All Candidates Session

Winter 2022 DSU General Election

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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the All Candidates Session! If you are reading this document, you are a candidate in the upcoming DSU Election. I’m Will, and I’m the DSU’s Chief Returning Officer for this election so I will be your primary point of contact for any questions or concerns about the elections process. Regardless of your part in the elections process, I want to congratulate you in taking a step towards being a part of student governance.

Student governance is reliant on passionate student leaders and the key to creating positive student experiences for all. As you are planning your campaign, I encourage all of you to reflect on your reasons for running in the election and how you can best fulfill the responsibilities of these important roles.

Before we start the campaigning period, I wish you all the very best of luck during your campaigns. Given the move back to in-person learning, this election may look very different than previous ones. This is a great opportunity for all of you, and I’m here to help you understand the rules and procedures surrounding this transition.

In this document you will find a general overview of the most relevant sections of DSU policy which will be important during the upcoming election. There is some direction regarding my interpretations of the policy, and how decisions will be made pertaining to social media and harassment. There is also an outline of the elections timeline and the appeals process for any actions which are taken by the CRO or Elections Committee during the election.

As your CRO, I would like to emphasize that my goal for this election is to create an environment where students are able to express their democratic rights. I think that all of us have our part to play in this process, and if you have any questions please let me know. I’m here to help, and if you come to me with questions about the process or policy beforehand as opposed to moving forward on assumptions that will make all of our lives easier. We’re all people, and I am committed to moving forward through this process with compassion and care. The best way to contact me is through email at dsucro@dal.ca. I can also set up in-person or virtual meetings so just send me an email to set that up if you have a concern that you feel cannot be addressed over email.

Thanks,

William Mann

DSU Chief Returning Officer

*The DSU is located in Mi’kma’ki, the traditional, unceded, and unsurrendered territory of the L’nu, or Mi’kmaq people. We seek to honour the relational treaty process and our obligations as treaty people in our programming, events, meetings, and interactions.*
## Important Rules for the 2022 Winter General Election

DSU Elections are governed by the following documents:

- [DSU Bylaw 9 – Please scroll to Bylaw 9](#)
- [Elections Policy](#)
- [Campaign Information and Rules](#) (this document)

It is the responsibility of those involved in elections to review the above documents. **Not having read the rules or being unaware of a policy will not be accepted as a reason for not adhering to these policies.** A condensed list of the most relevant rules for the purposes of campaigning is given in the below table. **Please note that this list is for reference purposes only and that some aspects of the policy may not be repeated verbatim.**

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<td><strong>DSU Bylaw 9</strong></td>
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<td>9.4 (d)</td>
<td>• CRO shall receive, investigate and render decisions regarding complaints during elections and referenda.</td>
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<td>• The election committee shall decide on appeals to any decisions made by the CRO.</td>
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<td>• The election committee has the power to void any election result in the event of an egregious breach of the Bylaw or polices</td>
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<td>9.6</td>
<td>• This section of the policy is outdated, there is no “elections appeal committee” and appeals of EC decisions will be handled by the Judicial Board as per the DSU Judicial Board Policy and the Elections and Referenda Policy.</td>
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### Referenda & Elections Policy

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<th>Definitions</th>
<th>• Campaigning: advertising by any medium designed to influence voters.</th>
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<td>Section 8.1.7</td>
<td>• All members of the DSU are subject to the Dalhousie University Code of Conduct. Offences against persons and/or property as defined in the Student Code of Conduct are strictly prohibited.</td>
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<td>Section 8.1.8</td>
<td>• No campaign may engage in libel, nor distribute material which could be construed as slanderous towards an opponent.</td>
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<td>Section 8.1.9</td>
<td>• Any new interpretation or clarification of elections rules by the Elections Committee that occurs during the Campaigning Period must be noticed to all candidates and spokespersons within twenty-four hours of being ruled on. The ruling will come into effect once all campaigns have been notified.</td>
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<td>Section 8.1.10 &amp; 8.1.10.1</td>
<td>• Accommodations for candidates and spokespersons may be made in accordance with the steps outlined in the Accommodations Policy. For the purposes of Elections and Referenda, the CRO will be considered the ‘Supervisor.’</td>
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<td>8.2.4</td>
<td>Accommodations must not provide an advantage and must not violate any substantial rules outlined by the Elections committee or DSU Policies. Until the Voting Period starts, a candidate may withdraw their nomination form and have their name removed from the election. Upon submitting written declaration of withdrawal to the CRO, the candidate must meet with the CRO at the first possible opportunity to sign a declaration of withdrawal in their presence.</td>
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<td>8.3.2</td>
<td>No campaigning of any medium may take place outside of the Campaigning Period. Please refer to the Elections Timeline. For the Winter General Election, the Campaigning Period is March 1st to March 13th. Campaigning begins at 8:00 am AST for the 2022 Winter General Election.</td>
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<td>Campaigns must not accept offers from societies or external organizations. Offers include but are not limited to donated goods, funds, and/or services.</td>
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<td>Sections 8.3.6 &amp; 8.3.7</td>
<td>There must be no campaigning of any kind at any of the University libraries, on-campus bars or residences except where the Elections Committee is holding an official event. Campaigning must be restricted to Dalhousie University campuses. Public sidewalks adjoining campus buildings are considered for the purposes of this policy to be a part of the University.</td>
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<td>Candidates and spokespersons must not endorse one another, run in a slate, or campaign together except where the elections committee is holding an official event.</td>
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<td>8.3.12</td>
<td>Rules about campaign expenditures: All candidates and spokespersons are permitted a total campaign value of two hundred dollars ($200.00), excluding the cost of printing official posters. The specific guidelines relevant to campaign expenditures can be found in Appendix IV of this policy, to which all campaigns are subject.</td>
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<td>8.4.5</td>
<td>Should a tie occur for any position, a run-off election must be held between the tied candidates. The timeline for the run-off must be as follows: Nominations must not be reopened. The Campaigning period must begin no later than (2) school days after the announcement of the Election Period for the run-off election and extend no more than five (5) days. The Voting Period must be two (2) school days and follow all guidelines of a regular Voting Period as provisioned in this policy.</td>
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<td>Should a candidate for any position run unopposed there will be a yes/no option after the candidate’s name on the ballot.</td>
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<td>Electronic balloting provides opportunity for abuse, intentioned or not, by voters, candidates, campaign workers, and spokespersons. Abuse of electronic balloting includes, but is not limited to the following types of action: Efforts by candidates, spokespersons, or campaign workers to influence voters by holding social events at which members are encouraged to vote on the premises. Offering favours or gifts in exchange for votes.</td>
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- Pressuring members to vote in the presence of a candidate, spokesperson, campaign workers, or any other member.
- Bringing the means of electronic voting to a member.

- All candidates and spokespersons are solely responsible for their actions and those of their campaign workers and are liable for non-refundable fines according to Appendix IV of this policy.
- The CRO will have the authority to enforce the provisions of this policy except in the case of an appeal.
- The Elections Committee may lay charges of violations of its own volition.
  - Should the Elections Committee find there has been an egregious violation it may:
    - Declare that the election in its entirety, the election of a specific position, or the election of a specific candidate be voided.
- Charges of violation against any campaign may be submitted in writing (by email) to the CRO who must contact the candidate or spokesperson which leads that campaign within twenty-four (24) hours to notify them of their right to appeal. The CRO must rule on the charge within two (2) days of receiving it.
  - The CRO must notify the candidate or spokesperson on the status of a charge immediately after ruling on that charge.
- Appeals against charges of violation levied by the CRO must be made in writing to the Elections Committee within forty-eight (48) hours of the CRO’s ruling on that charge.
- The Elections Committee must meet to discuss any appeals against charges of violation and decide no later than two (2) days after receiving an appeal on the appropriate action(s) to be taken. The Elections Committee must notify the CRO and the candidate or spokesperson who submitted the appeal immediately after ruling on the appeal.
- Appeals against a ruling levied by the Elections Committee must be submitted in writing to the Judicial Board within two (2) days of the candidate or spokesperson being informed of the ruling. The Judicial Board will then investigate and return their findings.
- Decisions to disqualify a campaign must not be made known to any party during the Voting Period. If a ruling to disqualify is made during the Campaigning Period, the candidate or spokesperson which leads that campaign must be notified immediately.
  - Should a winning candidate be disqualified after the Voting Period has ended, the position for which that candidate was running must be brought to by-election.
- The CRO must publish an updated list of all offenses, except those that result in disqualification, outside of the designated DSU Elections Office (given that there is no DSU Elections Office, violations will be on the DSU website)
- A candidate or spokesperson is deemed to be informed of an Elections Committee ruling six (6) business hours after the ruling is emailed.
### Section 9

- Any member may challenge the validity of election, referendum, or recount results in a written submission to the Elections Committee no later than two (2) school days of the end of the Voting Period.
  - Written submissions appealing election, referendum, or recount results must contain the appellant’s full name, student number, contact information, and signature, as well as a detailed explanation of the reason(s) for challenging the results.
- The Elections Committee must investigate the appeal and rule on the appropriate action(s) within one (1) week of the submission.
  - Should a member challenge the ruling of an Elections Committee investigation into the validity of an election, referendum or recount result, the member may submit a petition to the Judicial Board to review the Elections Committee’s findings within one (1) week of the Elections Committee’s initial ruling.
- No record of the vote for an election or referendum may be destroyed until thirty (30) days after the end of the Voting Period.
- Should no appeals occur, the Unofficial Results of any election and/or referenda will automatically become Official Results two (2) days after the end of the Voting Period.
- Should an appeal occur, the Unofficial Results of any election and/or referenda will automatically become Official Results two (2) days after the last ruling on the matter is made and verified by the CRO. Once the elections and/or referenda results are made official any challenges of the results must be made in accordance with the DSU Bylaws.

### Poster Regulations

1. It will be the responsibility of the CRO and Elections Committee to secure poster display space in as many University buildings as possible.
2. Poster display spaces secured by the CRO and Elections Committee must house one (1) poster per campaign. These posters must be distributed equally and when possible, grouped by position.
3. Posters not approved and posted by the CRO and Elections Committee must not be displayed by any campaign in any location.
4. It will be the responsibility of the CRO and Elections Committee to obtain, approve, print, and display campaign posters, of a maximum size determined by the Elections Committee and communicated during the All Candidates Meeting.
5. Posters that have been vandalized or damaged will be replaced by the Elections Committee as soon as possible. Notice of damaged posters may be given to the CRO who must replace them within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the notice.
6. The Elections Committee will make regular rounds to inspect posters.
7. All posters must be taken down by the Elections Committee no earlier than the end of the Voting Period.
8. Campaigns must submit electronic copies of their posters to the CRO for approval and printing no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the Nomination Period has ended. (The approved timeline allows for posters to be submitted up to February 28, which overrides this policy.)
### Other Forms of Campaigning

1. Advertisements placed in The Dalhousie Gazette or The Sextant are subject to limitations by those publications.

2. Campaign displays and tabling within the DSU must be booked with the DSU Meetings and Events Manager and with the Facilities Manager of any non-DSU buildings. All display and tabling approvals must be submitted to the CRO for verification.

3. The use of any physical campaign materials including posters within classrooms is not permitted.

4. Verbal campaigning in classrooms is permitted when express written permission is given to a campaign by the presiding faculty member. All class talks must be verified by the CRO before they occur by presenting a faculty member’s note of permission to the CRO.

5. Campaigns must distribute handbills directly to members.

6. Campaigns must submit electronic copies of their posters to the CRO for approval no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the Nomination Period has ended.

7. Handbills must be no larger than 4.25 inches and 5.5 inches in size.

8. Campaigns are responsible for printing and distributing their own handbills.

9. The use of Union or University facilities not available to all campaigns is not permitted.

10. This includes, but is not limited to:
   - DSU branding and logos.
   - DSU television screens.
   - University branding, logos, footage, and ‘tiger mascot’ costume.
   - The facilities of the offices of the DSU or any society under its jurisdiction and any resources or promotional materials owned by the DSU and its societies. This includes, but is not limited to: society funds, websites, email accounts, and/or distribution lists.

11. The use of stickers is not permitted.

12. Only water-soluble chalk may be used for chalking
   - Chalking within ten (10) feet of doors is prohibited.
   - Chalking on vertical surfaces or buildings is prohibited.
   - Chalking on any recreational or athletic field is prohibited.

### Media Regulations

1. All forms of media may be used during the Campaigning Period except where explicitly prohibited by the Elections Committee and noticed during the All Candidates Meeting.

2. Any additional media platforms not listed below must be used in accordance with the spirit of this section of the policy.

3. All personal accounts of candidates, spokespersons, and/or campaign workers that are used for the purposes of campaigning during the Campaigning Period must be public.

4. Media pages and groups may remain live after the end of the Campaigning Period, but campaigns must not make further posts or accept more followers. Campaigns must not send any further messages.
5. Candidates, spokespersons, and campaign workers are permitted to use their personal media pages to promote voting during the Voting Period but must not refer to their campaigns.

6. All emails and media campaign materials must include:
   - A link to the DSU elections webpage.
   - The hashtag #dsuelxn

**Video Regulations**
1. Each campaign is encouraged to create a one (1) minute video that will be used on the DSU elections webpage.
2. Campaigns are permitted to make further videos but only one video may be used on the DSU elections webpage.
3. All videos must be submitted to the CRO for approval.
4. To be used on the webpage, the video must be submitted no later than the first day of the Campaigning Period.

**Email Regulations**
1. Campaigns must only send emails to those members who have given them their email address for campaigning purposes.
2. Members must have the option of unsubscribing from the email list by sending an email to the campaign.

**Facebook Regulations**
1. Campaigns may create a new Facebook page or group to use for the duration of the Campaigning Period or they may use their personal Facebook pages.
2. Campaigns may use Facebook groups or pages created for use in past DSU elections.

**Twitter Regulations**
1. Each campaign may create a new Twitter account to use for the duration of the Campaigning Period or they may use their personal account.

**Snapchat Regulations**
1. Each campaign may create a new Snapchat account to use for the duration of the Campaigning Period or they may use their personal account.
2. All snapchats must be sent to the DSU elections snapchat account including stories.

**Instagram Regulations**
1. Each campaign may create a new Instagram account to use for the duration of the Campaigning Period or they may use their personal account.
   - All posts and stories must tag the official DSU elections account.
Appendix IV: Campaign Expenditures

1. No campaign may exceed a total expenditure of two hundred dollars ($200.00), including any fines levied by the CRO or Elections Committee.
2. The Vice President Finance and Operations may provide each campaign an advance equal to the amount specific in their application for the purposes of facilitating their campaign. Applications for advances must be submitted in writing to the VPFO no later than one (1) week prior to the start of the Campaign Period.
   • Should a campaign have unused funds they must return those funds to the VPFO within one (1) week of the end of the Elections Period.
3. No campaign may receive discounts that are not available to all members.
4. Any in-kind good or service given to a campaign will be assigned a ‘market-value’ price as determined by the Elections Committee and included in the total expenditure for that campaign.
   • Goods and/or professional skills belonging to a candidate, spokesperson, or campaign worker are exempt from this regulation.
5. An itemized account of all campaign expenditures must be submitted to the Vice-President Finance and Operations within twenty-four (24) hours of the
close of the Elections Period. These accounts must include a written receipt or bill for each separate item, signed by a candidate or spokesperson.

6. All campaigns that received more than twenty percent (20%) of the vote in an election with two (2) or less candidates or more than ten percent (10%) of the vote in an election with three (3) or more candidates may be reimbursed for campaign expenditure up to two hundred dollars ($200.00). The itemized account provisioned above in Section 15.5 must be submitted to the Vice President Finance and Operations within the twenty-four (24) hour deadline for a candidate or spokesperson to receive their reimbursement.

7. Any fines levied by the CRO or Elections Committee to a campaign may be deducted from that campaign’s two hundred-dollar ($200.00) expenditure total. Should the addition of levied fines to a campaign’s expenditure total result in that campaign exceeding the expenditure total, the Elections Committee will determine if those fines must be owed to the DSU according to the seriousness of the offenses. Any fines must be collected by the Vice-President Finance and Operations within one (1) week following the end of the Elections Period.

### Additional Guidance

#### Definitions
- Coarse language includes profanity, threats, slurs, sexual references, or sexual innuendo. For greater clarity, references to issues of sexual health is not considered coarse language but making direct references to the act of the coitus when not in relation to sexual health is.
- Harassment is guided by the Dalhousie University Student Code of Conduct and any other relevant university policy.
- Outside parties means any organization apart from the DSU or Dalhousie University.
- The entirety of all University libraries are considered to be any university libraries listed on the Dalhousie Libraries website except for the Killiam Atrium.

#### General Rules
- Slanderous statements, harassment, discriminatory behaviour, violation of the Dalhousie Student Code of Conduct, and/or violations of law is immediate grounds for disqualifications.
- Only resources that are available to all DSU members can be used.
- Campaigns cannot use the DSU Tiger or any Dalhousie University campaign materials or slogans in the course of their campaigning.
- Campaigns may use “DSU” in their campaign materials (ie, Candidate X for the DSU) but not “DAL”.
- Campaigns may not campaign inside any university library, learning commons or bar.
- Campaigns cannot accept offers from outside parties. Offers include but are not limited to: donated goods, funds or services.
- Campaigns must provide a link to the dsu.ca/elections website in the description for any Facebook page or group.
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<td>• Please submit posters and handbills as soon as possible. The longer their submission takes the more likely a delay in posting them will result.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Posters are DUE February 28, 2022 at noon Atlantic Time at the latest</strong></td>
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<th>Generally speaking, all social media posts must be viewable by the CRO or the election committee. When social media has tagging functionality, certain tags must be used (please consult the Rules for exact tags needed). Coarse language and harassment is not permitted. All platforms (even those unlisted) are subject to the spirit of the policy and the DSU Communications Policy.</th>
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<td>Please tag @dsu and #dsuelxn on all content</td>
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**Please review the DSU Communications Policy for further information and guidance regarding social media use**
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Reddit & Discord
- Notify the CRO if an Ask Me Anything ("AMA") / Q&A is happening

TikTok
- Same rules as Snapchat
- Pre-send TikToks to the CRO

Social Media Advertising
- Advertising should contain all the expected hashtags as well as #ad and tagged as being a paid advertisement from the candidate's personal or campaign page.

General
- Adherence with the COVID-19 guidelines published by the municipality, government, health authorities, Dalhousie University, and the DSU is strictly required. Should any violations occur, the charges will be reviewed, and the appropriate penalties will be taken. Note, disqualification is a potential consequence.
- Candidates are not to communicate with any members of the Elections Committee other than the CRO at any point during the election.
- Individuals resharing campaign materials is not considered the work of a campaign worker, or spokesperson. Additionally, it is not considered an endorsement.

CRO Interpretations Regarding Potential Social Media and Harassment Issues
Given that elections policy cannot account for all specific situations that arise during the campaign, I wanted to provide some preliminary guidance on a few key topics. Please note that these interpretations are not binding authority but simply my plans for interpreting potential issues that come up. These interpretations include the following:
- Any bios/page descriptions of your social media pages must have the DSU elections website link in them. I am not requiring candidates to have this link on every post, but all posts must tag the official DSU account and contain the hashtag #dsuelxn if the platform supports hashtags.
- A candidate and their campaign workers must not “spam” another Candidate or their campaign worker’s social media platforms and personal communication devices. Doing so will be considered harassment and will be penalized accordingly.
- Generally speaking, anything that may be considered cyber-bullying as defined in the Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act, SNS 2017, c 7 will be considered to be harassment.
- Candidates and Campaign workers may use their own personal social media accounts, post messages, or change their profile and timeline picture to support a candidate during the campaign period. For the purposes of the prohibition on no post-campaign period campaigning all posts, messages, and comments made for the purposes of campaigning can remain, but no new posts pertaining to the election can be made after the conclusion of the campaign period with the exception of sharing the generic DSU voting material.
• Given that policy specifies that no further campaigning can be done after the campaign period is over, social media accounts created during the campaign may remain active when the campaign period ends but may not add any new posts, comments, or timeline photos. Candidates and campaigns should also consult the [Communications Policy](#). Further, given the importance regarding preventing harassment, I want to make an additional interpretation pertaining to harassment:

  • While “anti-referendum X” campaigns can be run against referendums, campaigns which are expressly “anti-candidate X” campaigns against a particular candidate are prohibited. The reason for this is that harassment will be inevitable with such campaigns and in turn go against the rules of the election.

**Campaign Expenditures**

• Elections Committee has reviewed the existing policy surrounding campaign expenditures and determined that only campaign expenditures whose primary purpose are for campaigning will be reimbursed. Additionally, if a piece of campaign equipment (i.e., a video camera for filming) can be rented for the duration of the campaign instead of purchased by a candidate the candidate will be expected to do so. Elections Committee will be reviewing all submitted campaign expenditures to ensure they meet these requirements.

**Restricted Resources and Poster Locations**

Candidates and campaigns are reminded that they are not able to use resources that would not otherwise be accessible to other candidates or campaigns. The Communications Officer has booked poster locations and their locations will be provided before the start of the campaign period. In this election, there will be no postering allowed outside of the posters which will be displayed by the CRO and elections committee.

**The Decision and Appeal Procedure**

The following procedure outlines the decision and appellate process when a decision is made. Please see the DSU Elections & Referenda Policy for more details.

1. **First level – CRO**: When I receive a charge of violation or it comes to my attention a candidate has engaged in inappropriate behavior, I will investigate the matter. This will likely involve activities such as reviewing applicable documents and contacting the alleged offender and the person laying the charge of violation. When I make my decision, I will email all involved parties of my decision. A candidate or volunteer is deemed to have been informed of the decision six business hours after the decision is made. The candidate or volunteer can appeal this decision to the election committee within 72 hours of being informed.

2. **Second level – Election Committee**: The election committee shall meet to discuss any request for an appeal and decide on appropriate actions to take. If the election committee decides to hear the appeal, the appellate must provide written reasons to the election committee as to why they are making the appeal. In the event the election committee wishes to hear oral reasons, the appellate must do so in respectful manner. Decisions on appeals will be determined by a majority vote and have at least three members of the committee present. A candidate or volunteer is deemed to have been informed of the election committee’s decision within six
business hours after the decision has been emailed. Appeals can be made to the judicial board within five days of being informed of the results of the appeal.

3. **Third level – Judicial Board**: This is the final level of appeal. Pursuant to section 12.2 of the *Judicial Board Policy* the Judicial Board can only hear appeals which have the effect of disqualifying or otherwise imposing some sanction on a candidate for election to any position of the Union, or any decision relating to any plebiscite or referendum.
## DSU By-Election Fall 2021 Timeline

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### Election Period Timeline

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<td>Reading Week</td>
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<td>Deadline for campaigns to submit Candidate Questionnaires, posters, and handbills</td>
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<td>Deadline for 1-Minute Campaign Video Submission</td>
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<td><strong>Campaign Period Begins</strong></td>
<td>March 1 @ 8 AM</td>
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Reading Break: February 21-25
Poster Locations

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