

ELECTION RULES IN THE BYLAWS 2011

BYLAW 5: STUDENT COUNCIL

3. Executive

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(b) ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

- i) The President, Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, Vice-President Finance, Vice-President Administration and Vice-President External Affairs shall be elected by and from the active members of the Society in a general election which shall be held during the month of January in each year, and in no case less than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual general meeting. Regulations for the conduct of general elections shall be set out in the Code.
- ii) The Executive of Council shall take offices at the annual general meeting.
- iii) If only one person is nominated for an office, the nominee must be ratified by a majority vote in a general election held in the form of a “yes” or “no” ballot.

BYLAW 2: MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

1. Members

The society shall consist of active members and associate members:

(a) ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active members shall be those persons who are not in default of payment of the fees of the Society, as determined in accordance with Bylaw 14, and who:

- i) are enrolled in a degree or diploma program administered by UBC Vancouver or an Affiliated Institution; or
- ii) are registered in a Credit Course; or
- iii) were registered in a Credit Course on the last day of March of the current Academic Year.

BYLAW 4: REFERENDUM

1. A referendum for the Society shall be called by the President upon:

- (a) a Resolution of Council; or
- (b) a petition duly signed by five percent (5%) of the active members or one thousand (1000) active members, whichever is the lesser number, evidencing their Student Numbers, and delivered to the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs.

2. The text of the referendum shall be drafted to ensure that the question is capable of being answered “yes” or “no” and if in the opinion of Council a petition for a referendum does not meet this requirement, Council shall forthwith refer the referendum to the Court to prepare a clear and unambiguous question.
3. Subject to Bylaw 4(5), a referendum shall be put to the members not less than ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days after the passing of a Resolution of Council calling for the referendum or the submission to the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs of a petition referred to in Bylaw 4(1)(b), or not less than ten (10) and not more than thirty (30) days after the Court supplies Council with a suitable text for the question if the referendum is referred to the Court in accordance with Bylaw 4(2).
4. A referendum of the Society shall, subject to these Bylaws, be acted upon by the Society where:
 - (a) a majority, or such greater percentage as may be required by the *Society Act* (as in cases where the *Society Act* requires a Special Resolution), of the votes cast support the referendum; and
 - (b) the number of votes cast supporting the referendum is equal to or greater than eight percent (8%) of the active members of the Society.
5. No referendum shall be held except during the School Year.