

By-Law V: Elections

- (1) Elections for all offices shall be held at each Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Should an office become vacant between AGMs, a by-election shall be held at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose.
 - (a) A by-election shall be held no more than twenty-eight days after the office becomes vacant.
 - (b) Should an AGM fall within the above twenty-eight day period, the office may remain vacant until elected at the AGM.
 - (c) Should an office remain vacant after a by-election, the Officers shall hold additional by-elections at their discretion.
 - (d) The Officers shall jointly exercise the powers and responsibilities of vacant offices.
- (3) In all elections:
 - (a) A First-Past-The-Post system shall be used for the count.
 - (b) Re-Open Nominations, 'RON', shall be a candidate.

An office to which RON is 'elected' shall remain vacant until a by-election is held at a subsequent EGM.
- (2) No-one may be elected an Officer unless the Secretary receives a written nomination that:
 - (a) Is signed by a Full member to show his or her willingness to be elected.
 - (b) Is signed by a second Full member in support of the first Full member's nomination.
 - (c) Is received by the Secretary at least three days prior to the General Meeting.
- (3) No nomination may be refused by the Secretary, unless it fails to meet the criteria outlined in paragraphs (a) – (c) inclusive in clause (2) of this By-Law, or the Full member nominated has previously been disqualified from becoming an Officer in accordance with these By-Laws.
- (4) The Officers shall publish a list of candidates at least two days prior to the General Meeting.
- (5) Candidates may actively campaign in the course of the elections, but must abide by any decisions of a Meeting of the Officers in doing so.
- (6) The Officers may host hustings at the General Meeting or beforehand, at which any Full member of the Society may question candidates. No question may be directed exclusively to one candidate in a contested election.
- (7) All voting shall be by a show of hands or secret ballot, at the discretion of the Chair. Online voting, for the avoidance of doubt, shall be counted as a form of secret ballot.

- (8) The count shall be conducted privately by the Officers so appointed at a General Meeting.
 - (a) Should the General Meeting be dissatisfied with the accuracy of the count, they may resolve to have the election re-counted.
 - (b) Should the re-count fail to satisfy the General Meeting's concerns, and there are reasonable grounds to suspect the count has not been conducted accurately, the General Meeting may resolve to defer the elections to a by-election.
- (9)
 - (a) An Officer shall assume office at the conclusion of the General Meeting of his or her election.
 - (b) An Officer shall retire at the conclusion of the AGM next after his or her election, but shall be eligible for re-election at that AGM.
- (10) The Officers shall inform the Students' Union of the result of an election within seven days.
- (11) A retiring Officer shall transfer all relevant information and documentation to his or her newly-elected counterpart, or to the President, within fourteen days.