

## 1. General

- a. This bye-law outlines the process to be followed to call referenda.
- b. The Returning Officer of the Association shall adhere as best as possible to the guidance in this document, however they shall be empowered to take whatever appropriate steps are required to ensure voting is open and fair.

## 2. Referenda purpose

- a. A referendum may be called for the following reasons:
  - i. To change the policy of the Association
  - ii. To change the constitution of the Association in conjunction with the Board of Trustees.
  - iii. Pass a vote of no confidence in an elected officer. If such a vote passes with a simple majority the officer will have been deemed to have resigned with immediate effect.
- b. A referendum may not be called on any issue which has already been sent to a referendum for a period of 6 months.
- c. A referendum cannot be used to overturn a decision of the Board of Trustees.

## 3. Calling a Referendum

- a. A referendum may be called on any issue by:
  - i. A resolution of the Student Council
  - ii. A Resolution of the Executive Committee
  - iii. A secure petition signed by [%] of the membership
- b. The Association may run more than one referendum simultaneously.

## 4. Referenda Validity

- a. In order for a referendum to be valid, the following conditions need to be met:
  - i. [%] of the membership take part in the vote
  - ii. Members are given at least two weeks notice of the referendum.

## 5. Duration

- a. The Returning Officer will decide the polling duration for each referendum with the minimum polling duration being 24 hours.

## 6. Association Responsibilities

- a. The Association will ensure that where required, support is given to students seeking to take a position in a referendum.
- b. The Association will produce and publish guidance on how to call a referendum and give members taking part appropriate training where required.