## **DIE Board Ruling 2012-1**

**Hearing Details:** 

Style of Cause: Interpretation of Bylaw 2300(4)

Hearing Date: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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DIE Board Panel Members: Sean Wallace, Chief Tribune

Mary McPhail, Tribune

Drew-Jordan Maharaj, Tribune

## **Issues:**

[] Should the first day of voting for the General Faculties Council (GFC) and Students' Council (SC) General Election occur fifteen days after the *first* or *second* day of the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative as set out in Bylaw 2300 section 4(1)?

[] Does fifteen days in Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1) refer to business days (i.e., excluding Saturday & Sunday)?

[] Do the dates for the GFC and SC election – March 21 & 22, 2013 – satisfy Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1)?

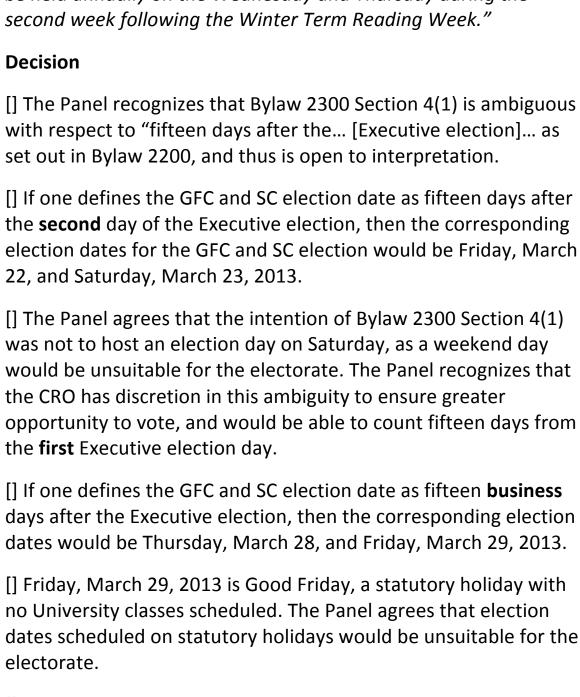
## **Relevant Legislation**

[] From Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1):

"The [GFC and SC] election shall occur fifteen (15) days after the General Election of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative as set out in Bylaw 2200."

[] From Bylaw 2200 Section 4(1):

"The [Executive Committee and Board of Governors] election shall be held annually on the Wednesday and Thursday during the second week following the Winter Term Reading Week."



[] The Panel acknowledges that the past GFC and SC elections had not used business days in determining an election date.

[] Based on past precedent and the practicality of avoiding weeks that potentially host statutory holidays, the Panel has determined that fifteen (15) days should not be considered business days only.

[] The Panel has determined that the dates for the GFC and SC election (March 21 & 22, 2013) satisfy Bylaw 2300 Section 4(1).