



POLICY 3.03

ELECTION, REFERENDUM, AND PLEBISCITE MANAGEMENT

By-Elections

POLICY INTENT

From time to time Council may have a vacancy on the board. To ensure that the policies of AUSU receive proper consideration by the membership, Council may conduct by-elections when required to fill empty seats when doing so would not jeopardize the effectiveness of Council.

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Council

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- 3.03.01 Council may, at its discretion, opt to fill vacant seats via a by-election to fill no more than three seats.
- 3.03.02 Where more than three seats are vacant, a by-election must be called within 30 days of the recording of the fourth vacancy.
- 3.03.03 A by-election may not occur during the course of a General Election.
- 3.03.04 By-elections are conducted as follows:
- 3.03.04.01 A call for interested nominees shall be placed on the AUSU website and in the AUSU forums which includes:
 - a) date when the term(s) begins, which is to be no later than the next regularly scheduled Council meeting following the By-Election;
 - b) the wage and benefits for the position;
 - c) the requirements of the position;
 - d) a request for self-nomination of interested parties;
 - e) the deadline for self-nominations, which is to be no less than 7 days, and no more than 30 days from the date of the call being posted.
 - 3.03.04.02 Self-nominations must be submitted to the AUSU Office and include the following:
 - a) the individual's name and student ID number;
 - b) a contact number and email address;
 - c) a statement indicating their willingness to serve on Council if elected;
 - d) a curriculum vitae detailing their qualifications and the experience that they will bring to AUSU council; and

- e) their goals for the term they will be serving if selected.
- 3.03.04.03 The AUSU Office shall verify that each candidate qualifies to be an AUSU Councillor, using the same criteria used in a General Election. Self-nominations of candidates that do not qualify will be discarded.
- 3.03.04.04 Information on valid candidates will be forwarded to Council.
- 3.03.04.05 Council shall deliberate in private and may choose to seek further information from any of the candidates or any references they deem necessary.
- 3.03.04.06 Council may choose to elect as many or as few candidates as needed to ensure that the Executive Council numbers no more than half of the total number of AUSU Councillors.
- 3.03.05 Council shall inform the candidates of the results of the election process as soon as possible after the decision.
- 3.03.06 Council shall officially announce the results of its election at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.
- 3.03.07 The elected candidate(s) become members of council at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. The Executive Council must ensure that new council members are informed of the issues currently affecting council and of their role as a councillor.

POLICY HISTORY

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