



THE ELECTION RULES OF THE SELWYN COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1. Eligibility for Nomination:

- i. All members (as per paragraph (c) within) shall be eligible for nomination, election and re-election provided: -
 - a) That their subscription has been paid before nomination.
 - b) That they have been a member of the Association for more than two (2) University of Otago terms in time immediately preceding the election.
 - c) That they are not honorary members of the Association.
- ii. Any member may be nominated for more than one (1) position provided that he or she may not hold any other than the first position to which he or she has been elected.

2. Nomination and Administration:

- i. The Internal Affairs Representative shall at the earliest possible moment after the commencement of the fourth (4th) term post on the notice board a notice calling nominations for each position to be filled.
- ii. Such notice shall also specify a date not earlier than seven (7) days after the posting of such notice at some specified time on which all nominations must be delivered to the Internal Affairs Representative; and any nominations not so delivered shall be deemed void at the discretion of the General Committee.
- iii. All nominations must be in writing, made and signed by at least two (2) members and also signed by the nominee in token of his or her acceptance and shall otherwise be void.
- iv. Forthwith after the receipt of each nomination the Internal Affairs Representative shall enter the name of the nominee in a list on the notice board, such list to contain the names of the nominees only for each position, until the closing of nominations, when the complete list of nominees for each position together with the names of nominators and seconders shall be published.

3. Scrutineers:

- i. Scrutineers shall be elected by the members of the Association in accordance with subsection (ii) herein.
- ii. Such scrutineers shall not be full members of the Association and have no right to vote in any election.
- iii. The scrutineers, under the supervision of the General Committee, will have the power to and shall: -
 - a) Distribute ballot papers.
 - b) Provide for the due secrecy of the ballot.
 - c) Direct and regulate the manner of voting and of recording votes.
 - d) Arrange for the counting and recounting of the votes and disallow votes not recorded in the specified manner.

- e) Generally to do all things necessary for the proper conduct of the election.

4. Order of Election:

- i. The order of election shall be as follows: -
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-President
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) The election order of the remaining positions on the General Committee shall be decided by the President and posted on the notice board at least twenty-four (24) hours before the specified time of delivery of nominations.
 - e) Where only one (1) member has been duly nominated for any position such member shall be declared to be duly elected; provided that if that member is the sole nominee for a position that is lower in the order of election than a position for which he or she is also a candidate that member shall not be deemed to be elected to the lower order position unless he or she is an unsuccessful candidate for that higher position.

5. Conduct of Election:

- i. Where more than one member has been duly nominated for any position a ballot shall be held as provided by Section 6.
- ii. Such election shall be so conducted that where any candidate is standing for more than one (1) position a vote shall not be taken in respect of any later office for which such candidate is standing until the election for the last preceding office for which such candidate is standing has first been determined and declared.
- iii. "Qualifying ballots" means every ballot paper or recorded vote, including those improperly or informally cast, used or cast in the conduct of an election in terms of these rules; except:
 - a) Any ballot paper or recorded vote officially destroyed.
 - b) Every ballot paper or recorded vote, save one (1), made by any persons who make more than one (1) ballot paper or recorded vote.
 - c) Any ballot paper or recorded vote made or cast by any persons not entitled to vote (in accordance with Section 18 of the Rules).
 - d) Any ballot paper or recorded vote made or cast by proxy.
- iv. On advice from the scrutineers and in consistency with the Constitution, the outgoing General Committee member will announce the result of the vote, and his or her decision will be final.

6. Election:

- i. In any election of members of the General Committee the Chairperson of the meeting shall not be entitled to vote except as provided in subsection (iv) hereof.
- ii. Where two (2) candidates are standing for the same position no person shall be declared elected unless he or she receives validly cast votes equal to not less than half (1/2) the total number of qualifying ballots, as defined in Section 5 (iii).

- iii. In any case where the required number of validly cast votes is not obtained, further elections shall be held between those candidates until one (1) receives validly cast votes equal to not less than half (1/2) the total number of qualifying ballots in accordance with subsection (v) herein.
- iv. In any election held under these rules the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote in every case in which each candidate receives an equal number of votes in accordance with subsection (v). The candidate in whose favour such casting vote is exercised shall forthwith be declared elected (as per Section 5 (iv)).
- v. Where more than two (2) candidates are standing for the same position the person who receives the greatest number of validly cast votes shall be declared elected if, and only if, that person receives validly cast votes equal to not less than half (1/2) the total number of qualifying ballots. In every other case there shall be a further election in which the candidate who received the least amount of validly cast votes has been removed from contention.
- vi. If two (2) or more candidates equally receive the least amount of validly cast votes, the election shall be held again until only one (1) candidate receives the least amount of validly cast votes and is removed from contention. Such further election shall repeat if necessary until there are only two (2) candidates remaining in the manner provided in subsection (v).