



MOTION REGARDING THE ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA TIMELINE 2020-2021 2020-09-08

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Issue The Elections and Referenda Timeline 2020-2021 had been reviewed and finalized by the Elections SSMU team, in preparation of the beginning of the academic year. This timeline is typically approved at the first Legislative Council meeting of the academic year.

Background and Rationale As per Section 2, article 6.1 of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda, “Finalized dates for Elections and Referenda occurring in the fall academic semester shall be determined before the first (1st) of October each year. Finalized dates for Elections and Referenda occurring in the winter academic semester shall be determined by the last meeting of the Legislative Council of the fall academic semester”

The Elections SSMU team worked on finalizing these documents and ensuring that the dates correspond

Alignment with Mission As mentioned above.



Consultations Completed

Consultations with the Elections SSMU team, the Governance Manager and the Executive Committee.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If any changes to the timeline should arise, the Elections SSMU team will notify the Legislative Council through a formal motion.

Sustainability Considerations

Sustainability considerations include ensuring that the electronic platforms are ready and available for voters and campaigning/elections.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If approved, Elections SSMU will be able to begin working on these items. Promotion, campaigning, and voting for these elections will occur entirely online, allowing sufficient time for communication between parties interested in campaigning as well as voters.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council adopt the Elections Timeline 2020-2021 outlined in this motion and the timeline in Appendix A.

Results of the Vote

In favour ()
Opposed ()
Abstain ()



Appendix A

Fall 2020 Referendum - Polling Second Week of November 2020

Oct 1st, 2020 - Nov 2, 2020 at 5:00PM (Nomination Period for Student/Council Initiated Qs)

Nov 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM - Campaign Meeting

Nov 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Nov 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM (Campaign Period)

Nov 9 at 9:00 AM - Nov 13th at 5:00 PM (Polling Period)

Nov 13th at 6:00 PM - announcement of results

Executive Elections + Winter 2021 Referendum - run concurrently on two separate ballots

Jan 4th at 9:00 AM - Feb 22nd at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period)

Feb 22nd at 6:00 PM - March 8th at 5:00 PM (Extended Nomination Period)

March 8th at 5:30 PM - Candidates Meeting

March 8th at 6:00PM - Campaign Meeting (referendum)

Meetings can be condensed into one meeting if a large enough space in the SSMU building is available/meeting is online

March 9th at 9:00 AM - March 19th at 6:00 PM (Campaign Period)

March 16th at 9:00 AM - March 19th at 5:00 PM (Polling Period)

March 19th at 6:00 PM - Announcement of Results