



University of Bath

Students' Union

Regulation 5

Referendum

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1. *Calling a Referendum*

- 1.1. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for organising a Referendum when instructed:
 - 1.1.1. by a majority decision of a quorate meeting of the Board of Trustees
 - 1.1.2. on receipt of a secure petition in line with the requirements detailed in the Articles 22.4.2 and 22.4.3.
- 1.2. The Returning Officer will be responsible for the good conduct and co-ordination of the administration of the Referendum.
- 1.3. The result of a Referendum will take precedence over any existing policy on the same issue. The issue may not be reopened in any democratic forum of the SU for a period of not less than twelve (12) months
- 1.4. The Returning Officer will publicise that a referendum has been called for and details of the reason why within eight (8) working days of receipt of notice
- 1.5. The Referendum shall be arranged in accordance with the following timetable, the exact dates of which to be determined by the Returning Officer:
 - 1.5.1. Publish the proposal, date(s) for the referendum and date of a meeting, open to all Members, to explain and debate the issues, which shall be held no later than the commencement of polling.
 - 1.5.2. If the issue is to be contested the meeting shall nominate two agents, one of whom will be responsible for running the “Yes” vote campaign and the other the “No” vote campaign. Each agent shall be given a publicity allowance paid for by the SU of an amount equivalent to the agreed allowance for SU Officer elections
 - 1.5.3. Invite alternative proposals to a published deadline. Any alternative proposal shall be directly related to the original proposal
 - 1.5.4. Cease accepting alternative proposals. Final decision as to whether to accept any alternative proposals shall lie with those who called the referendum.
 - 1.5.5. Publish the proposal and the question to be asked and further advertise dates of polling

2. Referendum rules will apply.

3. *Voting*

- 3.1. All Members shall be eligible to vote.
- 3.2. The Returning Officer in conjunction with the publicity team shall publicise the times of polling
- 3.3. Polling will normally be electronic

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4. Results

- 4.1. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for declaring the result of the referendum once s/he is satisfied that the Referendum has been conducted properly.