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TO: Sheridan Student Union Board

FROM: Tristan Paul, Special Projects Coordinator & CRO

DATE: Friday, August 25th 2017

RE: Summary of Proposed 17/18 Elections Policy Changes

Dear Board Members,

PURPOSE: This memo will serve to outline the proposed changes to the 2017 – 2018 Elections Policy with recommendations and feedback from the Governance Committee.

POLICY CHANGES:

Policy 1 (Elections and Referenda In General), Section 1
The wording here was changed to add some clarity. An additional section was added regarding the right course of action in the case an individual has an overarching issue with the elections procedure and framework.

Policy 1, Section 2
The change here is adds two additional sections to give the reader/interpreter more information.

Policy 2 (Nominations), Section 1.7 and 2.2.2
The changes here are mainly rewording.

Policy 4 (All-Candidates/All-Parties Meeting), Section 1
Reworded for clarity. The title of the section was also changed to be more reflective of the contents of the section.

Policy 5 (Campaigning), Section 2.6.1
Removing this section allows candidates to campaign on voting days.

Policy 5 (Nominations), Section 4.1
This change makes the Campaign Forum a non-mandatory event for the CRO

and Elections Department to organize during a by election. The primary reason being that a Campaign Forum (or similarly scaled event) may not be feasible to run in a shorter elections period. However, the Campaign Forum will be a mandatory event for the CRO to organize in a regular election cycle.

Policy 7, Section 2 and 3

These changes give flexibility surrounding the use of polling stations and paper balloting as deemed necessary. The main change in section 3 is in 3.1, which changes the list of candidates on the ballot from a randomized format to the order in which a candidate submits their nomination package.

These were the bulk of the changes made to the policy. There are some smaller changes that were made to fix spelling/grammar and have more gender-neutral wording. I also made a couple of changes to the table of contents section in the form of a more appropriate section title. You can check out all of the changes mentioned above in Elections Policy pdf – all changes are marked in red.

RECOMMENDATION: The SSUI Board of Directors approve the proposed 2017 – 2018 SSU Elections Policy changes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch ahead of our next Board meeting.

Sincerely,

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