

Bylaw Referendum Fall 2024 – Rules and Regulations

In addition to the Bylaw Referendum Fall 2024 – Rules and Regulations, the SRC Operation Policies Section 1 Elections Policy, SRC Specific Bylaw XX Elections, and the SRC General Bylaw related to Referenda apply.

Registration

Committees campaigning for or against the Referendum Question **must register** with the SRC Elections office at <u>srcsg@ubishops.ca</u>. All committee members must register with the SRC Elections office at srcsg@ubishops.ca. Committees may not begin campaigning until they have met with the CRO/DRO to review the rules of the Referendum.

Campaigning

- a. If you choose to use social media, you must create a new social media handle to promote your campaign. The handles must be approved by the CRO or DRO before any posts are made. To get it approved, email your handle name to <u>srcelections@ubishops.ca</u>.
- b. Every post must include **#bishopsvotes**.
- c. The approved social media you may use to campaign is Instagram and Facebook. No other social media may be used. All social media must be visible to the CRO and DRO.
- d. Use of the Internet as a campaign tool is expected, however NO campaign material may be distributed using the Bishop's Media (webmail, digital posters, social media, etc.) or by using any SRC Media (website, Facebook pages, SRC mobile application, etc.). This also means that you cannot use the "students" mailing list.
- e. Absolutely no campaigning is allowed before your campaign committee has been approved by the CRO/DRO.

Campaign content – Slanderous remarks and libelous content will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification of the committee. Racism, sexism, ableism, as well as heckling, taunting, or harassing will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification. It is expected that all committees will run a positive campaign. Please review SRC Operating Policies Section 1 Elections Policy 2.0.

Posters & Campaign Materials

Posters

- Committees are allowed to post a maximum of 25 11" x 17" (maximum size) posters on campus at any one time. Due to limited space, a poster of **8.5" x 11" is recommended**.
- Posters must be stamped with SRC Election stamp by the DRO or CRO.
- You are allowed a total of 50 stamped posters and only one poster per location.
- Posters must be hung on the purple BUlletin Boards, with no part of the poster hanging off the vinyl surface.
- Before placing a poster in a building, please ask staff in that building for their poster policy.
- Posters may not be placed on doors, windows, or in hallways.



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- Sticky tac must be used no tape of any type.
- Extra posters or posters contravening the rules will be removed and may result in sanctions.
- Committees must not remove or cover up any other posters.
- No one may deface or destroy another committee's posters or SRC posters.
- Posters must be taken down within 24 hours of the end of voting.
- N.B. Posters in residence require <u>an additional stamp</u>, which is administered by the residence life staff, located in Paterson 100, not the front desk.
- Please do not display posters or campaign materials of any kind off campus. Posting signs offcampus in contravention of municipal bylaws will be considered a violation.
- The CRO and DRO will have hours set up to stamp posters. The hours will be communicated with the committees by email. The deadline for poster stamping will Monday November 18.
- If you have questions or are unsure, please ask.

Other Campaign Materials

• Other campaign materials with logos, content, or information related to your campaign must be approved by the CRO/DRO before distribution.

Violations – Minor violations of election policies and procedures, you will be issued a warning. For major violations, committees will be disqualified. Repeated minor violations result in disqualification. The rules include the SRC Specific Bylaw, the Election Policy and any additional rules issued for this election.

Election Appeals – If a committee feels that there has been a violation of election rules, they have the right to file a formal appeal in **writing** with the Secretary General. The Secretary General will issue rulings, as appropriate, and that decision shall be final, subject to appeal to the Elections Appeal Committee.

Questions? Concerns? Contact us!

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