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2.7 In the event that the CEO and another officer or employee of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer make inconsistent rulings or declarations, the ruling or declaration of the CEO shall prevail and be deemed final.

3.1 The CEO, together with the DCEO, ECs and all of their paid employees shall form an independent and impartial agency of SSMU named "Elections SSMU." This organisation shall be the sole body to administer the Society's elections and referenda and shall be synonymous with the "Office of the Chief Electoral Officer."

3.1.1 The "officers" of Elections SSMU shall be limited to the CEO, DCEO and ECs.

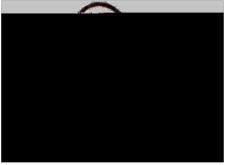
3.1.2 The signing officers of Elections SSMU shall be the CEO and the DCEO.

3.2 Elections for the following positions shall be conducted under the auspices of Elections McGill:

3.2.1 the executive positions of SSMU (excluding that of the General Manager);

3.2.3 the executive members of the First Year Council (hereinafter "FYC");

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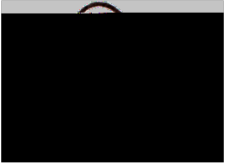
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3.8 Members of Council, the Speaker(s) of Council, paid employees of SSMU and members shall be barred from working for Elections McGill.

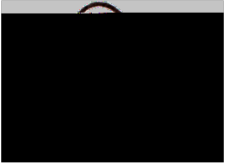
3.9 All employees of Elections SSMU shall sign an oath swearing to act impartially for the agency.

3.10 At Council's request, the CEO shall report to Council on any matters pertaining to elections, referenda and their conduct. Council shall reserve the right to censure and/or remove any Elections SSMU officer with a three-quarters majority vote of the entire Council.

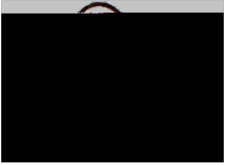
4.1 The transmission to Elections SSMU of motions passed by Council pertaining to elections and referenda shall be the responsibility of the Speaker of Council. When the Speaker is absent or not



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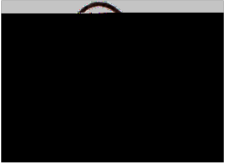
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14.2.1 No organization external to SSMU may be directly or indirectly involved in the activities of, or the implicit or explicit support of, referendum committees or candidates' campaign teams.

14.3 Any referendum committee or candidate believed by the CEO to have received assistance, either direct or indirect, from an external person(s) or organization(s) shall be subject to sanction up to and including public censure, closure of the referendum committee or campaign team, and/or candidate disqualification or nullification of the referendum.

14.4 No candidate, campaign team member, or referendum committee member may abuse positions they hold with any group to provide greater resources, exposure, or support to their campaign. Such abuses shall include subversion of, or exertion of undue influence on, any established systems for issuing endorsements, using privileged access to contact lists or social media platforms to campaign, and any other actions deemed inappropriate by the CEO.

14.4.1 No officer, director or employee of SSMU or of a school, faculty or departmental association may use his or her position and any benefits associated with it in order to aid in his or her campaign.

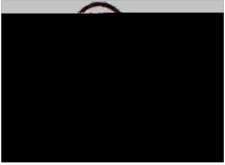


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15.5 Candidates and referendum committees are to submit their campaign receipts and requests for reimbursement to the CEO within two (2) days of the announcement of the election results.

15.5.1 Elections SSMU shall review all receipts and shall prepare and make available a summary of all requests for reimbursement to all candidates and committee chairs within four (4) days of the announcement of results a summary of all requests for reimbursement.

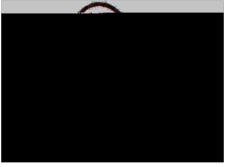
15.5.2 No candidate or referendum committee shall be entitled to reimbursement of campaign expenses if original itemized receipts are not provided.

15.6 Each candidate or committee is entitled to request an inquiry into the campaign spending of another candidate(s) within 3 days of the CEO's publication of candidate expenditures. In the case of an inquiry, the CEO shall evaluate the campaign spending of the candidate in question on the basis of the fair market value of his/her campaign materials.

16.1 Material that contravenes the Constitution, By-Laws or Policy Manual of the Society will be subject to confiscation by the CEO.

16.2 In the case of an election, the CEO is empowered to disqualify a candidate or candidates or invalidate the election of any successful candidate who has continued to use material the same as or substantially similar to that which was previously confiscated by the CEO. In the case of a





18.3 Should the CEO receive any complaints concerning the way in which a poll is being conducted, s/he shall immediately take steps to remedy the situation as s/he deems appropriate.

18.4 Poll clerks disobeying rules are subject to immediate removal without compensation by the CEO.

19.1 Each candidate or committee is entitled to the services of one scrutineer at each poll. Anyone intending to act in such capacity must present upon request of the poll clerk an explicit written authorization signed by the candidate or chair of the committee.

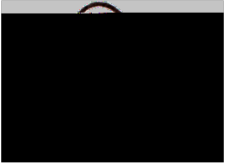
19.2 A candidate or the chair of a committee must submit to the CEO a list of the names and McGill ID numbers of his or her team's scrutineers.

19.2.1 A polling clerk or an officer of Elections McGill may require any scrutineer to produce a valid McGill ID card.

19.2.2 Use of non-authorized scrutineers may result in the imposition of sanctions by the CEO on the candidate or committee.

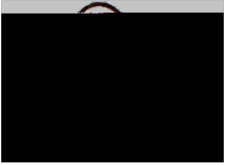
19.3 A scrutineer is entitled to object to the conduct of a poll, but not to interfere in its operations. All objections shall be made directly to the CEO or DCEO.

19.4 The poll clerk may expel from the poll a scrutineer who abuses his/her rights by acting in an unreasonable manner. If the candidate or committee for whom the expelled scrutineer was acting wishes to appoint a replacement



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shall be chaired by the Vice President (Clubs and Services), who shall be aided by the CEO and the DCEO and/or an Elections Coordinator, unless the Vice President (Clubs and Services) is a delegate, in which case another member of the Executive Committee may be appointed by the CEO. This meeting is to be held between the 15th and 31st of March. Public notice shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

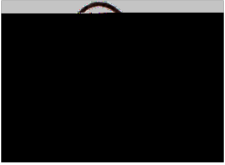
24.1.1 The above provision shall not apply to interim status groups.

24.2 Each delegate must be either an executive listed on the relevant executive contact sheet or registered in writing with the Vice President (Clubs and Services) at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the meeting.

24.3 A councillor elected under this article may be removed from office by a special assembly called for that purpose if duly authorized delegates representing fifty percent (50%) of the Society's events, productions, publications, services and interest groups so request, in writing, to the Vice President (Clubs and Services). Public notice of such an assembly shall be given at least seven (7) days in advance.

24.4 If a councillor elected under this article resigns or is removed from office before January 31<sup>st</sup>, an election for a replacement shall be held within three weeks of the date of resignation or removal according to the above procedures.

25.1 Three (3) councillors shall be elected at a meeting attended by undergraduate student members-elect of Senate. This meeting shall be



Directors shall occur during the winter semester election period along with the regular elections of that period and appear on the same ballot.

27.3 All standard election procedures, stated in these bylaws, shall apply to the election of the undergraduate representatives to the CKUT Board of Directors.

27.4 In the event that no candidates present themselves for election or a representative seat is vacated, it shall be the responsibility of the SSMU executive sitting on the CKUT Board of Directors to ensure that the SSMU Legislative Council immediately undertake measures at its disposal to replace or fill these positions.

28.1 Upon completion of the ballot counting, the CEO shall announce publicly the unofficial results of the elections.

28.2 The CEO shall submit the official results in writing to the General Manager on the business day following the tabulation of results.

28.2.1 The CEO shall include the total votes cast, full text of all pen sketches and referendum questions (including whereas clauses), vote count and percentage of votes received for each candidate, and a copy of the ballot.

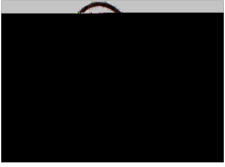
29.1 In the case of any grave violation of the Constitution, By-laws, or Policies on the part of a candidate, candidate's campaign team or referendum committee, the CEO shall invalidate the election or referendum if, in his/her determination, a violation of the Constitution, By-laws, Policies or electoral decisions by the CEO has adversely affected the outcome of the election or referendum. In making this decision, the CEO may consider the conduct of the parties and the seriousness of the violations.

30.1 All appeals to the Judicial Board regarding the conduct of an election or referendum must be made no later than five (5) days after the written announcement of election results or any official announcement made by Elections SSMU.

30.2 All petitions to the Judicial Board regarding elections or referenda that are made more than five (5) days after the written transmission of the official results of elections or referenda to the General Manager shall be deemed absolutely prescribed and equitably stopped.

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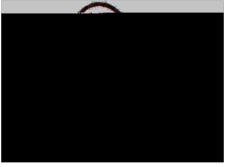
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- 31.1 The SSMU shall not authorize any increases in ancillary fees until such a time that students will have voted in favour or against by way of a referendum, except those outlined in these by-laws.
- 31.2 Referenda regarding Ancillary fee increases shall take place during the regularly scheduled referendum periods in the fall and winter. Despite the current legislation regarding fee referenda







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38.2 In exceptional circumstances, a Council-initiated referendum question may seek to create a fee for a third party organization which does not hold Independent Student Group status. Such a referendum question shall only be approved:

38.2.1 If a full and detailed presentation of the third party organization, detailing the benefits the organization can provide to the Society's members, is made to Council;

38.2.2 If the Interest Group Committee recommends approval;