

# Elections and Referenda

## Policy Type

Operational Policy

## Purpose

To outline the expectations of TKUSA elections and referenda in a fair, open, and transparent.

## Definitions

The **Chief Returning Officer (CRO)** is the General Manager of TKUSA and is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the elections and referenda proceed according to bylaws, policy and procedure.

The **Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)** is the person appointed by the CRO who is charged with supporting the election process and CRO.

**A candidate** is a qualified person who seeks to obtain an elected position.

**Campaigning** refers to the process of a candidate promoting themselves and their desire to run for a position and their intentions in that role. It can also be the candidate seeking to influence the outcome of a particular referendum question.

## Policy Statement

1. Awareness of all aspects of its elections or referenda will be promoted to the members.
2. The administration of elections and referenda will be fair and impartial.
3. TKUSA's General Manager is the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for all elections and referenda.
  - 3.1. The CRO will appoints a Deputy Returning Officer (DRO).
  - 3.2. The CRO will approve all campaign materials
4. The duration and scope of campaigning, as well as the use of campaign materials, must be limited and defined.
5. A grievance and appeal process exists.
6. Opportunities will be provided for students to interact with all candidates
7. The King's University requirements regarding campaigning and materials must be adhered to.

## Fact Sheet

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