# University of Alberta Students' Union

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

# Tuesday February 5, 2002 - 6:00 pm Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

**2001-20/10 LEGISLATION** 

**2001-20/10b** JONES MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed

changes to Bylaw 2200 Respecting the Elections to Students'

Council.

Please see document LA 01-20.01.

**2001-20/12 NEW BUSINESS** 

**2001-20/12g** SAMUEL (Councilor) MOVED THAT Students' Council

approve the purchase of a microwave for the Central Academic

Building at a cost not to exceed \$140.00.

2001-20/13 INFORMATION ITEMS

**2001-20/13a** Gateway CUP Reports

Please see document LA 01-20.02.

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## Campaign Materials

- 13. a. Campaign materials shall be limited to posters, pamphlets, newspapers, ribbons, buttons, loud hailers and banners, and such other materials as are approved by the F.A.D.R.O. All materials mass produced by candidates (photocopies, posters, pamphlets, etcetera) shall bear the name of the printer.
  - b. Each independent candidate and each slate shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) banner.
  - c. Stickers of any kind shall not be used as campaign material, and paint shall not be used on anything except posters and banners.

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14. A sample of all campaign materials and their estimated or actual cost must be given to and approved by the F.A.D.R.O. before the materials may be used in a campaign.

## Campaign Funds

- 15. a. The Students' Union shall allocate funds to a maximum of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars per representative position to Students' Council.
  - i. This funding will be divided among candidates in the following manner:
    - (1) twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for one (1) candidate;
    - (2) forty-five (\$45.00) dollars per slate of two (2) candidates;
    - (3) sixty-five (\$65.00) dollars per slate of three (3) candidates;
    - (4) eighty (\$80.00) dollars per slate of four (4) candidates:
    - (5) one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per slate of five (5) or more candidates.
  - ii. Subject to Bylaw 100 Section 4, additional funding shall be allocated for faculties which have the maximum allowable number of representatives and have more than four thousand (4,000) students.

    Recognizing the increased cost of notifying all faculty student members of their candidacy, for each full one thousand (1,000) students over three thousand (3,000), the Students' Union will allocate five dollars (\$5.00) per individual candidate or slate.
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i. one (1)  $8-1/2 \times 11$ " poster for each fifty (50) students in any faculty having more than one thousand (1,000) full-time students;

- ii. twenty (20) 8-1/2" x 11" posters for all faculties having less than one thousand (1,000) students;
- iii. Posters must be produced and prominently displayed in order to notify students of:
  - (1) the opening and closing of faculty representative nominations;
  - (2) the date, time and location of a faculty representatives candidates' meeting;
  - (3) the date, time and location of a faculty representatives candidates' forum;
  - (4) the date, time and location of polls for the election of faculty representatives to Students' Council.
- iv. The quantities of posters as stipulated above in 15.b.i. and 15.b.ii. shall apply for each of 15.c(1), 15.c(2), 15.c(3), and 15.c(4).
- v. Faculty associations may spend their own money for extra advertising.
- vi. The Faculty Association Deputy Returning Officer shall keep an accurate and up-to-date account of all expenditures incurred in publicizing the election.

**Voting** 

- 16. Subject to Section 4.b, each member of the Students' Union who is also a student in the faculty for which representative positions are being contested shall be allowed to cast one (1) secret non-transferable ballot.
  - a. The ballot will entitle each voter to make a single choice for each seat contested.
  - b. Voting shall be conducted at the times and place(s) determined by the F.A.D.R.O., with the proviso that the locations are readily accessible and in open areas commonly used by students in that faculty. The hours shall total a minimum of ten (10) hours over two consecutive week days and be between 0-900 Hours and 1500 Hours and, in faculties having more than two thousand (2,000) full-time students there shall be at least a minimum of two (2) polling locations.

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c. At the discretion of the F.A.D.R.O. there may be an advance poll.

- d. At each poll established by the F.A.D.R.O. there shall be two (2) Assistant Deputy Returning Officers in attendance. Each Faculty Association Assistant Returning Officer shall be appointed by the F.A.D.R.O.
- e. i. Each candidate shall be permitted to be present themselves or to have their agent at the counting of the ballots.
  - ii. Each slate shall be permitted to appoint one (1) of its members to be present at the counting of the ballots or to have its agent be present at the counting of the ballots.
- 17. Any candidate may take the option of contesting a position as part of a slate and be allowed an appropriate designation of the slate of which they are a member on the ballot, but the candidates are to be elected individually and not as a slate.
- 18. A request for a recount must:
  - a. be in writing;
  - b. be given to the F.A.D.R.O. within one (1) working day of the posting of the election results;
  - c. contain a duly signed request for a recount by the candidate who is contesting the particular position.

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#### 19. The F.A.D.R.O. shall:

- a. seal all ballot boxes until all questions of election irregularities have been dealt with;
- b. keep the ballots in a locked container for a period of at least two (2) weeks after the last recount has been completed;
- c. post:
  - election results within one (1) working day of the closing of the polls;
  - election results within two (2) working days of all complaints and appeals having been dealt with;
  - iii. recount results within two (2) working days of the completion of the recount.

#### PART IV - Accounts and Refunds

# Expense Account Submissions

- 20. a. Each candidate is responsible for submitting to the F.A.D.R.O. their account, or the expense account of the slate with which they ran for election, including all original receipts and bills, before Noon on the first day of voting.
  - After this time, no money shall be paid to any person or organization for any reason, unless authorized to do so by Students' Council.
  - ii. The budgets of the candidates shall be posted and copies shall be made available from the F.A.D.R.O. no later than 1800 Hours on the first day of voting.
  - b. Such expenses can be reviewed and/or challenged only by the F.A.D.R.O. or the Students' Union C.R.O. The procedure for such a challenge is outlined in Part V of this Bylaw.

#### **Election Cost**

21. a. Each F.A.D.R.O. is responsible for submitting to the Students" Union C.R.O. the expense account for the running of the election which shall include:

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i. each candidate or slate(s) expense account, as determined by Section 15;

- ii. costs for publicizing of events, as outlined in Section 15;
- iii. costs for reserving a location for the faculty general forum, as outlined in Section 3, if applicable.
- b. The expenses listed above in Section 21.a. can be reviewed or challenged only by the Students' Union C.R.O., following the procedure established in Part V of this Bylaw.

# **Reimbursement** 22. a. i. and **Refund**

- i. The Students' Union shall directly pay any invoice over a fifty (\$50.00) dollar value, as evidenced by any candidate's or slate's expense account, provided that the candidate or slate has complied with all provisions of this Bylaw.
- ii. The Students' Union shall reimburse any candidate or slate the remaining full value of the candidate's or slate's campaign expenses as evidenced by their campaign expense account, provided that the candidate or slate has complied with all provisions of this Bylaw.
- b. i. Under no circumstances may any candidate or slate exceed the spending allowance allocated. Candidates must pay fair market value for any goods or services provided, which includes:
  - (1) all publicity materials;
  - (2) room bookings or rentals;
  - (3) professional layout and setup of publicity materials.
  - ii. The above mentioned services do not include volunteer efforts by members of the Students' Union.

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c. If any candidate withdraws from an election within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the opening of voting on the first day of voting, the campaign expenses of the candidate will not be paid unless in the opinion of the Students' Union C.R.O. extenuating personal reasons have forced the candidate to withdraw.

- d. The Students' Union shall not reimburse any candidate the value of their campaign expenses nor refund their deposit if they have been disqualified from running for office.
- e. Disbursal of funds shall be the responsibility of the F.A.D.R.O., pending approval of expense accounts by the Students' Union C.R.O.

# PART V - Discipline Actions

# Bylaw Infractions

23. a. Any member of the faculty student association for which representative elections are being held may initiate proceedings regarding an alleged infraction of the provisions of this Bylaw. A complaint and information must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of voting to the F.A.D.R.O.

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b. During the campaign, any alleged violation of this Bylaw which could void the election shall be dealt with within twelve (12) hours by the F.A.D.R.O. in the following manner:

- i. The F.A.D.R.O. will contact each named candidate, slate or the campaign manager and seek to clarify and/or resolve the issue by giving the candidate(s) or campaign manager an opportunity to explain any alleged financial discrepancy, irregularity or infraction of this Bylaw.
- ii. If either the F.A.D.R.O. or the complainant is not satisfied with an explanation provided by the candidate(s) or campaign manager involved, the F.A.D.R.O. will:
  - (1) inform the Students' Union C.R.O. of the situation and provide them with a copy of the notices given to the candidate(s) involved;
  - (2) inform the candidate(s) in writing that they or the complainant is not satisfied with the explanation and outline the reason(s) for their or the complainant's dissatisfaction;
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c. The Students' Union C.R.O. will hear all arguments at the meeting provided by Section 23.b.ii(3) above, and will make a judgment regarding the validity of the arguments. Such judgment will be:

- i. based on their understanding and interpretation of this Bylaw:
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## PART VI - Faculty Representatives

- 26. a. Subject to Bylaw 100, each voting member of the Students' Council, other than:
  - i. a member of the Executive Committee:
  - ii. President of Athletics;
  - iii. President-Elect of Athletics;
  - iv. Representative of Lister Hall; or
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shall be elected by members of the Students' Union registered in the respective faculty, school or institution in which they are registered.

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- c. i. Nominations and elections for the representative(s) of a faculty or school shall be conducted by the faculty or school association:
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# PART VII - Report of Result

28. The person or organization conducting an election pursuant to this Bylaw shall submit within seven (7) days to the Speaker of the Students' Council a report in writing containing the result of the election.

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- d. being responsible for complying with the provisions of this Bylaw and other regulations, orders, bylaws or laws which pertain.

# Campaign Manager

- 12. a. A candidate or slate may choose to have a campaign manager. The campaign manager is responsible to the candidate or slate and is subject to the same restrictions as the candidate(s) themselves, as outlined in Section 11 above. A campaign manager's failure to comply with this Bylaw may result in the candidate(s) being disqualified for election.
  - b. Any candidate(s) must inform the F.A.D.R.O. of their intention to designate an individual as campaign manager, and provide to the F.A.D.R.O. the designated individual's name, student identification number and telephone number.
  - c. A campaign manager must be a member of the faculty for which the representative position is being contested.

## Campaign Materials

- 13. a. Campaign materials shall be limited to posters, pamphlets, newspapers, ribbons, buttons, loud hailers and banners, and such other materials as are approved by the F.A.D.R.O. All materials mass produced by candidates (photocopies, posters, pamphlets, etcetera) shall bear the name of the printer.
  - b. Each independent candidate and each slate shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) banner.
  - c. Stickers of any kind shall not be used as campaign material, and paint shall not be used on anything except posters and banners.

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14. A sample of all campaign materials and their estimated or actual cost must be given to and approved by the F.A.D.R.O. before the materials may be used in a campaign.

## Campaign Funds

- 15. a. The Students' Union shall allocate funds to a maximum of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars per representative position to Students' Council.
  - i. This funding will be divided among candidates in the following manner:
    - (1) twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for one (1) candidate;
    - (2) forty-five (\$45.00) dollars per slate of two (2) candidates;
    - (3) sixty-five (\$65.00) dollars per slate of three (3) candidates;
    - (4) eighty (\$80.00) dollars per slate of four (4) candidates:
    - (5) one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per slate of five (5) or more candidates.
  - ii. Subject to Bylaw 100 Section 4, additional funding shall be allocated for faculties which have the maximum allowable number of representatives and have more than four thousand (4,000) students.

    Recognizing the increased cost of notifying all faculty student members of their candidacy, for each full one thousand (1,000) students over three thousand (3,000), the Students' Union will allocate five dollars (\$5.00) per individual candidate or slate.
  - iii. Each candidate shall keep, or ensure that their campaign manager keeps, an up-date and accurate account of all campaign expenses.
  - b. The Students' Union shall allocate funds to each faculty for the purpose of publicizing the election. Such funding shall be dependent on the number of full-time students in the faculty, but shall be sufficient to cover costs for:

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i. one (1)  $8-1/2 \times 11$ " poster for each fifty (50) students in any faculty having more than one thousand (1,000) full-time students;

- ii. twenty (20) 8-1/2" x 11" posters for all faculties having less than one thousand (1,000) students;
- iii. Posters must be produced and prominently displayed in order to notify students of:
  - (1) the opening and closing of faculty representative nominations;
  - (2) the date, time and location of a faculty representatives candidates' meeting;
  - (3) the date, time and location of a faculty representatives candidates' forum;
  - (4) the date, time and location of polls for the election of faculty representatives to Students' Council.
- iv. The quantities of posters as stipulated above in 15.b.i. and 15.b.ii. shall apply for each of 15.c(1), 15.c(2), 15.c(3), and 15.c(4).
- v. Faculty associations may spend their own money for extra advertising.
- vi. The Faculty Association Deputy Returning Officer shall keep an accurate and up-to-date account of all expenditures incurred in publicizing the election.

**Voting** 

- 16. Subject to Section 4.b, each member of the Students' Union who is also a student in the faculty for which representative positions are being contested shall be allowed to cast one (1) secret non-transferable ballot.
  - a. The ballot will entitle each voter to make a single choice for each seat contested.
  - b. Voting shall be conducted at the times and place(s) determined by the F.A.D.R.O., with the proviso that the locations are readily accessible and in open areas commonly used by students in that faculty. The hours shall total a minimum of ten (10) hours over two consecutive week days and be between 0-900 Hours and 1500 Hours and, in faculties having more than two thousand (2,000) full-time students there shall be at least a minimum of two (2) polling locations.

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c. At the discretion of the F.A.D.R.O. there may be an advance poll.

- d. At each poll established by the F.A.D.R.O. there shall be two (2) Assistant Deputy Returning Officers in attendance. Each Faculty Association Assistant Returning Officer shall be appointed by the F.A.D.R.O.
- e. i. Each candidate shall be permitted to be present themselves or to have their agent at the counting of the ballots.
  - ii. Each slate shall be permitted to appoint one (1) of its members to be present at the counting of the ballots or to have its agent be present at the counting of the ballots.
- 17. Any candidate may take the option of contesting a position as part of a slate and be allowed an appropriate designation of the slate of which they are a member on the ballot, but the candidates are to be elected individually and not as a slate.
- 18. A request for a recount must:
  - a. be in writing;
  - b. be given to the F.A.D.R.O. within one (1) working day of the posting of the election results;
  - c. contain a duly signed request for a recount by the candidate who is contesting the particular position.

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- 19. The F.A.D.R.O. shall:
  - a. seal all ballot boxes until all questions of election irregularities have been dealt with;
  - b. keep the ballots in a locked container for a period of at least two (2) weeks after the last recount has been completed;
  - c. post:
    - election results within one (1) working day of the closing of the polls;
    - election results within two (2) working days of all complaints and appeals having been dealt with;
    - iii. recount results within two (2) working days of the completion of the recount.

#### PART IV - Accounts and Refunds

# Expense Account Submissions

- 20. a. Each candidate is responsible for submitting to the F.A.D.R.O. their account, or the expense account of the slate with which they ran for election, including all original receipts and bills, before Noon on the first day of voting.
  - After this time, no money shall be paid to any person or organization for any reason, unless authorized to do so by Students' Council.
  - ii. The budgets of the candidates shall be posted and copies shall be made available from the F.A.D.R.O. no later than 1800 Hours on the first day of voting.
  - b. Such expenses can be reviewed and/or challenged only by the F.A.D.R.O. or the Students' Union C.R.O. The procedure for such a challenge is outlined in Part V of this Bylaw.

#### **Election Cost**

21. a. Each F.A.D.R.O. is responsible for submitting to the Students" Union C.R.O. the expense account for the running of the election which shall include:

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i. each candidate or slate(s) expense account, as determined by Section 15;

- ii. costs for publicizing of events, as outlined in Section 15;
- iii. costs for reserving a location for the faculty general forum, as outlined in Section 3, if applicable.
- b. The expenses listed above in Section 21.a. can be reviewed or challenged only by the Students' Union C.R.O., following the procedure established in Part V of this Bylaw.

# **Reimbursement** 22. a. i. and **Refund**

- The Students' Union shall directly pay any invoice over a fifty (\$50.00) dollar value, as evidenced by any candidate's or slate's expense account, provided that the candidate or slate has complied with all provisions of this Bylaw.
- ii. The Students' Union shall reimburse any candidate or slate the remaining full value of the candidate's or slate's campaign expenses as evidenced by their campaign expense account, provided that the candidate or slate has complied with all provisions of this Bylaw.
- b. i. Under no circumstances may any candidate or slate exceed the spending allowance allocated. Candidates must pay fair market value for any goods or services provided, which includes:
  - (1) all publicity materials;
  - (2) room bookings or rentals;
  - (3) professional layout and setup of publicity materials.
  - ii. The above mentioned services do not include volunteer efforts by members of the Students' Union.

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c. If any candidate withdraws from an election within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the opening of voting on the first day of voting, the campaign expenses of the candidate will not be paid unless in the opinion of the Students' Union C.R.O. extenuating personal reasons have forced the candidate to withdraw.

- d. The Students' Union shall not reimburse any candidate the value of their campaign expenses nor refund their deposit if they have been disqualified from running for office.
- e. Disbursal of funds shall be the responsibility of the F.A.D.R.O., pending approval of expense accounts by the Students' Union C.R.O.

## PART V - Discipline Actions

# Bylaw Infractions

23. a. Any member of the faculty student association for which representative elections are being held may initiate proceedings regarding an alleged infraction of the provisions of this Bylaw. A complaint and information must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of voting to the F.A.D.R.O.

<u>PROPOSED</u> 2200(13)

b. During the campaign, any alleged violation of this Bylaw which could void the election shall be dealt with within twelve (12) hours by the F.A.D.R.O. in the following manner:

- i. The F.A.D.R.O. will contact each named candidate, slate or the campaign manager and seek to clarify and/or resolve the issue by giving the candidate(s) or campaign manager an opportunity to explain any alleged financial discrepancy, irregularity or infraction of this Bylaw.
- ii. If either the F.A.D.R.O. or the complainant is not satisfied with an explanation provided by the candidate(s) or campaign manager involved, the F.A.D.R.O. will:
  - (1) inform the Students' Union C.R.O. of the situation and provide them with a copy of the notices given to the candidate(s) involved;
  - (2) inform the candidate(s) in writing that they or the complainant is not satisfied with the explanation and outline the reason(s) for their or the complainant's dissatisfaction;
  - (3) arrange a meeting of the C.R.O., candidate(s) involved, the campaign manager, the complainant (if the complainant is not the F.A.D.R.O.) and themselves, during which meeting the candidate(s) involved, the campaign manager, the complainant and the F.A.D.R.O. will be given the opportunity to present their arguments. This meeting must take place within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of the written complaint by the alleged infractions.

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c. The Students' Union C.R.O. will hear all arguments at the meeting provided by Section 23.b.ii(3) above, and will make a judgment regarding the validity of the arguments. Such judgment will be:

- i. based on their understanding and interpretation of this Bylaw:
- ii. posted within twenty-four (24) hours of the adjudication meeting of:
  - (1) the office of the Students' Union C.R.O.;
  - (2) the Students' Union Executive office;
  - (3) the officer of the F.A.D.R.O., or if they have no office, the office of the faculty student association for which they are the Chief Returning Officer;
- iii. subject to appeal only to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision by the Students' Union C.R.O..
- d. Any action taken by the C.R.O. in accordance with this Bylaw may be appealed in writing to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board within twenty-four (24) hours of the Chief Returning Officer's decision. An appeal shall be dealt with within twenty-four (24) hours of its receipt by the D.I.E. Board. The action contested will nevertheless remain in force pending a ruling by the D.I.E. Board.
- 24. a. Any candidate or slate found guilty of unfair electioneering practices which would prejudice unfairly the results of an election in their favour shall be:

<u>PROPOSED</u> 2200(15)

i. disqualified by the Students' Union C.R.O.; and,

- subject to the penalties specified in Bylaw 3500 (The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board Bylaw) if:
  - (1) a decision made by the Students' Union C.R.O. is appealed to the D.I.E. Board and subsequently upheld;
  - (2) the Students' Union C.R.O. themselves lodges a complaint against any candidate, F.A.D.R.O.(s) and their complaint is deemed justified.
- b. If a candidate running on a slate is found guilty of unfair electioneering practices which would prejudice unfairly the results of an election in their favour, the other members of the slate may be:
  - i. disqualified by the Students' Union C.R.O.; and,
  - subject to the penalties specified in Bylaw 3500 (The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board Bylaw) if:
    - (1) a decision made by the Students' Union C.R.O. is appealed to the D.I.E. Board and subsequently upheld;
    - (2) the Students' Union C.R.O. themselves lodges a complaint against any candidate, F.A.D.R.O.(s) and their complaint is deemed justified.
- 25. a. If there is found to have been a serious contravention of the Bylaw, such that the results of an election could not reasonably be deemed to indicate actual preference of the electors, that election or that part thereof subject to the contravention, may be declared void by the C.R.O. summarily.
  - b. If another election is required by virtue of the operation of Section 24 of this Bylaw, the F.A.D.R.O. shall establish new nomination and election dates, following the guidelines delineated in Section 3 of this Bylaw.

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## PART VI - Faculty Representatives

- 26. a. Subject to Bylaw 100, each voting member of the Students' Council, other than:
  - i. a member of the Executive Committee:
  - ii. President of Athletics;
  - iii. President-Elect of Athletics;
  - iv. Representative of Lister Hall; or
  - v. Representative of the University of Alberta Hospital School of Nursing,

shall be elected by members of the Students' Union registered in the respective faculty, school or institution in which they are registered.

- b. A student registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research who is also a full member of the Students' Union has the right to vote in an election for the representative of the faculty or school containing the teaching department which approves their program form.
- c. i. Nominations and elections for the representative(s) of a faculty or school shall be conducted by the faculty or school association:
  - (1) within the constraints of this Bylaw;
  - (2) the Students' Union C.R.O. will have ultimate jurisdiction over the conduct of elections of faculty representative(s) to Students' Council, barring an appeal of their decision(s).
- 27. Notwithstanding anything else in this Bylaw, elections for the representatives of Lister Hall and the University of Alberta Hospital School of Nursing shall be conducted by the student government of those institutions in accordance with the applicable legislation and customs of that government, but subject to the "Students' Council Bylaw".

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# PART VII - Report of Result

28. The person or organization conducting an election pursuant to this Bylaw shall submit within seven (7) days to the Speaker of the Students' Council a report in writing containing the result of the election.

29. Although a faculty or school association may choose to incorporate the position of that faculty's representative to Students' Council with other positions within the faculty or school association, the Students' Union will fund only campaign costs that deal exclusively with the election of a faculty or school association representative to Students' Council. Ballots of such a combined position may, however, include all positions contested by candidate(s) within and/or external to the faculty or school association.