

Bye-Law 2: Referendums

1 General

- 1.1 A Referendum is a ballot in which all Student Members of the Union are entitled to cast a vote in accordance with Article 15.
- 1.2 The Returning Officer as defined in Bye-Law 4 Elections has the full delegated responsibility to interpret and rule on the regulations with regard to disputes and complaints, issue sanctions as required and oversee the count.
- 1.2.1 The Returning Officer may choose to appoint additional Deputy Returning Officers to act on their behalf for any particular Referendum.
- 1.3 The Chief Executive, or their nominee, is responsible for the day to day management of the Referendum.

2 Calling a Referendum

- 2.1 A Referendum may be called in accordance with Article 15.1.
- 2.2 The Union will provide guidance which must be followed on how to conduct a Secure Petition for the purpose of calling a referendum. The Secure Petition must be presented to the Chair of the Board of Trustees.
- 2.2 Any call for a Referendum must include the question to be put to the Members.
- 2.3 The Board of Trustees, or its nominee, may make alterations to a proposed referendum question for the purpose of making the question:
 - (a) Balanced and not tending towards one response; or
 - (b) Comply with the requirements of the Articles and Bye-Laws of the Union.

3 Conduct of a Referendum

- 3.1 A Notice of the Referendum shall be issued at the latest 2 weeks before the referendum vote it to be held. The notice shall detail the question, date of referendum, how to vote, details of any debate to be held and the regulations to govern the campaign. The campaign regulations will be consistent with those outlined in Bye-Law 4 Elections.
- 3.2 The Union shall facilitate the creation of campaigns for and against the question.
- 3.3 All Referendums shall take place online.
- 3.4 A resolution may only be passed in accordance with Article 15.2.
- 3.5 The outcome of a Referendum shall normally be released within one working day of the close of polling.