



MOTION REGARDING THE ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA TIMELINE 2022-2023 2022-09-15

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Vice-President Finance **Current Status:** FOR APPROVAL
 APPROVED
 POSTPONED
 COMMITTED
 NOT APPROVED

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Issue

The Elections and Referenda Timeline 2022-2023 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 Rational

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 acknowledges that, according to the internal regulations, section 6.2 stipulates that "Referenda are regularly held during the periods... from the fifteenth (15th) of October to the fifteenth (15th) of November". While the proposed dates extend slightly outside this range, they correspond to the timeline of the academic year and will best ensure electoral participation.

* Motion was worked on during the summer to encourage continual operation of the society. While it is not normal practice for the mover and seconder to be executives but was allowed by the Dais to ensure the motions were presented on time



Alignment with Mission As mentioned above.

Consultations Completed Consultations with the Elections SSMU team and Governance Manager.

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 2022-2023 outlined in this motion and the timeline in Appendix A.

Results of the Vote

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| In favour | () |
| Opposed | () |
| Abstain | () |



Appendix A

Draft SSMU Elections and Referenda Dates 2022-2023

- Proposed Timelines for Elections (2022-2023)
 - **Clubs and Services**
 - Sept 16th 9:00 AM - Sept 28th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period)
 - Sept 28th at 5:00 PM - Candidates Meeting (in person?)
 - Sept 29th at 9:00 AM - Oct 7th 5:00 PM (Campaign Period)
 - Sept 29th at 9:00 AM - Oct 7th 5:00 PM (Polling Period)
 - Oct 7th at 6:00 PM - announcement of results
 - **FYC Elections**
 - Sept 16th 9:00 AM - Sept 28th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period)
 - Sept 28th at 6:30 PM - Candidates Meeting (in person?)
 - Sept 29th at 9:00 AM - Oct 7th 5:00 PM (Campaign Period)
 - Sept 29th at 9:00 AM - Oct 7th 5:00 PM (Polling Period)
 - Oct 4th or 5th 12-2PM (Candidate Meet & Greet)
 - Oct 7th at 6:00 PM - announcement of results
 - **Fall Referendum** - Polling Third Week of November
 - Oct 11th 9:00 AM - Oct 28th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period for Student/Council Initiated Qs)
 - Oct 31st - Nov 7th at 5:00 PM - Nomination Period for No-Campaigns
 - Also potential extension nomination period if required
 - Nov 7th at 5:30 PM - Campaign Meeting (in person?)
 - Nov 8th at 9:00 AM - Nov 18th at 6:00 PM (Campaign Period)
 - Nov 14th at 9:00 AM - Nov 18th at 5:00 PM (Polling Period)
 - Nov 18th at 6:00 PM - announcement of results
 - Results to be submitted to DPSLL by November ???, 2022



- **Exec Elections + Winter Referendum** - run concurrently on two separate ballots
 - Jan 23rd at 9:00 AM - Feb 20th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period For Referenda)
 - Jan 30th at 9:00 AM - Feb 20th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period for Executive Election)
 - Feb 20th at 6:00 PM - March 6th at 5:00 PM (Extended Nomination Period for Executive Election if needed)
 - Feb 20th at 6:00 PM - March 6th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period for no campaigns)
 - March 6th at 5:00 PM - Candidates Meeting
 - Hybrid: in person with an online option (depends on COVID)
 - March 6th at 6:30PM - Campaign Meeting (referendum)
 - Hybrid: in person with an online option (depends on COVID)
 - March 7th at 9:00 AM - March 17th at 6:00 PM (Campaign Period)
 - Candidates Debate
 - → March 8th - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (via Zoom? Depends on COVID)
 - March 13th at 9:00 AM - March 17th at 5:00 PM (Polling Period)
 - March 17th at 6:00 PM - Announcement of Results
 - Results to be submitted to DPSLL by ???, 2022

- **Exec Elections + Winter Referendum** - Option two - Same nomination periods
 - Jan 30th at 9:00 AM - Feb 20th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period For Referenda)
 - Questions to be submitted to DPSLL by ???, 2022
 - Jan 30th at 9:00 AM - Feb 20th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period for Executive Election)
 - Feb 20th at 6:00 PM - March 6th at 5:00 PM (Extended Nomination Period for Executive Election if needed)
 - Feb 20th at 6:00 PM - March 6th at 5:00 PM (Nomination Period for no campaigns)
 - March 6th at 5:00 PM - Candidates Meeting
 - Hybrid: in person with an online option (depends on COVID)
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