

Elections Act

In order to ensure a standard and non-partisan electoral process is followed, all UADC elections will be managed in accordance with this Act.

1. Amendment
 - 1.1 The Judicial Authority and Elections Administration Board (JAEAB) is charged with the responsibility of periodically offering the Executive Council recommendations regarding the amendment of the Elections Act.
2. Date of Election
 - 2.1 Nominations and general elections for the Executive and JAEAB shall be held at an Annual General Club Meeting within 90 days before the fiscal year end, at a time and place to be announced to all members at least twenty-one days in advance.
 - 2.2 Whenever possible, the elections segment of a General Club Meeting shall be held during a social event.
 - 2.3 The Executive shall determine the time of all by-elections and the time and place will be announced to all members at least 7 days in advance.
3. Qualifications
 - 3.1 Any member in good standing may run for the Executive, subject to University and Students' Union regulations.
 - 3.2 Three-quarters of the Executive shall be Students' Union members.
 - 3.3 A member must be present at the general election in order to stand for office.
 - 3.4 A member must disclose any conflict of interest they may have in becoming an officer.
 - 3.5 A member contesting a student position on the Executive Committee must be a current member of the Students' Union.
4. Procedure
 - 4.1 The Chair of the General Meeting at which the Elections are held will relinquish the chair to the Chair of the JAEAB.
 - 4.2 The JAEAB Chair will explain the overall election procedure outlined in Section 4 of this Act.
 - 4.3 The two other members of the JAEAB shall be identified and introduced as scrutineers; in their absence the chair of the JAEAB shall appoint temporary replacements.
 - 4.4 Nominations and elections will be announced, accepted, and voted on in the following order:
President, VP Internal, VP External, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director, Workshops Director, Volunteer Director, Competitions Director.
 - 4.5 Prior to opening nominations for each position, the duties of the position shall be read out to the members.
 - 4.6 Upon receiving a nomination a candidate must:
 - 4.6.1 Declare if they are a student
 - 4.6.2 Disclose any conflicts they may have as an executive officer.
 - 4.7 The Chair of the JAEAB will give each candidate contesting an office two minutes to make a brief speech.
 - 4.8 The Chair of the JAEAB will allow questions to be put to the candidates contesting an office from the members of the assembly.
5. Voting
 - 5.1 Voting shall be by show of hands.
 - 5.2 All votes shall be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise.
 - 5.3 If there is only one candidate contesting any given office, the candidate will not be acclaimed, rather, their candidacy will be put to a yes or no vote.
 - 5.4 If a no vote should leave an office vacant, a by-election will be held to fill the position at the next meeting of General Council.
 - 5.5 If no nominations for a vacant office come forward, then a by-election will be held to fill the position, at the next meeting of General Council.
6. Declaration of Results
 - 6.1 The Chair of the JAEAB will announce the names of the successful candidates to the members at the Elections.