

CODE CHANGES 2023:
Elections Administrator and Speaker

TO: Council
FROM: the Governance Review Committee
April 2023

Amendment to restructure the Elections Committee and to allow the Speaker to serve as Elections Administrator.

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

SECTION II: COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHERS

Article 8. Speaker of Council

1. The Speaker of Council shall be a non-voting member of Council appointed by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, as specified in Section V, Article 8. The Speaker's term of office shall be from the first meeting in May until the final meeting in April.
2. The Speaker shall not hold any other elected, staff, or appointed position in the Society, including positions within Constituencies. A Speaker who becomes a candidate for an elected position within the Society or any of its Constituencies immediately ceases to hold the position of Speaker. ***This provision notwithstanding, the Speaker may simultaneously hold the position of Elections Administrator.***
3. The Speaker of Council shall:
 - (a) chair Council meetings;
 - (b) post notices of Council meetings no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance, by any means they deem necessary, including electronic media, in order to notify both Council members and other Active Members of the Society;
 - (c) ensure, to the best of their ability, adequate security for the Forum and the contents therein during, and immediately before and after, Council meetings;
 - (d) chair ***or designate the chair of*** Election Appeals Committees;~~and~~
 - (e) ***chair the Executive Performance and Accountability Committee*** ~~Ethics and Accountability Committee~~; and
 - (ef) have such other duties as are outlined in the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

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 Elections Administrator, 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.

The Clerk of Council shall attend meetings of the Committee at the invitation of the Chair.

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5. ***Subject to paragraph 8 below, members*** Members of the Elections Committee shall not at the same time:

- (a) be members of Council or an Associate Vice-President;
- (b) hold any position to which they have been appointed by or in which they report to Council, an Executive, the Executive Committee, the Managing Director, or the Student Services Manager;
- (c) hold any position to which they have been appointed or in which they report to anyone in a position referred to in paragraph (b) above; or
- (d) hold any Executive position in a Constituency.

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8. ***Paragraph 5 notwithstanding, the Elections Administrator may simultaneously hold the position of Speaker of Council.***

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Article 8. Interpretations, Rulings, Complaints, and Appeals

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4. An Election Appeals Committee shall consist of:

- (a) the Speaker of Council, who shall be Chair;
- (b) four (4) non-Executive members of Council, all of whom must either be:
 - i) voting members;
 - ii) UBC Vancouver student members of the Board of Governors; or
 - iii) student Senators elected by the student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate to serve on Council; and
- (c) the Ombudsperson, who shall be non-voting.

5. In the absence of the Speaker of Council, ***or if the Speaker is serving as the Elections Administrator***, Election Appeals Committees shall be chaired by a person designated by the Speaker. ***If serving as Elections Administrator, the Speaker shall make this designation before nominations open***