CODE CHANGES 2019: 
ELECTORAL PROCEDURES CLARIFICATIONS

TO: Council
FROM: Governance Committee
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Amendment to clarify some of the electoral procedures and to make reimbursement levels equal to spending limits.

Additions are indicated by **bold italics**. Deletions are indicated by striking through (like this).

SECTION IX: CODE PROCEDURES

A. ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

**Article 1. Elections Committee**

A. Composition

1. The Elections Committee shall be composed of the following six (6) voting members, all of whom shall be Active Members of the Society:

   (a) the Chief Electoral Officer, who shall be Chair;
   (b) the Chief Returning Officer, **who shall be the Vice-Chair**;
   (c) the Communications Officer;
   (d) the Events Officer; and
   (e) two (2) Polling Officers.

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B. Powers and Duties

2. The administration and conduct of Executive elections, as defined in Bylaw 5(3), and of Society referenda, as defined in Bylaw 4, shall be vested in the Elections Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall:

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   (n) have the power to interpret these Electoral Procedures;

   (o) have the power to create **and interpret** additional rules and regulations for the running of elections and referenda, to be published in a Candidates’ Handbook and a Referendum Handbook, provided such rules and regulations are consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, Code and Policies of the Society;
Article 2. Nomination and Campaign Regulations

8. Other Forms of Conflict of Interest

(a) Candidates and anyone directed by a candidate shall not use the materials or resources of the Executive, the Commissions, the other branches of the Society’s student government, the Student Services, the Student Resource Groups, the Constituencies, the Society’s Clubs, the Administration Office, the Events Office, or other staff offices, including, but not limited to, mailing lists, office supplies, photocopiers, phones, faxes, computers, and printers. This prohibition does not apply to materials and resources available to Society members generally, such as free phones in Constituency offices.

(b) Candidates shall not use the Administration Office, the Events Office, other staff offices, Executive offices, or other offices of the various branches of the Society’s student government, or the offices of the Student Services, the Student Resource Groups, or the Society’s Clubs, or bookable rooms in the AMS Student Nest, for any purpose related to elections, including, but not limited to, use of such offices as campaign offices and for storage of campaign materials, display of campaign materials, campaigning, and campaign meetings. To facilitate enforcement of this provision, candidates shall report to the Elections Committee all privileged access they have to University buildings.

(c) Neither the Student Resource Groups nor the Society’s Constituencies shall spend money or resources on behalf of any candidates. Any candidate who benefits from a violation of this provision may, at the discretion of the Elections Committee, be penalized in accordance with Article 3 below.

(d) In accordance with Section X, Article 1(5)(a), the Student Services shall not take part in any Society election campaigns.

9. Spending limits and Reimbursement of expenses

(a) By January 15 of each year, the Elections Committee shall set an upper limit for campaign expenses. This upper limit shall be re-evaluated each year.

(b) By January 15 of each year, the Elections Committee shall set an upper limit for the amount of reimbursement candidates may receive for campaign expenses. This upper limit shall be re-evaluated each year. The reimbursement limit need not be the same as the spending limit described in paragraph (a) above.

The upper limit for campaign expenses shall also be the upper limit for the amount of reimbursement candidates may receive for campaign expenses.
11. Candidates shall not run in slates, real or apparent, or share expenses for campaign materials. A slate shall mean a group of candidates who run for elected office at UBC Vancouver (including but not limited to Executive positions and positions in the Senate and on the Board of Governors) on a similar platform for mutual advantage.

Article 7. Counting of Ballots and Release of Results

1. The Elections Committee shall take whatever measures necessary to ensure the security of the ballots and the balloting process.

2. Ballot counting: General

   (a) The Elections Committee shall take all measures necessary to ensure that an accurate count of the ballots cast is obtained.

   (b) The Elections Committee shall take all measures necessary to ensure that only validly cast ballots are counted.

   (c) The Chief Returning Officer and at least one (1) other member of the Elections Committee must be present at all times during ballot counting.

5. Results for elections conducted for other organizations shall be released in accordance with the agreements made with those organizations. In the case of elections to the Board of Governors and Senate, a formal letter shall be sent to the UBC Vancouver Registrar’s Office (or other University office responsible for elections) to certify that the rules in force for University elections have been followed. Results for the elections to the Board of Governors and Senate may be released once approval has been received from the Registrar’s Office (or other University office responsible for elections).