



Athabasca University
Students' Union

POLICY 3.03

ELECTION, REFERENDUM, AND PLEBISCITE MANAGEMENT

By-Elections

POLICY INTENT

To outline when a by-election must occur and the process that must be followed.

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Council

POLICY

- 3.03.01 Council may, at its discretion, opt to fill vacant seats via a by-election.
- 3.03.02 Where more than three seats are vacant, a by-election must be called within 30 days of the reporting of the fourth vacancy at a council meeting, unless a general election will be held within 90 days of the recording of the fourth vacancy.
- 3.03.03 Where one or more executive offices are vacant and cannot be filled by the existing councillors, a by-election must be called within 30 days of the vacancy, unless a general election will be held within 90 days of the vacancy.
 - 3.03.03.01 If a by-election cannot be held because there are thirteen (13) councillors, a general election must be called within 30 days of the executive office vacancy unless a general election will be held within 90 days of the recording of the vacancy.
- 3.03.04 By-elections will follow the procedures set out in the AUSU Policy 3.01 Election Conduct.
- 3.03.05 A by-election may not occur during the course of a general election.
- 3.03.06 The elected candidate(s) become councillors at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.
- 3.03.07 The executive must ensure that new councillors are informed of the issues currently affecting council and of their role as a councillor.

RELATED REFERENCES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FORMS

This Policy References

AUSU Bylaws

AUSU Policy 3.01 Election Conduct

This Policy is Referenced by

AUSU Policy 3.01 Election Conduct

Forms

None

POLICY HISTORY

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