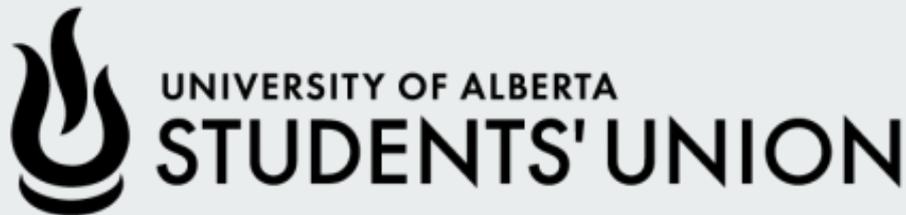




# **Elections Office**

## **2021-2022**





## Our Role

- Independent officers of Council, as per Bylaws 2100-2500, 100 and 8100
- Ratified by the previous year Student's Council
- Directly Report to the Chairperson of CAC
- Term: May 1st 2021 to April 30th 2022
- All communications between the Elections office and Councilors, Executives and Candidates are strictly confidential
- To organize Fair, Equitable and Unbiased Elections
- To run Referenda/Plebiscites as per UASU bylaws
- To hire DRO's and train Faculty/Department CRO's
- Assist 3rd party organizations that have any connection with the SU.

Engagement

Equitability

Efficiency





## Next Steps

May-August: Finalize Marketing and logistics for upcoming elections

August - October: By-election\*\*

December - March: Hire DRO's and Executive, GFC and SU Council Elections

April: Present Final Report to Council

- Created a list of suggestions regarding all essential bylaw changes for Council.\*\*
- Encourage external groups in running their elections with us (FAs, DAs, SRAs, etc)
- Consultation with Council and External Groups
- UofA Student Leaders of Tomorrow

*More Information regarding DRO hirings & Elections will be available in the upcoming Months.*





# Questions/Suggestions ?

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Hello SU Councilors,

My name is Lucas and I am the new Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the 2021-2022 year. I look forward to working with all of you and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. In the following pages, I have made a list of suggestions to the current bylaws that affect the elections department at the SU and its respective members. As I progress in my role, I hope to expand this list and offer my suggestions on other Bylaws regarding Elections, Plebiscites and Referendums.

If you have any concerns regarding the suggestions or why they are relevant at all, please feel free to reach out to me at [cro@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:cro@su.ualberta.ca) and we can schedule a meeting to further discuss them.

Kind Regards,

Lucas Marques  
UASU Chief Returning Officer

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*Suggestion 1: A review of bylaw 6100 regarding the amendment of a plebiscite question that renews a DFU after it has already been sent and approved.*

- Bylaw 6100 has no information regarding the amendment of plebiscite/referendum questions once they have been submitted and approved.
- The DIE board recommended January 2021 a thorough review and simplification of bylaws 1500 and 6100, having in mind the role that bylaw 2500 plays in setting the rules and protecting the election process as a whole.

Suggestion: Allow for Plebiscite questions to be amended after they have been approved, as long as they are reviewed 30 Days prior to the General Election. After this deadline, amendments can only be made if and only if the issue is a result of a failure from the Bylaw Committee to create a plebiscite question that fulfills the original proposal.

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*Suggestion 2: Resolve the issue of Candidates being able to endorse each other related to the direct contradiction with Bylaw 2200, Section 24(1) and Bylaw 2300, Section 22(1).*

- Important to highlight that in this decision, the DIE board only used bylaw 2300 which regulates the legislation to Council and GFC Elections.
- Bylaw 2200 regulates Executive elections legislation.

Suggestion: Council must discuss if candidates in either elections are allowed to not only endorse each other but also share resources such as having the same person in an instagram video for instance. And there can be two possible outcomes:

1. Council agrees that candidates are allowed to endorse each other and share resources, therefore bylaws 2200 and 2300 must make sure that it reflects such purpose. It must make sure that resources such as pictures and videos of the same people that support each different candidate are not considered collusion or any other form of shared resource. **Sections 21 and 22 of bylaw 2300 must make that clear.**
2. Council agrees that candidates are not allowed to endorse each other and share resources such as videos and pictures of volunteers that endorse different candidates. **Sections 21 and 22 of bylaw 2300 must make that clear.**

I would also like to make a further suggestion that even though Bylaws 2200 and 2300 are regarding different types of elections (Executive and Council), they should reflect the same basic rules and understandings.

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Suggestion 3: If the number of open Council and GFC seats is equal or less than 5 open positions per Council AND if the CRO considers it necessary, the SU Council should initiate the Vacancy Petition of Bylaw 100 without having to hold a fall by-election.

- I believe that in this case, Council should benefit from having a full student composition prior to the beginning of the Fall semester as it would allow council to fulfill its duties more effectively.
- In past years, having a by-election did not necessarily mean filling out all the seats. Most times, a couple of seats would still be vacant after the by-election.

Suggestion: Amend bylaw 2400 to include a clause that states that council can approve the appointment of members to assume vacant seats, given that there are 5 or less seats available and that the CRO considers it necessary to, without the need of having a Fall by-election.