



University Students' Council Of Western University

Registered Interest Party Procedure

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1. PURPOSE

A Registered Interest Party is any group that requests recognition to advocate for a particular side in a referendum. This procedure serves to indicate how a registered interest party is formed to campaign in a referendum.

2. FORMATION

- 2.1. When applying to be a registered interest party, a group must prepare a written submission indicating how they will be directly affected by the result of the referendum.
- 2.2. All applications for status as a registered interest party must be submitted to the CRO by the end of the candidate nomination period.
- 2.3. Any group may request recognition as a registered interest party provided that the following conditions are met:
 - 2.3.1. They are a Western University student group, or party approved by the Committee, autonomous from the USC;
 - 2.3.2. They do not include non-Western students or other third parties; and
 - 2.3.3. They have an official spokesperson designated to the CRO.

2.4. Applications for status as a Registered Interest Party are to be approved by the EGC based on the merit of an application, with the decision being subject to appeal to the USC Appeals Board.

3. GUIDELINES

3.1. Registered interested parties are entitled to campaign on behalf of any side in any referendum or plebiscite. More than one registered party may represent each official side.

3.2. Once a Registered Interest Party has been approved they are treated as a candidate and are therefore bound by the campaign rules in PART A of Bylaw #2, Elections Governance Committee Violations Policy and by the rules and procedures governing referendums.

3.3. All Campaign Materials produced by a registered party, including electronic materials, must clearly indicate that they are authored by a registered interest party.