

Amendment to AUS Election Bylaws

General Electoral By-Laws

Clause to Change	Reason	Amended Clause
AMEND 1.10 Elections shall be held between January 15 and April 1. If necessary, by-elections may take place between September 15 and December 1. Referenda shall be held between September 15 and December 1 or between January 15 and April 1.	To ensure flexibility of election dates due to variable dates every year.	1.10 Elections shall be held between January 15 and <i>April 5</i> . If necessary, by-elections may take place between September 15 and December 1. Referenda shall be held between September 15 and December 1 or between January 15 and <i>April 5</i> .
ADD	To ensure Elections AUS can add electors to the election system	2.2 The AUS elector’s list must be received by the CRO before October 1.
ADD	To ensure that all content and posts can be reviewed.	5.9.1 All candidates and referenda committees must invite the CRO and the DRO to social media groups and pages. Social media groups and pages are included but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
AMEND 7.4 Candidates and members of referendum committees who violate these Bylaws or the AUS Constitution shall be subject to the following penalties: i) Upon a first infraction, candidates and members of referendum committees shall be notified of their infraction, and shall be penalized twenty dollars (\$20.00). ii) Upon a second infraction, candidates and members of referendum committees shall	To update violations.	7.4 Candidates and members of referendum committees who violate these Bylaws or the AUS Constitution shall be subject to the penalties <i>listed in Appendix A</i> .



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be notified and further warned not to violate the AUS Electoral By-laws, and shall be rendered ineligible for reimbursement. Additionally, Elections AUS may choose to publicly censure the candidate or referendum committee member.

- iii) Upon a third infraction, candidates and members of referendum committees shall be disqualified. If disqualification is deemed too severe a penalty, Elections AUS shall issue a public censure through the AUS listserv or through a note on the ballot itself.

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Departmental Electoral By-Laws

Clause to Change	Reason	Amended Clause
AMEND 1.5 Elections shall be held between January 15 and April 1. If necessary, by-elections may take place between September 15 and December 1.	To ensure flexibility of election dates due to variable dates every year.	1.5 Elections shall be held between January 15 and <i>April 5</i> . If necessary, by-elections may take place between September 15 and December 1.
ADD	To ensure Elections AUS can add electors to the election system	2.2 The departmental elector's list must be received by the CRO before October 1.
ADD	To ensure fairness and safeguard the integrity of the department.	4.2 Departments may not send out endorsements to its official listserv.
ADD	To ensure that all content and posts can be reviewed.	4.7.1 All candidates must invite the CRO and the DRO to social media groups and pages. Social media groups and pages are included but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
AMEND 6.4 Candidates who violate these Bylaws or the AUS Constitution shall be subject to the following penalties: i) Upon a first infraction, candidates shall be notified of their infraction. ii) Upon a second infraction, candidates shall be notified and further warned not to violate the AUS Electoral By-laws. Additionally, Elections AUS may choose to publicly censure the candidate.	To update violations.	6.4 Candidates who violate these Bylaws or the AUS Constitution shall be subject to the penalties <i>listed in Appendix A</i> .



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iii) Upon a third infraction, candidates shall be disqualified. If disqualification is deemed too severe a penalty, Elections AUS shall issue a public censure through the AUS listserv or through a note on the ballot itself.

Sanctions & Demerit System (Appendix A)

Infraction	Minimum Sanctions	Maximum Sanctions	Demerits
Posting over another candidate's campaign material.	N/A		4-5
Misuse of an elected or appointed position* (incl. moderator positions of social media groups)	Public Announcement	Disqualification	12-18
Posting in a restricted area	N/A		2-4
Unauthorized Campaigning* (incl. without Professor's permission / unauthorized publicity thru emails, social media, etc. / falsification of endorsement / campaigning in unauthorized and restricted areas)	Demerit Points	Disqualification	6-18
Pre-Campaigning*	Demerit Points	Public Announcement	4-12
Negative Campaigning*	Campaign Suspension	Disqualification	8-18
Inhibiting other Candidates (violation of integrity of election system)	Public Announcement	Disqualification	12-18
Engaging External Support*	Campaign Suspension	Disqualification	13-18
Spending over given budget	Public Announcement	Disqualification	12-18
Deception of election authorities	Campaign Suspension	Disqualification	13-18
Bribery (attempted or successful)	Campaign Suspension	Disqualification	13-18

*Up to discretion of Elections AUS, may result in public censure through Listserv, Facebook, or any other public communication means if the above, prove to be unavailable.

These sanctions and demerit points are to be interpreted as a *guideline* only. Elections AUS has the sole authority to interpret the sanctions and demerit system. Appeals may be made to the Judicial Board.

If campaign as a slate, demerit points will be given to the slate, not the individual person running in the election.

Demerit Scale :

- 8 Demerits : Issuance of a formal warning to a Campaign Committee or Candidate
- 12 Demerits : Public Announcement



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- 13 ~ 17 Demerits : Campaign Suspension
- 18 ~ 20 Demerits : Automatic consideration of disqualification / invalidation

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