

AMS Elections 2019

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OFFICE HOURS

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Office Hours February 15th - February 22nd: Monday & Friday 10-6

Office Hours February 25th - March 8th: Monday 9-5; Friday 11-4; by appointment

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Constituency Elections

- ▶ Happening February - March
- ▶ Addition of several groups to Simply Voting:
 - ▶ Library & Archival Studies Student Association
 - ▶ Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Association
 - ▶ Medical Undergraduate Society
 - ▶ Nursing Undergraduate Society
- ▶ Have contacted many constituencies about filling vacant AMS seats
 - ▶ Planning has filled vacancy
 - ▶ Many other vacancies are in the process of being filled

Dates

February 15th at 12:00PM: Nominations close

February 15th at 5:00PM: All Candidates & Referendum Meeting

From February 18th: Campaign material for approval

February 20th at 11:59PM: 200-word blurb, candidate photo for website, list of volunteers

February 22nd at 11:59PM: 100-word blurb for online ballot

February 25th at 12:01AM - March 8th at 5:00PM: Campaign period

March 4th at 12:01AM - March 8th at 5:00PM: Voting period

March 13th at 12:00PM: Expenditure declaration form with receipts due

March 15th at 5:00PM: All campaign material must be taken down

April 27th & 28th: Councilor Orientation sessions. Mandatory for successful Executive candidates only.

Social Events

- **Event #1: Social Event - Candidate Meet and Greet @ Hatch Art Gallery**
 - Monday, February 25th - 4-6PM
- **Event #2: Social Event - Candidate Meet and Greet @ The Gallery**
 - Monday, March 4th - 5-7PM
- **Event #3: Social Event - Coffee with Commuters @ UBC Life Building**
 - Wednesday, March 6th - 9-11AM
- **Event #4: Social Event - Coffee with Commuters @ UBC Bookstore**
 - Friday, March 8th - 9-11AM
- **Event #5: Unofficial Results Party @ The Pit**
 - Friday, March 8th - 7-9PM

Debates

- **All moderated by *The Ubysey***
- **Forum #1: Tuesday, February 26 at 4PM-6PM (Michael Kingsmill Forum Room)**
 - (Student Legal Fund, Board of Governors, VP Academic, President)
- **Forum #2: Thursday, February 28 at 3PM-5PM (Michael Kingsmill Forum Room)**
 - (Senate, VP Admin, VP External, VP Finance)
- **Great Debate #3: Friday, March 1 at 3PM- 6PM (Lower Atrium in NEST)**
 - (Everyone)

Impartiality Rules For Debates (From Candidate's Handbook)

- ▶ **The teams creating the questions will be vetted to ensure no one involved in a candidate's campaign is helping create the questions. The questions will be checked and approved by the Elections Administrator. Only two people will have the final list of questions for the debate; the Elections Administrator and the Moderator. If for any reason, you hear someone else has the questions please contact the Elections Administrator immediately. Possessing this list will be considered a severe campaign violation. If a candidate or their campaign gets a hold of the questions for their debate new questions will be created by the Elections Administrator. During the debate the Elections Administrator will be present to ensure the moderator stays impartial. If the moderator for any reason acts grossly biased the Elections Administrator may ask the moderator to step down and take the place of the moderator for the remainder of the debate.**

Election Rule Changes Update

- ▶ **New reimbursement for SLFS races:** The maximum reimbursement for candidates running in the Student Legal Fund Society election is \$50 (10%/# of candidates). The partial reimbursement limit in this race is \$15 (2%/# of candidates).
- ▶ Addition of paid Polling Officers to Elections Committee
- ▶ Polling Officers/Clerks may be required to clean up campaign materials post-elections instead of an outside company
- ▶ Postering is a permissible form of campaigning

Detailed Conflict Of Interest Definition (From the Candidate's Handbook)

- ▶ Elections Committee members and candidates must abide by the conflict of interest rules set out for the Elections Committee. **Violating these rules in any way will be considered a major campaign violation.**
- ▶ Direct Conflicts of interest between candidates and committee members include:
 - ▶ Family Member/Relative
 - ▶ Member of the Same Club/Association
 - ▶ Former employer/employee/colleague (does not include current work on the elections committee with AMS staff, volunteers, and/or executives)
 - ▶ A Friend (Hard to define but when in doubt declare a conflict of interest)
- ▶ **Note: A majority vote by the Elections Committee can also declare a conflict of interest between a committee member and a candidate for any reason.**
- ▶ At the all candidates meeting our committee members must declare all conflicts of interest they may have with candidates who are running for any position the AMS Elections Committee oversees.

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- ▶ **Conflicts of interest behavior between candidates and committee members include:**
 - ▶ **Buying/offering Committee Members anything**
 - ▶ **Interacting with Committee Members in a public setting outside of work**
 - ▶ **Requesting/relinquishing confidential elections committee information**
- ▶ **Note: Although you may or may not have a direct conflict of interest with a committee member you should never participate in behavior that could be perceived as a conflict of interest. For example, don't take a committee member to lunch in the Gallery in the middle of the elections. The Elections Committee understands candidates and Elections Committee members may have personal relationships with one another. However, to avoid the perception of conflicts of interest all candidates and committee members must abide by the Conflict of Interest Behavioral rules as well as the Direct Conflict of Interest rules.**

Conflict of Interest Reporting Procedure (From the Candidate's Handbook)

- ▶ **Also, when a committee member declares a conflict of interest with a candidate, that committee member must abstain from voting on any committee motions (punishments, appeals, etc.) involving the candidate and their campaign. The committee member may stay for the committee meeting but is encouraged to refrain from speaking on any issues involving candidates they have a conflict of interest with. If the EA has a conflict of interest, they are required to ask another committee member to take the chair during the discussion and during the vote on the issue.**
- ▶ **If for any reason, you witness a conflict of interest violation tell the EA immediately. The only exception is if the conflict of interest violation involves the EA. In that case, please notify a member of the Elections Committee (so a meeting can be convened) and notify the AMS Ombudsperson so council can be notified. If at any point, you accidentally violate these rules, please notify the elections committee immediately. Self-reporting an incident as a committee member or candidate before a complaint is received will be considered when the punishment is decided.**

Rules for all Candidates' Volunteers (From the Candidate's Handbook)

- ▶ **Candidates must give us a full list of all the volunteers working on their campaign by Wednesday, February 20th at 11:59PM.** On this list please include everyone who will be doing any work for your campaign. Every volunteer must provide an email on the list. If anyone joins or leaves your campaign after you turn in your list, please let us know so we can remove them from the list. **This list will be used by the Elections Administrator to alert your team if you have violated a campaign rule and what the punishment is.** The list will also be used to announce if your campaign privileges have been revoked in any form. **A master list of all volunteers' and candidates' emails will be used to announce any major election announcements.** This will ensure quick and seamless communication and avoid volunteers making mistakes that can affect the candidates.

Your Job in the Upcoming Election

- ▶ We need every councilor to vote the very first day voting opens
- ▶ After voting please send me an email (elections@ams.ubc.ca) to let me know you could vote and everything looks good or if it doesn't
- ▶ We need every councilor to do this so we can make sure that every student from every constituency can vote
- ▶ PLEASE REMEMBER TO DO THIS! (I will remind you all on March 3rd)