



**Passed by Executive:**  
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## **Student Council By-Elections**

### **This Union Notes:**

1. Coventry University Students' Union (CUSU) is led by students and for students
2. By the second by-election, students will have had at least one opportunity to stand for a position

### **This Union Believes:**

1. It is important to have as many groups of students represented on the top decision making body of the Union
2. To make the Student Council election process as efficient as possible
3. The rules and regulations should be reduced for a second round of Student Council by-elections

### **This Union Resolves:**

1. To add the following points to Bye Laws D – Election Regulations:
  32. The second round of Student Council by-elections in any academic year will run in accordance with points 33-38 of this Bye Law
  33. The President shall give immediate notice of the vacancy. The RO shall organise, in conjunction with the President, the by-election nominations to be closed after ten working days of receiving the first nomination
  34. Any Ordinary Members of CUSU shall be eligible to stand for election, propose a candidate and vote in any election for the above posts with the following restrictions:
    - a) No current Council member may hold more than one seat at the same time
    - b) No member may stand for election having been previously disqualified on the grounds of attempting to disrupt an election or any other dishonest conduct (failure to attend hustings is not considered an attempt to disrupt an election)

- c) For the following Student Council positions of International Students Officer, Postgraduate Students' Officer, Mature Students' Officer and Part Time Students' Officer, only members who are respectively from outside the UK, on a postgraduate course, over the age of 21 at the start of the course or on a part time course may stand for election in these elections
- d) For the Student Council positions of the BME; Disabled; LGBT+ or Women's Officer, no member may stand for; vote or nominate a candidate for these positions unless they self define as Black and Minority Ethnic; Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans and Plus; Disabled or Women respectively

35. Official nomination forms clearly specifying the post for which the candidate is standing, signed by the candidate, proposer and seconder, and eight Ordinary Members of CUSU, shall be handed to the RO or nominee not later than the time and day appointed by the RO for the close of nominations. No nomination shall be accepted after that date which shall be fixed by the RO. Nominations shall remain open for at least five working days

- i. Official nomination forms for candidates for BME; Disabled; LGBT+ and Women's Officer, need only to be signed by the candidate; proposer and seconder; and one Ordinary Member of CUSU

36. A list of candidates together with proposer and seconder shall be published immediately after the close of nominations and displayed, by the President

37. Where an election for more than one post is taking place simultaneously, a student may be nominated as a candidate for only one post

38. The voting will take place in accordance with the regulations outlined in points 10-29 of this Bye Laws

**Proposed:** Rob Wilson, President

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