



University Students' Council Of Western University

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## 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. 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.