROPHY:

Yes, you can. Mine was changed from Alexander to Sandy.

THIBAudeau:

How would you prove a name? What constitutes satisfactory evidence?

BROPHY:

The evidence would be up to the discretion of the CRO.

HOWIE:

If you are going by a name there should be some evidence whether it is a facebook account, twitter name, a name registered with the University. Any of these could be used as a form of evidence that should satisfy the CRO.

JONES:

Sometime there are name changing ceremonies for trans individuals.

PIASECKI:

I think if someone went to a ceremony to change their name then no one would argue with it.

BROPHY:

The context of this is just to make sure that people aren't running under the exact same name.

HOWIE:

Impersonation factor is the biggest issue for me. For example, someone running as "Marina Banister". That is obviously wrong and for that reason we need to have these safeguards and counteraction in effect.

CHRISTENSEN:

Your faculty office is required to sign the forms that allow you to be a candidate. Therefore, there has to be some evidence so that your faculty office knows who you are.

DELANE:

Bylaws are written in good faith. The CRO should accept things that are proof that someone goes by a name.

BROPHY:

I think that we cannot actually change that part since it wasn't in the first principles.

Committee agrees.

THIBAUDEAU:

I think it is reasonable to ask for some type of evidence, not necessarily legal though.

CHRISTENSEN:

Shifting to Bylaw 2400. Sandy and I were debating this section during

the 2016/2017 election.

DELANE:

Should we not refer to the exact standards for this rather than “convention.”

BROPHY:

It is actually written immediately above, let's refer to that.

CHRISTENSEN:

Are there any other concerns that we should address before we carry one.

MOTION:

CHRISTENSEN/BROPHY MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #2 - Joke Candidates, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

6/0/0

CARRIED

2017-05/3b Bill #3 - Universal Materials - *Second Reading*

CHRISTENSEN/JONES MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #3, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

First Principles

1. The regulation of Universal Materials for elections has been a point of confusion for a number of years.
2. In 2016, a new framework was created, which attempted to simplify the process of Universal Materials, although this process was largely unfollowed.
3. Universal Materials legislation shall be updated and simplified in the following ways:

- a. The Universal Materials budget for each candidate, as defined in bylaw, will be abolished. Each candidate will have one and only one “main” budget for their expenses totalling the amount prescribed in Bylaw 2200 and 2300 respectively.
- b. The C.R.O. shall provide only basic materials, herein “Universal Materials,” within the candidate workroom. The funding for these supplies shall be derived from the Elections Office budget. Candidates shall be permitted to use these supplies in the creation, dissemination, and/or distribution of their campaign materials. These supplies shall not be counted against the candidates’ budget.
- c. The C.R.O. shall purchase or supply whatever basic materials they deem appropriate.
- d. The C.R.O. shall provide a list of Universal Materials in the candidate nomination package.
- e. The elections staff shall replenish the Universal Materials as they become depleted during the elections period, where feasible.
- f. Excluding Universal Materials physically provided by the elections office, all other materials must be included in the candidate’s budget with costs, receipts and/or fair market assessment included.

2. Bylaw 2200 and 2300 shall be amended to implement these changes

(See Google Drive for specific, second reading wording changes).

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

CHRISTENSEN:

Let’s turn our attention to Bill #3, Universal materials.

Extraneous conversation with inaudible laughter.

CHRISTENSEN:

Section 28 in Bylaw 2200. The changes to bylaw were summarized line by line and can be seen as attached.

DELANE:

The idea behind universal materials is that the candidate can use as much as they want? It must be replenished.

CHRISTENSEN:

"Where possible". My favorite part of Bylaw is the fun words we get to use!

DELANE:

I particularly like "hereafter."

THIBAudeau:

Should we provide a specific list of materials.

CHRISTENSEN:

Outlines the possible options including providing a list of required minimum materials vs. leaving it vague.

HOWIE:

Discusses how there will be variability each year and there is no way we, as a committee, can predict that.

THIBAudeau:

I like having "a minimum list" like push pins, thumb tacks, tape, paper. Then the rest up to the discretion of the CRO.

HOWIE:

I'm not opposed to that idea. I think those basic three things and lawn signs should be included. It is unreasonable to buy lawn signs as a candidate. Having this list plus the CRO must provide anything else they deem appropriate. I love how it will be in the nomination package. Pushpins should be included as, technically, you cannot use staples!

BROPHY:

I've done a lot of postering for other people but never for my own campaign.

THIBAudeau:

What are zip ties even used for?

DELANE:

A contravention of section would involve not submitting a budget?

CHRISTENSEN:

Yes.

CHRISTENSEN/JONES MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #3, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.

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CARRIED

2017-05/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-05/4a

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CHRISTENSEN:

Went through the summary of things to be accomplished in the fall including DFUs, ARRC implementation, and FAMFs.

BROPHY:

It's stupid if you're changing resolution for policy you have to approve the facts as is as a first reading rather than just amending the resolutions.

HOWIE:

Discussed her plans for updating Bylaw 100 in terms of the major changes she'd like to see.

2017-05/5 **ADJOURNMENT**

2017-05/5a **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 6:00 PM in SUB 6-06.

2017-05/5b **BROPHY/PIASECKI MOVE** to adjourn at 7:40PM.

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 19:40 (7:40PM).

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION	VOTES
HOWIE/JONES MOVE to approve the agenda.	6/0/0 CARRIED
CHRISTENSEN/BROPHY MOVE to approve the second reading of Bill #2 - Joke Candidates, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, based on the following first principles.	6/0/0 CARRIED
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8. Bylaw 2200 and 2300 shall be amended to implement these changes.

Bylaw 2200/2300

11 Candidate Nomination Packages

1. The C.R.O. shall make available to every member nomination packages not fewer than twenty (20) days before the nomination deadline as set out in Section 10.
2. The C.R.O shall produce nomination packages which shall contain, at minimum
 - a. complete and current copies of Bylaw 2200 and Bylaw 1500, the Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw;
 - b. contact information for the C.R.O. and D.R.O.s; and
 - c. the time, date, and location for the candidates meeting; and
 - d. the building code limits on banner size. In the absence of an upper limit, the C.R.O. will specify a size deemed appropriate.
 - e. **A list of Universal Materials.**
3. Valid nomination packages shall contain:
 - a. The signed acceptance of the nomination by the proposed nominee;
 - b. a signed letter from the proposed nominee's faculty confirming that they are in good academic standing under University regulations;
 - c. a statement, signed by the proposed nominee, identifying the name under which they wish to appear on the ballot.
 - d. nomination papers soliciting the name, contact information, and student identification number of the proposed nominee; and
 - e. the position the nominee wishes to contest nominations papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least fifty (50) and at most one hundred (100) members as nominators; and
 - f. A fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit in the form of cash, certified cheque, or money order payable to the Students' Union

28 Universal **Materials**

1. Candidates and sides are required to submit **a campaign budget.** .
2. No individual candidate or side shall make use of any materials, products, or resource that are not:

- a. accounted for as part of that candidate's or side's campaign budget; or
 - b. a Universal Material
3. Universal Materials shall be defined as basic materials provided by the Elections Office within the candidate workroom.
 - i. Candidates shall be permitted to use these supplies in the creation, dissemination, and/or distribution of their campaign materials.
4. These supplies shall not be counted against the candidates' campaign budget.
5. The C.R.O. shall purchase or supply whatever basic materials they deem appropriate. The elections office shall replenish these Universal Materials as they become depleted during the elections period, where feasible.
6. Basic materials that shall be provided include, at a minimum:
 - i. Staples; and
 - ii. Tape; and
 - iii. Lawn signs; and
 - iv. Push pins;
 - v. Any other basic materials the C.R.O. chooses to provide.
7. The C.R.O. shall provide a list of Universal Materials in the candidate nomination package.
8. Excluding Universal Materials physically provided by the elections office, all other materials must be included in the candidate or side's campaign budget with costs, receipts and/or fair market assessment included.
9. Where a candidate or side contravenes Section 28 the C.R.O. shall assess a punitive fine and take any other recourse as prescribed under Section 47.

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Bill #2 - Joke Candidates - Second Reading

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Bylaw 2200/2300

2 Definitions

1. 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;
 - b. “C.R.O.” shall be the Chief Returning Officer of the Students’ Union;

- c. "D.R.O." shall be a Deputy Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- d. "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, Bylaw 1500;
- e. "faculty" shall be any entity defined by the University of Alberta General Faculties Council as either a faculty or a school and in which members are registered and shall include Open Studies;
- f. "council" shall be either be Students' Council or General Faculties Council (GFC) as the context requires;
- g. "general election" shall be the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors or the General Election of Faculty Councillors;
- h. "plebiscite" shall be a vote, open to all members, held on a given question but whose result is not legally binding upon the Students' Union;
- i. "referendum" shall be a vote, open to all members, held on a given question and whose result is legally binding upon the Students' Union;
- j. "side" shall be any person or group of people who have their registration as a plebiscite or referendum side accepted under this bylaw;
- k. "side manager" shall be a person registered as part of a plebiscite or referendum side who has been selected by those members of that side to serve as side manager for the purposes of this bylaw;
- l. "primary volunteer" shall be a person registered as part of a candidate's campaign who has been selected by that candidate to serve as primary volunteer for the purposes of this bylaw;
- m. "candidate" shall be any member whose nomination is accepted under this bylaw;
- n. "joke candidate" shall be any candidate who chooses not to use their given name, a reasonable derivative of their given name, or their preferred name when appearing on the ballot.;
- o. "campaign" shall be the period of time during which campaign activities are permitted;

- p. "campaign activity" shall be any act, planned or organized by or on behalf of any candidate or side that is calculated to convince members to vote in a given way;
- q. "volunteer" shall be any individual who assists in campaign activities;
- r. "campaign expense" shall be any and all expenditures incurred in engaging in campaign activities;
- s. "campaign materials" shall be any physical or electronic media produced or distributed as part of campaign activities;
- t. "banner" shall be any campaign material composed of paper, cloth, or similar material of a total area greater than four (4) square feet;
- u. "poster" shall be any campaign material composed of paper, cloth, or similar material, of a total area of under four (4) square feet that is designed to be posted on a wall or similar place;
- v. "forum" shall be any event organized by an entity other than the Students' Union, a candidate, side, or a volunteer acting on behalf of a candidate or side at which campaign activities are facilitated;
- w. "University" shall be the University of Alberta;
- x. "academic year" shall be from May 1st to the following April 31st;
- y. "working hours" shall be any and all hours occurring between 0900 and 1700;

13 Acceptance of Candidate Nominations

1. Where a member submits valid nomination papers, as set out in Sections 11(3) and 12 and prior to the nomination deadline as set out in Section 10, that member's nomination shall be accepted by the C.R.O. within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.
2. Should a member submit valid nomination papers, they shall be designated a candidate at the nomination deadline.

22 Joke Candidates

1. A joke candidate shall be designated as such at the nomination deadline.
2. Where a candidate has been designated as a joke candidate, as set out in Section 2(n), and that candidate does not wish to be a joke candidate, that candidate may provide to the C.R.O. a new signed statement indicating the preferred name under

which they wish to appear on the ballot, within forty-eight (48) hours of [the nomination deadline](#) .

3. Where a candidate who has been designated a joke candidate exercises their right, as set out in Section 22(1), to submit a new name under which they wish to appear on the ballot, and where the new name is, at the discretion of the C.R.O., a reasonable derivative of that candidate's legal name, that candidate's designation as a joke candidate shall be

23 Candidates with Same or Similar Names

1. Where two (2) or more candidates submit names that are either identical or so similar as to be effectively indistinguishable, the candidates shall provide the C.R.O with their preferred names for the ballot within forty-eight (48) hours of the nomination deadline. The preferred name must be a reasonable derivative of the candidate's legal name, [be a name they use regularly, or be a name they have registered with the University](#)
2. Where the C.R.O is not provided a preferred name by the candidate, the C.R.O. shall determine and announce what name each of the two (2) or more candidates shall use.

24 C.R.O. Shall List Candidates

1. Within forty-eight (48) hours of nomination deadline, the C.R.O. shall post the preferred name of each candidate as it will appear on the ballot.
2. The name must be:
 - a. a reasonable derivative of the candidate's legal name; or
 - b. a preferred name, for which the candidate has provided satisfactory evidence to the C.R.O. showing it is a name they regularly use; [or](#)
 - c. [a name they have registered with the University.](#)
3. Where no derivative or preferred name is provided to the C.R.O., the C.R.O. shall use the candidate's legal name.

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8 Balloting and Counting– Executive, Board of Governors and Councillor Elections

1. Balloting shall be conducted by preferential balloting, in which each voter shall rank their choices for each position using natural numbers with one (1) representing the first choice, and increasing numbers representing less desirable choices.
2. A candidate shall require a majority of voters to indicate them as their first choice in order to be elected.
3. Voters shall be entitled to mark as few as zero candidates for any given position or as many as all of them.
4. A section of a voter's ballot shall be considered spoiled where
 - a. that voter has indicated the same number for more than one (1) candidate;
 - b. that voter has not included the number one (1) next to any candidate;
 - c. that voter has indicated more than one (1) number next to the same candidate;
 - d. that voter has used non-consecutive numbers; or
 - e. that voter has left all candidates in a race unranked.
5. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of first place votes in a given race, the candidate with the fewest first place votes shall be eliminated.
6. Any voter who has indicated an eliminated candidate with a number shall have the candidate marked with the next highest number following the number by which the eliminated candidate has been indicated take the place of the eliminated candidate, and so on, in such a way that all candidates indicated by that voter as less desirable than the eliminated candidate are registered as being one (1) step more desirable than originally indicated.
7. Where a ballot is left with no first place vote for a given race, the section of that ballot in question shall be considered spoiled.
8. Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first place votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, the candidate that had the fewest first place votes on the first count in which a differential existed shall be eliminated.
9. Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first places votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, and where this tie has existed on every count, and the C.R.O is

a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race, then the C.R.O. shall cast a ballot.

10. Where all remaining candidates have an equal number of first place votes, or where the remaining candidate with the fewest first place votes is tied with another remaining candidate, and where this tie has existed on every count, and the C.R.O is a not a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race, then the candidate to be eliminated shall be selected from those candidates with the fewest first place votes by a random or quasi-random method selected by the C.R.O.
11. The process set out in Section 8 shall continue for each position until such a time as a candidate receives a majority of first place votes for that position at which point that candidate shall be declared the victorious and removed from the ballot, and the process repeated with the remaining candidates not yet declared victorious.
12. The process set out in Section 8 shall continue for each position until such time as all the candidates are preferentially declared victorious.
13. Candidates shall be allocated seats as specified in Bylaw 100.
14. Where "None of the Above" is declared victorious, no further candidates shall be declared victorious.
15. Where a joke candidate is declared victorious, the joke candidate shall be dropped from the ballot and counting shall continue, with the joke candidates' ballots being redistributed in accordance this section.