

Regulation 2 – By-Elections and Co-options

By-Elections

1. By-Elections are held to fill positions that have become vacant between the original election and the end of the term of office of that position.
2. By-Elections are automatically held for any position where Re-Open nominations is the winning candidate.
3. The timings of By-Elections are at the discretion of the Democracy and Development Officer (or the President if the position of Democracy and Development Officer is vacant).
4. The timings will be accepted provided that:
 - a) Nominations are open for at least a week
 - b) Campaigning and polling take place for the same length of time as they would for an ordinary election
 - c) Campaigning and polling takes place within the undergraduate term
 - d) the deadline for objections is no sooner than 12noon three working days after the release of the provisional results
5. With the exception of timings, the election will run following the same regulations as a normal election.

Co-Options

1. Co-options can be held for the positions of:
 - a) Faculty Representatives
 - b) Environment and Ethics Officer
 - c) Student Exec Members
2. Co-options are held to fill positions that:
 - a) become vacant between the original election and the end of the term of office of that position
 - b) have not been elected due to a lack of candidates or because the vote did not achieve quorum
3. The Democracy and Development Officer is responsible for the organisation and publicity of the Co-Options, supported by SU staff
4. Co-options will be voted on by Student Council
5. The conduct and timings will be accepted provided that:

- a) nominations are open seven days before the relevant Student Council Meeting
- b) nominations must be received before the start of the relevant Student Council Meeting Co-option process for that position.
- c) the Returning Officer and/or the Chair are present at the relevant Student Council Meeting
- d) all candidates are given the opportunity to submit or present a brief statement in support of their candidacy
- e) the deadline for objections is no sooner than 12noon three working days after the release of the results.