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General Election Procedures: Fall Election

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Student Association of George Brown Polytechnic is conducting the Fall 2026 election for the Director of Communications and Internal, Director of Operations, and any Academic Faculty Representative vacancies included in the official notice of election, under By-law 12 and pursuant to the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

The purpose of this document is to establish procedural requirements for the Fall 2026 Election, which are consistent with the principles outlined in By-law 12.

The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) may amend procedures, documents, etc., if deemed necessary, at any time up to and including the voting period (November 24-30, 2026). Any amendments to the procedures will be posted on https://elections.studentassociation.ca.

These procedures and all directives are subordinate to the Association's By-laws. The CRO administers election matters subject to the appeal and review provisions of By-law 12, sections 14 and 15. Emergency directions under section 2(d)(xvi) are not subject to appeal. Nothing in these procedures overrides the By-laws.

The contents of this document are intended as a guide to provisions of relevant legislation and do not purport to recite all applicable statutory references. Prospective candidates must confirm that they have complied with the relevant sections of the By-laws of the Student Association of George Brown Polytechnic and that they are qualified to seek elected office.

Questions with respect to these procedures may be directed to:

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2. IMPORTANT DATES

2026 Fall Election

The 2026 Fall Election will be held from Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to Monday, November 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Unofficial results will be posted on the Student Association elections website as soon as possible following the close of voting on Monday, November 30, 2026.

The nomination period for candidates will run from Monday, November 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to Monday, November 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

The campaign period for candidates will run from Monday, November 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to Monday, November 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The five voting days will be November 24, 25, 26, 27, and 30, 2026.

3. PRINCIPLES GUIDING ELECTIONS

The following principles are essential for ensuring fair elections:

- The secrecy and confidentiality of each vote are paramount.
- The election must be fair and non-biased.
- The election must be accessible to all voters.
- The integrity of the election process must be maintained throughout the process.
- It must be certain that the results of the election reflect the votes cast.
- Voters and candidates should be treated fairly and consistently by the Student Association.

4. ELECTORS

4.1 Qualification of Electors for the 2026 Fall Elections

A person is entitled to vote for all executive positions if they are a member of the Corporation in accordance with By-law 1, Section 1.

A person is entitled to vote for the Academic Faculty Representative if they are a member of the Corporation in accordance with By-law 1, Section 1, and are registered in a program within the faculty.

It is the responsibility of the elector to ensure they are entitled to vote for the respective positions.

5. CANDIDATES

5.1 Director of Communications and Internal and Director of Operations

In accordance with By-law 3, candidates for the Director of Communications and Internal and Director of Operations must meet the eligibility requirements applicable to Executive Board Members.

Candidates must:

- Be a member of the Corporation in accordance with By-law 1.
- Be at least 18 years of age as of the date of ratification.
- Be otherwise eligible to serve as a Director of the Corporation under applicable law.
- Be lawfully able to work and receive payment in Ontario as a Board Member.
- Meet the employment restrictions in By-law 3, including the requirement to resign from prohibited employment before taking office. Service as a Board Member is not employment for these purposes.
- Be currently enrolled and in good academic standing in their program at George Brown Polytechnic.
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA and have been in good academic standing during their most recent academic term.
- Submit a letter of reference from a professor, employer, or other supervisor confirming the candidate’s critical-thinking and leadership skills.
- Meet the applicable misconduct and prior-disqualification requirements set out in By-law 3.

The Director of Communications and Internal and Director of Operations serve terms running from January 1 to December 31, which is why these positions are elected through the Fall Election rather than the Spring General Election.

5.2 Additional Candidate and Nomination Requirements

All candidates must satisfy By-law 3, including its serious-misconduct and prior-disqualification provisions. An individual may serve no more than three Board terms in total, whether consecutive or non-consecutive, and no more than two consecutive terms in Executive positions or two consecutive terms in Non-Executive positions. A change between categories may permit a consecutive third term, subject to the overall three-term limit.

An Executive reference letter meets the requirement when it is from a professor, employer or other supervisor and confirms critical-thinking and leadership skills. Once these requirements are met, the CRO shall not otherwise reject a nomination based on the letter's contents (By-law 3, section 1(2)(b)). Candidates may run for only one

position per election. Executive nominations require 30 valid signatures; other positions require 10.

Nominators must be eligible to vote for that office. An alternative signature process may be established by the CRO after consulting the Elections Committee where the ordinary requirement is not feasible in the totality of the circumstances (By-law 12, section 5). Nomination forms must be complete and submitted by the deadline. To the extent possible, candidates will be notified of deficiencies in time to resubmit.

No slates or slate names are permitted. Cross-endorsement and cross-campaigning are permitted, but each platform must be unique and no expenses may be shared. All nominees must attend the entire All-Candidates Meeting, send an authorized representative carrying signed authorization, or arrange to meet the CRO within 24 hours of that meeting. Failure to satisfy these alternatives results in disqualification.

Required acknowledgments of the election rules, job descriptions and Directors' Code of Conduct must be signed in accordance with By-law 12, section 7 and By-law 3, section 3. Eligibility becomes official only after verification and publication of the Official Candidates List, including posting on all SA office doors.

Withdrawal requires the prescribed written form submitted to and accepted by the CRO before 2:00 p.m. on the business day following the All-Candidates Meeting. Expenses of withdrawing candidates are not reimbursed.

5.3 Academic Faculty Representative Candidates

Academic Faculty Representative candidates must meet the applicable general eligibility requirements in By-law 3, including current enrolment and good academic standing, and must remain registered in a program in their represented faculty during their term. The Executive-specific 3.0 GPA and reference-letter requirements do not apply solely by reason of seeking a Faculty Representative position.

The general term limits, misconduct requirements, required written agreements and prohibition on employment with the Corporation apply. Polytechnic employment must be disclosed and managed under By-law 3, section 9. Vacancies and any remaining term must be identified in the official notice.

5.4 Campaigning

Campaigning may only take place at the following George Brown Polytechnic locations:

- George Brown Polytechnic, Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Avenue, Toronto, ON M5R 1M3
- George Brown Polytechnic, St. James Campus, 200 King Street East, Toronto, ON M5A 3W8

- George Brown Polytechnic, Waterfront Campus, 51 Dockside Drive, Toronto, ON M5A 0B6
- George Brown Polytechnic at Toronto Metropolitan University, 99 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ON M5B 2K8
- George Brown Polytechnic at Sunnybrook Centre for Independent Living, 2075 Bayview Avenue, U-Wing, Ground Floor, Toronto, ON M4N 3M5
- George Brown Polytechnic at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, 50 Tank House Lane, Distillery District, Toronto, ON M5A 3C4

Campaigning is prohibited in:

- Student Association offices or any area perceived to be under Student Association jurisdiction, as determined by the CRO.

- Classroom campaigning requires prior written instructor consent, obtained before class. Direct students to the elections website.

- Student Residence, computer labs, and the Library, except in an area agreed upon by the CRO and the Polytechnic.

5.5 Responses to Candidate Questions Regarding Campaign Processes

Responses to questions posed by candidates will be collected and sent to all candidates to ensure that all receive the same information.

5.6 Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes

The Use of Student Association Resources During an Election Period Directive (appendix iii) prohibits the use of corporate resources for election purposes. Campaigning includes any activity aimed at supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot question, and no corporate resources, logos, or facilities may be used for such purposes.

This Directive supplements By-law 12, section 10(d), which prohibits candidates from using services or resources made available to them by virtue of holding a position in a campus organization.

5.7 Candidates' Election Campaign Advertisement

All candidate advertisements and campaign materials must comply with By-law 12 and all applicable election rules and regulations. All campaign materials must be submitted to and approved by the Chief Returning Officer before they are displayed, distributed, posted, or otherwise used for campaigning. No campaign material may be displayed or distributed before the commencement of the official campaign period.

Candidates must provide the Chief Returning Officer with any information or copies of campaign materials required for approval and election administration.

5.8 Financial Reporting Requirements

Candidates must submit a campaign expense form and original receipts for all campaign expenditures within seventy-two (72) hours of the close of voting. All campaign donations must also be disclosed and included in the candidate’s campaign expense report.

Failure to submit the campaign expense form or original receipts by the deadline shall be addressed under By-law 12, sections 10(f) and 10(i). Section 10(f) provides for discretionary disqualification for late filing; section 10(i) prescribes disqualification for failure to submit required documents or misrepresentation. Exceeding the spending limit requires disqualification.

5.9 Scrutineers

Candidates may appoint scrutineers to observe the election process. Scrutineers must be appointed using the prescribed form and must take the Oath of Secrecy before being allowed to observe the election.

6. CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

6.1 Duties of Candidates

Candidates must comply with all election rules set forth in By-law 12 and regulations detailed in the by-laws. They are responsible for ensuring that all campaign activities adhere to the guidelines.

6.2 Campaign Period

The campaign period for the Fall Election begins on Monday, November 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2026. Candidates must stop all campaigning and remove all campaign materials by this deadline.

6.3 Maximum Campaign Expenses

In accordance with the approved amendments to By-law 12, section 10(a), the campaign spending amounts are set out below.

Position	By-law amount
Executive positions	$250.00
Academic Faculty Representatives	$75.00
Acclaimed positions	$50.00

These amounts are subject to the annual CPI adjustment required by By-law 12, section 10(a), using January 1, 2017 as the base calculation date. The adjusted spending limits shall be rounded to the nearest $25, as determined by the CRO. The CRO shall communicate the applicable adjusted limits to all candidates.

Candidates must track and submit all receipts for campaign-related expenditures. Any candidate who exceeds this limit will be disqualified, as outlined in By-law 12, Section 10.

6.4 Campaign Donations

All campaign donations must also be disclosed and included in the candidate’s campaign expense report.

6.5 Financial Statements

Candidates must maintain accurate records of all financial transactions related to their campaigns. Financial statements will be made publicly available to ensure transparency. Candidates are responsible for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of their financial statements.

7. ELECTION POSTERS AND OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS

7.1 Election Posters

Election posters must not exceed 11" x 17" in size. A maximum of 25 posters for an Executive candidate, or 10 for any other candidate, may be displayed across all George Brown Polytechnic campuses. Posters must be approved by the CRO and displayed only in designated public areas. Posters are allowed in designated spaces and are not allowed in academic spaces, the library, or the administrative offices of the Student Association.

Posters will be printed by the Office of the CRO and placed around campus by Student Association Staff. The CRO must return campaign-material submissions with approval or refusal within two business days under By-law 12, section 9(j). Printing and placement may require additional processing time, which will be communicated separately and administered consistently for all candidates.

7.2 Election Handouts

Election handouts must not exceed 8.5" x 5.5" in size. All handouts must be approved by the CRO before distribution, and may only be distributed in public, non-academic areas.

Election Handouts will not be printed by the Office of the Chief Returning Officer and the expense must be reported on the Candidate’s Financial Returns.

8. VOTERS’ LIST

The voters’ list will be provided by the Office of the Registrar. Any amendments to the list must be requested by providing proof of status via email to the CRO and will be verified with the Registrar's Office.

9. VOTING

9.1 Number of Votes and secrecy of the vote

A voter is entitled to vote only once. Electors shall have the ability to vote for one candidate for executive positions and for any Academic Faculty Representative, with only one office to be elected, and up to two votes for those Academic Faculty Representatives with two offices to be elected. All persons involved in the election process have a duty to maintain the secrecy of the vote.

9.2 No Photos, Videos, or Revealing a Vote

It is prohibited to take a photograph or video recording of a marked ballot or to show a marked ballot to any person so as to reveal how they voted.

9.3 Voting Method

Voters will receive instructions via email for in-person electronic voting. Any issues with the voting system should be directed to the CRO for resolution.

9.4 Location of Polls

Electronic polling stations will be available throughout the campus. No candidate may campaign within 10 feet of the polling location.

Polling locations and daily hours will be published in Appendix V before voting begins.

9.5 Procedure at voting

Electors will be served in the following manner:

- Qualified electors, as identified on the Voters' List, will receive through email, information which will direct the elector to a polling station to vote.
- The polling station will be a computer with SimplyVoting preloaded in Kiosk mode which will direct to the designated website where the elector will log in using their GBC credentials.
- Based on the eligible options for the elector the voting system will offer the options for the various election races for the elector to cast their vote(s).
- The voting system will permit the elector to abstain from (skip) voting for an office(s) or to undervote for an office where more than one selection may be made, if desired.
- The voting system will not permit the elector to overvote for an office(s).
- The voting system does not permit "spoiling" a ballot however the elector may abstain from all offices.

- Following the elector’s selection, the voting system response shall identify the voter’s choice and provide the voter with the option of changing or confirming their vote.
- Once all races are confirmed by the elector, the elector submits (casts) their vote and the voting process is complete. The elector will be struck off the Voters’ List and identified as having participated in the election process.

The voting station will be set up as follows:

The desk will have a privacy screen on it containing a laptop.

10. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

10.1 CRO's Authority

The CRO is responsible for facilitating the 2026 Fall Election through the establishment of rules and procedures. The CRO may appoint, in writing, Election Officials to assist in the administration of the election process with duties including but not limited to:

- Receive Nomination Papers;
- Administer Oaths;
- Issue notices and documents;
- Approve or deny applications for revision to the Voters' List;
- Assist in the conduct, supervision and management of the Voting Procedures
- Assist the CRO and other Election Officials as required.

The CRO may provide for any matter or procedure that is not otherwise provided for in the By-laws or regulations and, in the CRO's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election.

The CRO at any time has the right to amend this document to facilitate the voting process and security. CRO decisions remain subject to the review and appeal rights in By-law 12, sections 14 and 15, except where the By-law expressly excludes appeal.

The CRO shall delegate authority to the Deputy Returning Officer on specified conditions and limitations after consulting the Elections Committee, in accordance with By-law 12, section 2(d)(xvii). The DRO shall act only within that delegation.

10.2 Disciplinary rules

The CRO has the sole authority to administer discipline and is the trier of fact and law in the disciplinary process. In the exercise of this broad authority, the CRO has a duty to conduct a full and complete inquiry into any alleged disciplinary process but may dismiss any complaints which are found to be frivolous, vexatious, in bad faith, or an abuse of process.

Written allegations of bylaw violations must be submitted to the CRO within 48 hours after the incident. The CRO may initiate charges independently. All CRO rulings use the balance of probabilities. Written decisions must be delivered to the affected candidates and complainant within a reasonable time, usually within 48 hours, subject to additional information being needed (By-law 12, section 11).

The full rules of the election are set forth in Appendix IV. A candidate assigned more than 20 demerit points shall be disqualified. Disqualification may also be required or imposed under other applicable bylaw provisions.

The primary method of enforcing disciplinary actions during the election is through the issuance of demerit points. Demerit points are assigned for violations of campaign rules. Please refer to the enclosed chart for the types of demerit points that may be issued for various infractions.

Process for Issuing Demerit Points

1. Notice of Apparent Contravention

If the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) believes that a violation of campaign rules has occurred, they will issue a Notice of Apparent Contravention. This notice will outline the issues that led the CRO to believe that a campaign rule was violated and will request a response from the candidate.

2. Response Options

Upon receiving the notice, the candidate has three options to respond: (a) Accept the demerit points as issued. (b) Provide an explanation or argument regarding the alleged violation. (c) Propose an alternative resolution to address the situation.

3. Final Determination

After reviewing the candidate's response, the CRO will issue a Final Determination. This determination will either confirm or adjust the demerit points and will include an explanation of the CRO's decision. Where the CRO finds that a violation has occurred, the details of the violation will be published in a designated elections space in the Student Association office once all applicable appeals have been exhausted.

Appeals Process

Candidates may appeal disciplinary decisions made by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) or challenge the validity of an election result by submitting a written appeal within

72 hours of receiving notice of the decision or result. Disciplinary decisions resulting in a candidate's disqualification are automatically reviewed. The CRO must notify the Review Officer or designate in writing within 48 hours of making the decision.

If the Review Officer is unable to hear an appeal or is conflicted, the Board Chair shall designate another capable and neutral individual who is neither a Board Member nor a candidate. Appeals are considered by the Review Officer or that designate, who assesses whether a clear breach of the Association's By-laws or election rules likely affected the decision or result.

The Review Officer may dismiss the appeal or issue an appropriate remedy. The Review Officer's decision is final and not subject to further appeal.

10.3 Public Notices

Public notices will be posted on the Student Association election website and on bulletin boards across all campuses. Notices will include key dates, voter eligibility information, candidate lists, and voting instructions. The CRO will also use social media to ensure all students are informed of the election procedures.

10.4 Secrecy

All Election Officials shall take an oath of secrecy and be appointed by the CRO in accordance with the prescribed Appointment and Oath of Election Official. Any alleged breach of secrecy shall be documented and referred to the CRO for review and appropriate action.

10.5 Language

Procedures and forms will be provided in English only.

11. VOTING DAY

11.1 Date

The voting period will begin on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and conclude on Monday, November 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Voting will take place at designated polling stations during designated hours. Results will be announced as soon as practicable after the close of voting. Voting will not take place on the weekends.

11.2 Results of Election

Unofficial results will be published as soon as practicable after the close of voting.

Official certification shall take place on the next business day after counting, unless delayed by the Chief Returning Officer for sufficient cause. The Chief Returning Officer shall certify the results by swearing an Affidavit of Election before a Commissioner of Affidavits duly licensed in Ontario.

Upon certification of the results and swearing of the Affidavit of Election, the successful candidates shall be deemed elected and the election shall be ratified. The results shall subsequently be received by the Board of Directors.

Any candidate wishing to appeal an election result must submit a written request for appeal, including supporting written submissions, within 72 hours after being notified of the election result being appealed.

11.3 Acclaimed Candidates and Ties

An acclaimed candidate must appear on the ballot with the question: "Should [NAME OF CANDIDATE] be elected to the office of [NAME OF OFFICE]?" and Yes / No options. If more than half the votes are opposed, the candidate shall not be elected (By-law 12, section 12(i)). The voting-system configuration must support this question.

In a tie, the CRO shall choose the successful candidate or candidates by lot under By-law 12, section 13. Before the term begins, elected candidates have no powers or privileges of office beyond those of a member of the Corporation.

11.4 Recount

If the margin of victory is a difference of 5 percent or less of the total votes cast, an automatic recount shall take place. The Chief Returning Officer may also, at their discretion, order a recount.

11.5 Emergencies

Where, in the opinion of the Chief Returning Officer, an emergency or unusual or unforeseen circumstance may affect the election and no clear provision exists under the By-laws, election policy, or other applicable regulation, the CRO may, after consulting with the Elections Committee and legal counsel, make such ruling or give such direction as is reasonably necessary to address the circumstance and permit the election to proceed fairly and lawfully.

The CRO shall immediately notify all candidates of any such direction and post it on the doors of the Student Association. Directions under By-law 12, section 2(d)(xvi) are not subject to appeal.

Appendix I

See https://elections.studentassociation.ca/

Appendix II

See https://elections.studentassociation.ca/

Appendix III

Use of Student Association Resources during an Election Period Directive

POLICY STATEMENT

This directive sets out provisions for the use of corporate facilities, resources and infrastructure during an election period, in order to preserve the public trust and integrity in the elections process and to comply with By-law number 12 “the Elections By-law”. This policy allows the Student Association to balance the need for freedom of expression and assembly of candidates and its legal responsibility to ensure that no candidate is provided with an unfair advantage.

This directive recognizes that Directors are holders of their office until the end of the term and supports them in continuing to fulfill their responsibilities as Directors, but will also reflect the prohibition of the use of resources of the Student Association to further the election of a Director.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

The Chief Returning Officer is authorized by By-law 12 to establish election rules and procedures. This directive prohibits the use of Student Association resources for candidate campaigning during an election period.

This Policy is based on the Use of City Resources during an Election Period Policy of the City of Toronto, it must be noted that the Election Finances Act and the Canada Elections Act impose similar contribution restrictions for provincial and federal election campaigns, respectively.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all SAGBC Elections.

DEFINITION

In this Directive: “Polytechnic” means George Brown Polytechnic

“Campaign period” has the same meaning as by-law 12 and includes the voting period.

“Director” means any member of the Board of Directors of the Student Association of George Brown Polytechnic;

“Student Association” means the Student Association of George Brown Polytechnic;

PROVISIONS

1. Authority to Create Directive

1.1 The Chief Returning Officer makes the following directive:

1.1.1 To articulate the prohibition of use of corporate resources under By-law 12, section 10(d);

1.1.2 As a rule established to govern the conduct of the election in accordance with By-law 12, section 9(c), following consultation with the Elections Committee

1.1.3 To articulate the prohibition on campaigning before the day established for the campaigning to open in accordance with By-law 12, section 9(d);

1.1.4 Pursuant to the CRO's authority to administer and assess compliance with the Elections By-law and election rules in accordance with By-law 12, section 11.

1.1.5 As a supplement to By-law 12 and the Fall Election Procedures, and not as a replacement for any provision contained in the By-laws.

2. Access to Corporate Facilities during an Election Period

2.1 The Student Association facilities and infrastructure may not be used for any election-related purpose by any candidate.

2.2 Further, incumbent candidates cannot put themselves in a position where they alter or amend their performance to become more influential prior to the election.

3. Access to the Student Association Resources during an Election Period

3.1 The Student Association's or the Polytechnic's logo, crest, slogans, etc., may not be printed, posted or distributed on any election-related campaign materials or included on any election-related website or social media sites.

3.2 Candidates may not post photographs of themselves with the Student Association or the Polytechnic's employees while on duty or where it is clear that they may be on duty.

3.3 Photographic or video materials which have been or may be created by Student Association may not be used for any election purpose or in campaign materials.

3.4 Websites or domain names that are funded by the Student Association may not include any campaign materials, make reference to and identify any individual as a candidate or profile any slogan or symbol associated with a candidate, unless authorized by the Chief Returning Officer.

3.5 Domain names, websites or Student Association email addresses that the Corporation funds may not include any election-related campaign material and

may not be re-designated for campaign purposes or provide a link to a campaign site, unless authorized by the Chief Returning Officer.

4. Access to Student Association Information during an Election Period

4.1 Information provided to a candidate that is of a general nature and may provide valuable guidance to all others will be provided to all candidates.

4.2 Requests by a candidate for personal meetings with a manager or coordinator, as well as requests for tours of facilities is prohibited, unless authorized by the Chief Returning Officer.

5. Attending Student Association Events during an Election Period

5.1 Candidates, are permitted to attend Student Association events, or events held at Student Association facilities, in either their capacity as elected representatives or as students, but may not campaign while in attendance. No campaign materials may be posted, and no campaign materials may be distributed at Student Association events.

6. Restrictions to Services Provided to Directors beginning 15 days before the start of nominations

6.1

Beginning fifteen (15) days before the start of the nominations period, the Corporation will discontinue the following activities for Directors, unless they state in writing to the Chief Returning Officer that they are not seeking election:

6.1.1 All forms of advertising and communication, including in Student Association publications and social media accounts, that are paid for by Student Association funds or operated by the Student Association and that prominently feature or promote the Director.

6.1.2 Signage for events, including banners and posters, will not reference the name of a Director where doing so is not operationally necessary.

6.1.3 The Student Association’s media releases or materials will not reference the name of a Director. Where the Student Association would typically name a specific Director in its communications or media materials during an election period, it will make reference to the generic term for the Director’s office or position without naming the specific Director.

6.1.4 Any other Corporation-funded activity or communication which, in the opinion of the Chief Returning Officer, could reasonably provide an incumbent Director with an electoral advantage unavailable to other candidates shall also be restricted.

6.2

After nomination day, provisions of section 6.1 do not apply to members who are not seeking re-election.

6.3

In any election, this section shall not apply to a Director whose current office is not being contested in that election, unless that Director intends to seek another office being contested. Any such Director shall notify the Chief Returning Officer in writing, and the restrictions in section 6.1 shall apply.

6.4

Nothing in this section prevents the Student Association from issuing communications reasonably necessary for operational, emergency, legal, governance, or public-information purposes, provided that such communications are not used to promote the candidacy of an individual Director.

6.5

This section shall not apply to Members of the Elections Committee, once they have confirmed in accordance with the applicable By-law requirements that they will not be seeking office in the election.

7. Restrictions upon the Start of Campaigning For members on a Leave of Absence

7.1 In accordance with the by-laws any members of the Board, staff, or committee members shall take a leave of absence during the campaign period if they are a candidate in the election, whether seeking re-election or a different office. The leave runs from the first day of campaigning through the last day of voting.

7.2 The leave of absence does not prohibit a member of the Board from doing the following:

7.2.1 Attending and voting at a Board Meeting.

7.3 The leave of absence does not prohibit a member of the Executive from doing the following:

7.3.1 Attending and voting at a Board Meeting, Executive Meeting or Executive Check In;

7.3.2 Signing a cheque, promissory note, or contract;

7.3.3 Meeting with the polytechnic, or officers of the corporation, or other persons as required; and

7.3.4 Other urgent matters.

7.4 Before exercising a function under sections 7.3.2-7.3.4, the Executive members shall:

7.4.1 Inform the General Manager;

7.4.2 Ask permission of the Chief Returning Officer to perform that function;

7.4.3 The Chief Returning Officer shall make a determination if the function is urgent or not in consultation with the General Manager;

7.4.4 In the situation where a matter arises of an urgent nature and it is not possible for the Chief Returning Officer to be contacted ahead of time, the General Manager may grant permission for the executive member to perform that function, but shall notify the Chief Returning Officer of that occurrence without delay.

7.5 Executive members shall only be paid for the approved actual hours performing the functions and duties of their office during the campaign period. This shall be confirmed by the Chief Returning Officer.

7.6 Board members honorarium shall be prorated during the campaign period to reflect the approved actual hours worked

8. Enforcement

8.1 The Chief Returning Officer has the authority to enforce this directive.

8.2 A violation of this directive is:

8.2.1 The Level II infraction of “Unsanctioned use of corporate resources” under the Election Rules Directive;

8.2.2 The Level III infraction of “Abuse of status or position” under the Election Rules Directive; and

8.2.3 An Infraction under this directive which shall be dealt with as if it is a Level III infraction.

Appendix IV

The Election Rules for the 2026 Fall Election

A DIRECTIVE TO CREATE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF CANDIDATES DURING THE ELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) deems it necessary for the proper functioning and governance of the elections to create regulations regarding candidate conduct;

WHEREAS the CRO has consulted the Elections Committee under By-law 12, section 9(c);

Following consultation with the Elections Committee, the Chief Returning Officer issues the following rules:

Short Title

1. This directive shall be referred to as the "Elections Rules for the 2026 Fall Election."

Campaign Material

2. These election rules are subordinate to By-law 12 of the Student Association of George Brown Polytechnic. All candidates must adhere to both the by-laws and this directive.

3. No candidate may post more than 25 posters for an executive position, and 10 posters for any other position.

4. The values listed in Schedule I serve as a guide for issuing demerit points. The CRO may adjust the guide values based on mitigating or aggravating circumstances, with reasons, consistently with the By-laws and a fair election process. More than 20 total points requires disqualification; direct mandatory-disqualification provisions remain controlling.

5. Solicitation of George Brown Polytechnic Administration or any external organization to interfere in the election process is strictly prohibited. This includes any actions that encourage the administration to apply undue pressure on election officials, withhold election materials, or influence the CRO’s decisions.

6. In-person campaigning is prohibited within Student Association spaces, as outlined in Schedule II.

Campaigning in Academic Spaces

7. A candidate may campaign in an academic environment only when:
(a) the course instructor provides written consent before class; and
(b) the candidate directs students to the elections website for further information.

8. Campaign material may be posted on electronic message boards if authorized by the person in charge.

9. Failure to comply with directives from polytechnic officials regarding campaigning in academic spaces or on message boards will result in disciplinary action.

Conduct of Candidates

10. All campaigns must align with the Student Association’s mandate of anti-oppression. Candidates must make respectful and positive statements, especially toward equity-seeking groups.

11. Candidates must respect individual rights and freedoms as guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian Bill of Rights, and the Ontario Human Rights Code in their communications and actions.

12. Substantiated harassment between candidates requires disqualification under this rule, independently of the demerit-point guide.

13. Candidates must comply with the SA Anti-Discrimination Policy, SA Workplace Policy, SA Sexual Assault Policy, Polytechnic's Code of Conduct, and the Voting Directors Code of Conduct.

14. Profanity or discriminatory language (e.g., racist, sexist, homophobic, or ableist remarks) is strictly prohibited.

15. Campaign material may be in languages other than English, but all non-English material must include an accurate English translation.

16. Candidates must adhere to the Social Media Rules outlined in Schedule III.

Voter Interaction

17. Candidates may not be within 10 feet of an elector while they are voting and may not solicit screenshots of marked ballots.

18. Candidates may not submit nomination forms before the nomination period begins.

19. Cross-endorsement and cross-campaigning between candidates are permitted under By-law 12, section 5(c), including incumbent Board Members who are candidates on the required leave. Platforms must remain unique and expenses cannot be shared.

20. Apart from permitted candidate cross-campaigning under rule 19, candidates must not solicit or use campaigning or endorsements by current Board Members or SA staff. Elections Committee members must remain neutral. No campaigning may use official status, duty time or prohibited corporate resources.

21. Candidates must abide by all George Brown Polytechnic policies and codes during their campaign.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario, this 29th day of October, 2026

Kahwash, Noor

Chief Returning Officer

Schedule I - Demerit Point Allocation Guide
The values below guide the CRO in assigning demerit points and may be adjusted, with reasons, for mitigating or aggravating circumstances. They are not fixed By-law amounts. More than 20 cumulative points requires disqualification; mandatory disqualification rules prevail. Expense-document filing and misrepresentation are governed by By-law 12, sections 10(f) and 10(i), rather than an automatic 21-point allocation under this guide. Disqualifications receive automatic review.

Level I Infractions - guide: 2 demerit points per violation

1. Social Media Violation: Occurs when a candidate fails to follow the designated rules for social media use during the election period, such as posting inappropriate content or not tagging required accounts.

2. Poster Violation: Involves exceeding the allowed number of posters, placing posters in unauthorized areas, or not receiving approval from the CRO before posting.

Level II Infractions - guide: 5 demerit points per violation

1. Violation of Online Campaigning Rules: Occurs when a candidate does not comply with the guidelines for online campaign activity, such as unauthorized use of websites or social media platforms.

2. Improper Distribution of Materials: Refers to distributing campaign materials in locations or manners not approved by the CRO or violating restrictions on where and how materials may be distributed.

3. Pre-Campaigning: Engaging in campaign activities before the official campaign period begins.

4. Distribution of Unapproved Materials: Using campaign materials that have not been reviewed and approved by the CRO.

5. Unsanctioned Use of Corporate Resources: Utilizing Student Association resources, such as facilities or equipment, without permission during the election period.

6. Violating Rules Surrounding the Online Voting System: Engaging in activities that undermine the integrity or security of the online voting system.

7. Making Misleading Statements About Another Candidate: Spreading false or misleading information about another candidate with the intent to influence voters.

8. Campaigning in Restricted Areas: Conducting campaign activities in locations that are off-limits for campaigning as outlined by the CRO.

Level III Infractions - guide: 10 demerit points per violation

1. Abuse of Status or Position: Using one's current role or authority within the Student Association to gain an unfair advantage in the election.

2. Gross Misrepresentation of the facts or Defamation of Other Candidates: Deliberately spreading harmful lies or misrepresentations about another candidate that damage their reputation. Further, grossly misrepresenting the facts will be a violation of this section.

3. Interfering with Other Campaigns: Engaging in actions that obstruct or sabotage another candidate's campaign activities.

4. Respectful Workplace Violations: Non-harassment misconduct that breaches applicable workplace standards. Harassment is addressed under Level IV and Rule 12.

5. Voting on Behalf of Another Student: Fraudulently casting a vote for another person in the election.

Level IV Infractions - guide: 21 demerit points per violation

1. Not Attending All-Candidates Meeting: Failure to attend the full All-Candidates Meeting, send a duly authorized representative, or arrange to meet the CRO within 24 hours, as required by By-law 12, section 7. Disqualification applies only where the permitted alternatives are not satisfied.

2. Overspending: Exceeding the applicable CPI-adjusted campaign spending limit under By-law 12, section 10(a).

3. Misrepresentation of Campaign Expenses: Knowingly misrepresenting a campaign expense requires disqualification under By-law 12, section 10(i).

4. Attempting to Involve External Groups in Election Interference: Seeking outside organizations or groups to influence the election process inappropriately.

5. Refusal to Comply with CRO Directives: Disregarding specific instructions or rulings issued by the CRO regarding campaign procedures or expense regulations.

6. Obstructing Election Officials: Impeding election officials from performing their duties during the election.

7. Falsifying Election Documents: Providing false information on official election documents or records.

8. Obstructing Legitimate Student Association Activities: Interfering with the regular operations of the Student Association for personal or campaign purposes.

9. Harassment, Racism, Sexism, or Other Discrimination: Substantiated harassment or discriminatory conduct. Harassment between candidates requires disqualification under Rule 12; other applicable mandatory penalties remain controlling.

10. Making False Statements to Election Officials: Lying or providing false information to election authorities to manipulate the election process.

11. Violating CRO Rules for the Elections Committee: Breaching the specific rules set by the CRO for committee members overseeing the election.

12. Soliciting an Image of a Marked Ballot: Asking an elector to provide proof of how they voted, such as requesting a screenshot of their marked ballot.

Schedule II - GBC Student Association Boundaries For the purpose of these by-laws, it is ruled that the areas under the control of the Student Centre is as follows:

Within 10 feet of:

1) the main doors to the student associations on each campus.

2) the offices of the Community Action Centre, Food Bank, the St. James Quiet Lounge, the Casa Loma Board Room, the Casa Loma Games Room, and any event of the student association.

3) Student Association events and activities while they are taking place, this includes but is not limited to:

a) the operations of Safe Walk, Academic Advocacy, the Event Squad;

b) any meeting of employees, officers, or directors of the Student Association; and

c) any event of the student association.

d) the polling stations for the election.

Areas of the student association where there are not operations ongoing and there is common access for the purpose of community enjoyment of that area are not under

the control of the student association. This is mainly the area of the Student Centre at Casa Loma Campus away from the commercial operations.

Schedule III -- Social Media Code of Conduct for the 2026 Fall Election

1. Platform Use: Candidates may create new social media accounts or use their personal accounts to campaign, but must only campaign on the following platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok. All campaign-related social media activity must comply with these rules and the Student Association's policies.

2. Public Visibility of Campaign Posts: If candidates use personal social media pages for campaigning, all posts must be publicly visible and cannot be hidden. Campaign posts must include the hashtag #sagbc26 and tag the official CRO social media accounts as follows: o Facebook: www.facebook.com/sagbc.cro o Twitter: @sagbc_cro o Instagram: @sagbc.cro o TikTok: @sagbc_cro

3. Positive Campaigning: Candidates may only speak positively about other candidates online. For example, they may say, "I support Candidate X for the position of __" and encourage others to vote for them. Negative remarks or comparisons between candidates are not permitted.

4. Prohibition of Negative Campaigning: Criticizing other candidates or making comparisons such as "Unlike Candidate X, I will do ___" is prohibited. Candidates should focus on their own platforms without referring to their competitors.

5. Respectful Language: Campaign-related social media content must not contain profanity, or discriminatory language, including but not limited to remarks that are sexual, transphobic, homophobic, ableist, sexist, racist, or otherwise oppressive or unkind. Violations will result in demerit points.

6. Endorsements: SA staff and non-candidate Board Members may not endorse candidates under these rules. Candidate-to-candidate cross-endorsements are permitted under By-law 12, section 5(c), including incumbent candidates on the required leave, subject to unique platforms, separate expenses and the corporate-resource restrictions. No post may imply institutional SA endorsement. Elections Committee members must remain neutral.

7. Content Removal Upon CRO Order: The CRO has the authority to order the removal of any social media posts that violate these rules. Candidates must remove the specified post within two hours of receiving such an order.

8. Social Media Audits: The CRO may request a social media activity log (where available) for auditing purposes. Hiding content or attempting to circumvent campaign rules on social media will be treated as a violation.

9. Correcting False Statements: Candidates are responsible for correcting the record and publicly denouncing any posts made by others that are factually

incorrect or inappropriate. This includes addressing misinformation or harmful statements that may affect the fairness of the election.

10. Additional Regulations by the CRO: The CRO may issue additional social media regulations during the course of the election. These new rules will take effect at the time specified by the CRO and must be followed immediately.

Appendix V - Polling Locations and Daily Hours

Polling locations and daily operating hours will be confirmed and published in an official CRO notice on https://elections.studentassociation.ca before voting begins. This notice will supplement Appendix V and will be communicated consistently across George Brown Polytechnic campuses and satellite locations.

Voting will take place on November 24, 25, 26, 27 and 30, 2026; no voting takes place on the weekend. The election opens at 10:00 a.m. on November 24 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on November 30. Daily in-person polling hours and sites will be set out in the subsequent CRO notice; do not assume every site operates for this full period.

Appendix VI — Club Endorsements During the Election Process

The Club Endorsements During the Election Process Directive was issued by the Chief Returning Officer on October 29, 2026 and is incorporated by reference into these Fall 2026 Election Procedures. The complete directive follows.

It applies to endorsements by Recognized Student-Led Clubs in connection with the Fall 2026 Election. Candidate solicitation of a club endorsement is prohibited. A club must independently authorize its endorsement, and the candidate must submit the signed Club Endorsement Form and proposed representative materials to the CRO for registration before public communication.

Endorsements may be communicated only during the official Campaign Period through the club's registered Ordinary Communication Channels. Clubs must not provide prohibited financial, material, operational, or coordinated campaign support. Candidate conduct remains subject to By-law 12 and these election procedures.

The directive is subordinate to the Constitution and By-laws, including By-law 12. Nothing in this appendix substitutes for the complete text of the directive reproduced below. Any approval or registration required under the directive is additional to applicable CRO campaign-material approval requirements.

Issued and incorporated by the Chief Returning Officer on October 29, 2026.

A DIRECTIVE TO ESTABLISH RULES REGARDING CLUB ENDORSEMENTS DURING THE ELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer ("CRO") is responsible for administering Student Association elections and establishing rules governing candidate conduct during the election process;

WHEREAS Recognized Student-Led Clubs may publicly express support for candidates during a Student Association election;

WHEREAS clear rules are required to distinguish a permissible Club Endorsement from financial, material, operational, or coordinated campaign support;

WHEREAS safeguards are required to ensure that Club Endorsements do not circumvent election rules or provide candidates with an unfair financial, material, or institutional advantage;

WHEREAS these rules are limited to conduct affecting the Student Association election and do not regulate the internal governance, policies, membership, or ordinary activities of Recognized Student-Led Clubs;

WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer has consulted with the Elections Committee and obtained its advice and consent regarding Club Endorsements;

THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER, by and with the advice and consent of the Elections Committee, enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Directive shall be referred to as the "Club Endorsements During the Election Process Directive."

Application

2. This Directive applies solely to Club Endorsements and related conduct occurring in connection with an election administered by the Student Association of George Brown Polytechnic. It is subordinate to the Constitution and By-laws, including By-law 12, and shall be read together with the applicable General Election Procedures.

3. Nothing in this Directive regulates or alters the internal governance, policies, membership, political positions, decision-making procedures, or ordinary activities of a Recognized Student-Led Club. The CRO's authority is limited to determining compliance with the rules governing the Student Association election.

Definitions

4. For the purposes of this Directive:

Candidate means a person whose nomination has been certified by the CRO.

Campaign Period means the official period during which campaigning is permitted.

Recognized Student-Led Club means a club ratified by the Student Association under the Student-Led Networks and Clubs Policy and Procedures.

Club Endorsement means a public expression of support for the election of a specific certified Candidate that is independently authorized to be communicated in the name of a Recognized Student-Led Club. An Endorsement may identify the Candidate supported and state the Club's reasons for its support.

Club Endorsement Form means the standardized form made available on the Student Association's clubs website, completed and signed by an authorized representative of a Recognized Student-Led Club to confirm the Club's decision to endorse a Candidate and the information required for registration.

Campaign Support means financial, material, operational, or coordinated assistance provided for the purpose of promoting or assisting a Candidate's campaign and is distinct from a Club Endorsement.

Club Resources means any funds, equipment, printing, facilities, sponsorship or donated resources, or other material benefits made available to or controlled by a Recognized Student-Led Club through the Student Association or through the Club's activities.

Ordinary Communication Channels means the established communication platforms and methods ordinarily used by a Recognized Student-Led Club in the regular course of its activities, including existing social-media accounts, email communications, newsletters, websites, or other regularly maintained platforms. It does not include any new account, mailing list, publication, or other communication channel created primarily for the purpose of supporting or opposing a Candidate.

Solicitation of an Endorsement means communication initiated by or on behalf of a Candidate that expressly or reasonably seeks a Club Endorsement. General campaign communications made available to students that do not seek an Endorsement do not constitute solicitation.

Permitted Endorsements

5. A Recognized Student-Led Club may independently initiate consideration of an Endorsement and contact a Candidate for information about their platform, priorities, qualifications, or positions. A Club may publicly issue an Endorsement of a certified Candidate only during the Campaign Period and after the registration requirements of this Directive have been met. No Club Endorsement may be publicly issued before the Campaign Period begins.

6. A Club Endorsement must be independently authorized by the endorsing Club, confirmed through a completed and signed Club Endorsement Form, and registered with the CRO before it is publicly communicated. The Club shall authorize the Endorsement in accordance with its own constitution and applicable internal decision-making requirements. This Directive does not prescribe a particular membership or executive voting process. Personal support expressed by an individual member or executive shall not constitute a Club Endorsement solely because that person holds a position within the Club.

7. Participation in the election is voluntary. A Recognized Student-Led Club may, at its own discretion, choose to consider or issue an Endorsement, choose not to endorse any Candidate, or remain neutral, provided that any election-related activity complies with the applicable election rules and procedures. Any decision to initiate and issue an Endorsement rests independently with the Club.

Endorsement Form and Registration

8. A Recognized Student-Led Club shall initiate any decision to endorse a Candidate independently. A standardized Club Endorsement Form shall be made available on the Student Association's clubs website. Information provided to Clubs shall state that a Club wishing to endorse a Candidate must complete and sign the prescribed form and provide it to the Candidate. The Candidate shall be responsible for submitting the completed and signed form directly to the CRO before the Endorsement is publicly communicated. A Candidate may not initiate or solicit an Endorsement.

9. The Club Endorsement Form shall require:

a. the name of the endorsing Recognized Student-Led Club;

b. the name of the Candidate and the office sought;

c. the name, role, and signature of the Club representative authorized to confirm the Endorsement;

d. confirmation that the Club independently decided to authorize the Endorsement in its name in accordance with its own constitution and applicable internal decision-making requirements;

e. confirmation that the Club independently initiated the Endorsement, that the Candidate did not solicit or request it, and that any Candidate who is a Club member, executive, or decision-maker did not participate in, influence, vote on, or administer the decision concerning their own Endorsement;

f. confirmation that no prohibited Campaign Support has been provided or promised and acknowledgment that prohibited support may constitute a violation of election rules, with disciplinary consequences for a Candidate under the applicable By-laws;

g. identification of the Ordinary Communication Channels and the anticipated manner and general frequency with which the Club intends to communicate the Endorsement. An exact number of communications is not required; and

h. a statement of the substance of the Endorsement, including the Candidate supported and any reasons for support that the Club intends to communicate, together with initial or representative Endorsement Materials. Every future graphic, caption, or post need not be submitted if it complies with section 18.

10. The Candidate shall submit the completed and signed Club Endorsement Form, including any proposed Endorsement Materials, directly to the CRO for registration. Submission constitutes a request to register the Endorsement; it does not itself authorize public communication. The CRO may refuse registration or prohibit communication where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the proposed Endorsement contravenes the General Election Procedures, By-laws, or an applicable election rule or directive. The CRO shall communicate the registration outcome to the Candidate. Any campaign material subject to separate CRO approval requirements under By-law 12 must also receive that approval before publication or distribution. The CRO shall not require disclosure of internal Club deliberations, membership opinions, voting results, or reasons for the Endorsement unless directly relevant to an alleged violation of election rules.

Candidate Conduct

11. A Candidate shall not solicit, request, pressure, coerce, induce, negotiate for, or offer any benefit in exchange for a Club Endorsement. A Candidate shall not initiate communication with a Recognized Student-Led Club for the purpose of obtaining an Endorsement. The decision whether to endorse, and the content of any Club Endorsement, must remain with the Club.

A Candidate may communicate with individual Club members or executives as part of ordinary campaigning, including discussing their candidacy, platform, priorities, or positions and requesting an individual's vote or personal support. This becomes prohibited solicitation where the Candidate expressly or reasonably seeks action by the Club in its organizational capacity, including asking the Club to endorse them, asking an executive to bring an endorsement request to the Club, or asking the Club to publicly communicate support.

12. Where a Recognized Student-Led Club initiates contact while considering an Endorsement, a Candidate may respond to reasonable requests concerning their platform, priorities, qualifications, or positions. After the Club independently decides to endorse and signs the Club Endorsement Form, the Candidate shall submit the form and proposed materials to the CRO. The Candidate shall not direct, prepare, finance, approve, control, or materially coordinate the substance or publication of the Club's Endorsement. Once an Endorsement has been registered and independently issued, the Candidate may acknowledge or share it, subject to applicable campaign rules.

A Candidate who is a member, executive, or decision-maker of a Club shall not participate in, influence, vote on, or administer the Club's decision concerning their own Endorsement. The Candidate may respond to reasonable information requests initiated independently by the Club under this section, but shall withdraw from the Club's deliberations and decision-making on their own Endorsement. Administrative submission of the independently completed and signed form to the CRO does not, by itself, constitute prohibited participation.

Communication and Neutrality

13. A Club Endorsement must clearly identify the Club issuing it and the Candidate being endorsed. It must not state or reasonably imply endorsement by the Student Association, Board of Directors, Elections Committee, CRO, election officials, Student Association staff acting in their official capacity, or George Brown Polytechnic

14. A Recognized Student-Led Club may communicate its registered Endorsement through its Ordinary Communication Channels and may state its reasons for supporting the Candidate. Such communication shall not, by itself, constitute prohibited Campaign Support.

Use of Resources

15. Permission to issue a Club Endorsement does not authorize a Club to provide financial, material, or operational Campaign Support. A Candidate shall not request, accept, direct, coordinate, or knowingly use Club Resources for their campaign.

16. A Recognized Student-Led Club shall not provide a Candidate with money, reimbursement, paid or boosted advertising, campaign printing or materials, equipment, goods or services, membership lists or databases, exclusive access to facilities or accounts, or any other financial or material campaign benefit. Student Association funds allocated to a Club shall not be used to finance or materially support a Candidate's campaign.

17. Notwithstanding sections 15 and 16, a Club may use its Ordinary Communication Channels to communicate its own Endorsement, provided that the communication is issued in the Club's name, is not prepared or controlled by the

Candidate, involves no paid or boosted advertising, and is not used to transfer otherwise prohibited resources to the Candidate.

Coordinated Campaigning

18. A Club Endorsement is an expression of support and shall not be used to make a Recognized Student-Led Club an extension of a Candidate's campaign. Registration concerns the substance of the Endorsement, the identified Ordinary Communication Channels, and the anticipated manner and general frequency of communication, supported by initial or representative Endorsement Materials.

After registration, the Club may independently create and publish substantially similar materials communicating its own registered Endorsement during the Campaign Period through the registered Ordinary Communication Channels. New graphics, captions, Stories, reminder posts, and formatting or platform-specific sizing adjustments do not require a new application solely because their presentation differs, provided that the substance of the registered Endorsement does not materially change and the communication otherwise complies with this Directive and applicable election rules.

A minor variation in anticipated frequency, including an additional reminder, does not by itself require re-registration, provided that the activity remains reasonable, uses registered Ordinary Communication Channels, and does not become coordinated campaign activity. A substantial change in frequency or manner that changes the nature of the Club's participation is a material change.

A material change includes a change in the Candidate or office supported, a material change in the Club's endorsement statement or reasons for support, the addition of a communication channel, or a change in the nature of the Club's participation. Before communicating a material change, the Club shall provide the Candidate with a signed amendment identifying the change and any relevant representative materials. The Candidate shall submit the amendment to the CRO, and the CRO shall communicate the registration outcome to the Candidate before the change is implemented. A change in the Candidate supported requires a new completed and signed Club Endorsement Form. Separate campaign-material approval requirements under By-law 12 continue to apply.

A Club may publish its own independently prepared endorsement communications identifying the Candidate and explaining its support. It shall not repost, share, or distribute Candidate-created campaign posts, graphics, videos, or other campaign materials, whether alone or accompanied by an endorsement caption. This restriction does not prevent the Candidate from acknowledging or sharing the Club's independently issued Endorsement as permitted under section 12.

A Candidate shall not coordinate with a Club to organize campaign volunteers, conduct canvassing, produce or distribute Candidate campaign materials using Club Resources, manage Candidate communications, purchase advertising, or otherwise

conduct campaign operations on the Candidate's behalf.

Verification and Enforcement

19. Any violation of this Directive by a Candidate shall be investigated and adjudicated by the CRO in accordance with By-law 12, Section 11, and the applicable General Election Procedures and election rules. Where a violation is established, the CRO may impose disciplinary measures, including demerit points or disqualification, as authorized under the By-laws.

A Candidate shall not be disciplined solely because a Club independently publishes an unregistered or otherwise non-compliant Endorsement without the Candidate's knowledge or involvement. A finding of a Candidate violation must be supported by evidence of the Candidate's own conduct, including directing, coordinating, requesting, or knowingly participating in prohibited activity, or knowingly accepting or using prohibited Campaign Support. Mere identification of a Candidate in a Club communication does not, by itself, establish a Candidate violation.

The CRO may investigate the election-related activity and require correction or cessation of non-compliant endorsement communications within the CRO's electoral jurisdiction. Club misconduct requiring action under Club policies shall be referred to the appropriate Student Association program management team or other responsible authority, in accordance with section 20.

Limitation of CRO Authority

20. Nothing in this Directive authorizes the CRO to discipline a Recognized Student-Led Club, suspend or terminate its recognition, prescribe its internal governance procedures, interfere with its membership or leadership, or regulate activities unrelated to the Student Association election. Any matter outside the CRO's electoral jurisdiction shall be left to the appropriate Student Association authority. In the event of a conflict between this Directive and the Constitution or By-laws, the Constitution or By-laws prevail.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario, this 29th day of October, 2026.

Noor Kahwash Chief Returning Officer Student Association of George Brown Polytechnic