

**38th Queen's University Rector Nomination
Package
September 2021 Election**



Prepared by:
AMS and SGPS Election Teams



2021 Rector Nomination Package

Thank you for your interest in being Queen's University's 38th Rector. This package contains all the information and forms that you will need to participate in the election process. Please read this document in its entirety and fully understand its contents, paying particular attention to the *Dates* section, as you will be held completely responsible for all of the material contained herein. Please note that all times for information sessions, debates and deadlines are in Kingston time (EST). Make sure to check out our How to Run Guide on our website, myams.org/elections for resources, tips and more! As well, follow us on Instagram, @amsgovernance to keep up with dates and news.

If you have any questions or run into any problems, the Elections Team will be more than happy to help you out. We can be reached by using the contact information below. We strongly encourage you to ask for clarification of any of the rules or regulations regarding soliciting nominations or campaigning and encourage you to discuss your campaign strategy with us to ensure that you are within campaign rules and regulations. Also, we look to you for comments or suggestions to help make elections and referenda run more smoothly. Thank you for being patient through the process of our election! We strongly encourage you to look at every aspect of this document. It lists platform requirements, policy and procedure and cheat sheets!

Good luck!

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NOTE: Please ensure that you fill out the form entirely when going through the nomination package. This is essential. We will need to contact you during the nomination and campaign periods.



Candidate Information

Candidate Contacts:

Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone Number: _____
Pronouns _____

Campaign Manager (optional):

Name: _____ Pronouns: _____
Email (optional): _____

Have you all paid your AMS OR SGPS fees to ensure your eligibility? **Circle One:**
Yes/No/Unsure

Extra-curricular and leadership positions held:

Please let us know if there are any accommodations or extenuating circumstances that you would like the elections team to be aware of (for the debate, information nights etc.) ***This Information will remain confidential to the Elections Team, and we will strive to accommodate to the best of our abilities.***



IMPORTANT DATES

- September 8th 2021 **Nomination Packages Available**
Nomination packages will be available upon request. You **are not permitted to campaign or gather signatures yet**. This document is to help prepare and inform with policy.
- September 11th 2021 **Nomination Period Opens**
You are now permitted to gather signatures using the instructions found in this document.
- September 15th 2021 **Nominations Close**
Nomination packages are due on this day before 12pm EST. Please ensure you have signatures of 1% of AMS members, around 220.
- September 21st 2021 **Validation Day**
The Elections Team will verify all of the collected nomination signatures. All candidates will go before AMS Assembly to be ratified thus allowing campaigning to begin. Please submit any graphics, campaign materials, and websites you would like approved at this time to guarantee they are ready for the start of campaigning.
- September 23rd 2021 **Campaigning Begins**
Please refer to AMS Rector Elections Policy Manual for regulation on campaigning.
- September 28th 2021 **Executive and Trustee Debates**
The Rector debate will be at 7pm on the 28th. Please note that your platform is due no less than **24 hours ahead**.
- September 30th 2021 **Campaigning Ends**
This is just the last day before voting commences. Campaigning can still take place during the elections days.
- October 1st and 2nd **VOTING DAYS (Friday 12:00 am to Saturday at 8:00 pm)**
Voting closes at 8pm on the second day. Please be available for a phone call within the hour of closing. Results will be released later Saturday night.
- October 2nd **Expense Forms Due**
Please email ceo@ams.queensu.ca your completed expense form. The budget this year is **\$400. We reimburse you for all costs!**



How Do I Get Signatures?

- This year, we require you to submit the list of signatures (name, student number and email) in a table format, either attached to this document or submitted separately. Usually, this happens in person, but this year it will be all online.
- **Once you have created this form, please share it with ceo@ams.queensu.ca.**
- Anyone can nominate you **except AMS Executive and Elections Team Members.**
- 220 or more signatures are required
- A reminder that campaigning during this time will result in consequences. While you can share the information of I am X running for Y, you cannot disclose any of your platform.
- Please try to uphold anonymity for signatories. It is discouraged to share a document where everyone can fill in their information. Rather, it is encouraged to have them fill out a form, or give you the information directly.
- Ensure that students fill out the email section of the form so that we can verify the validity.

Example of a way to solicit nominations and required format:

Nomination Form

Hi! My name is X and I am planning to run for the position of Y. Please fill out the information below to help nominate me!

First and Last name

Short answer text

Student Number

Short answer text

Queen's Email

Short answer text



To Do List

- Solicit more than 220 signatures on the nomination forms for your candidacy. Be sure to collect more than the number of signatures that you require as some people will provide false information, sign your sheets more than once, or sign illegibly. If a signature cannot be verified against our student list, it will not count.
- Declare, in writing, to the CEO any extracurricular or leadership positions that you currently hold. You may submit this with your completed nomination package.
- Check your email. We will confirm that you acquired at least 220 signatures. That's your go-ahead to attend assembly on September 21st. Attendance is **mandatory** for all candidates.
- Run a campaign, paying attention to the campaign expense limits of \$400.00. In addition, pay close attention to all campaign rules and regulations outlined in the AMS Constitution, Policy, and Procedures Manuals
- With the submission of this nomination form on September 15th by 12:00PM, please attach a 300 word write up about your team/campaign to be published in the **Queen's Journal**.
- Attend the AMS Executive Debate on September 28th, 2021, at 7pm, and release a platform to the CEO and public no less than 24 hours in advance.
- Understand AMS elections campaigning policy and procedure, as well as disputes procedure (attached in this form)
- Things that must be handed in:
 - Contact form (page 2)
 - Signatures (page 4)
 - Writing Submission (page 12)
 - Declaration of external leadership positions (page 2)



CLARIFICATIONS

- ✓ You need to collect 220 signatures from members of the AMS and or SGPS. Please ensure that nominators write their student number, not their phone number.
- ✓ Non-compliance with nomination rules may result in disqualification of your candidacy, as there are no other forms of control available until after validation. Appeals may be directed to the Chief Electoral Officer (ceo@ams.queensu.ca).
- ✓ The campaign-spending limit has been set at \$400.00. Please keep ALL receipts and note what you spent on the Expense Summary Form. Hand in both receipts and the Expense Summary Form no later than midnight October 8th.
- ✓ All campaign materials (including any advertisements you may want to place in campus publications, etc. and any new social media presence [Facebook pages, events, groups and profiles, as well as Twitter accounts]) must be approved by the CEO.
- ✓ There is to be no campaigning during the nomination periods. You can only ask people to sign your nomination form, and, if they ask, explain what you are doing (i.e. running for an elected position).
- ✓ You are responsible for the activities of all individuals associated with your campaign. Please ensure that they fully understand the rules and regulations regarding the soliciting of nominations and campaigning.
- ✓ You are responsible for keeping a list of all members associated with your campaign and providing such list to the CEO within 8 hours of request.
- ✓ This is NOT a complete list of rules and policy, so it is IMPERATIVE that you read and understand all parts of the Rector Elections Policy (attached), AMS Elections and Referendum Policy and other information contained within this package. All relevant AMS Policy can be found under the governance section of myams.org

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Campaigning Cheat Sheet

I want to...

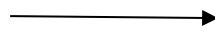
Collect signatures



You must...

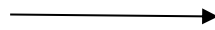
Ask students to give name, student number and email. Collect more than 220 in case of fake/incorrect/repeating names.

Post on Social Media



Send all photos, blurbs and posts to the CEO for approval. Once something has been approved once, you do not have to get it re approved. It is suggested to make a plan ahead of time to get everything approved on time.

Run any other campaigning event (ex. platform talk)



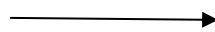
Have event approved by elections team

Campaign over social media



Get all accounts and websites approved by elections team

Lodge a complaint



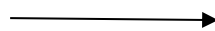
Check your nomination package or myams.org/elections for the complaint form.

Hang posters



Ensure that they comply with sizing standards found in the policy, and are approved by the CEO.

Create a platform, but need help



Look at the platform guide attached to this package!



Infraction of Elections Policy Complaint Form

Please include as much information as possible and reference AMS policy where applicable. The name of the complainant and respondent is necessary for the case to be processed. Please note that all complaints will be kept confidential and will only be shared with members of the Elections Team.

Contact information

Your name:

Your email:

Your phone number:

If applicable, please provide the team/group with which you are affiliated:

Which group/individual are you filing this complaint against?

Explain the incident pertaining to this complaint. If applicable, please include the specific section of AMS policy you believe was violated.

(Complaint must be filed within 24 hours of the incident coming to your attention):

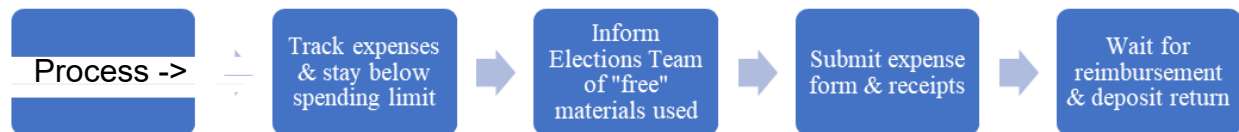
Please advise as to how the Elections Team can alleviate this issue:



EXPENSE INFORMATION

Rector Candidates: \$400 campaign-spending limit, to be reimbursed

1. Keep track of ALL expenses and corresponding receipts related to the campaign, both paper and electronic. Make sure to stay below your spending limit! Collect receipts for all donations as they count against the spending limit.
2. Notify the Elections Team before use of any materials that do not incur you a cost. These **must** be approved by the CEO prior to use. The CEO can sanction you if you do not notify of these materials.
3. Submit your completed *Expense Summary Form* and campaign expense receipts in a single email to logistics_deputy@ams.queensu.ca no later than **11:59PM on October 2nd**. No reimbursements will be issued to any expenses submitted past this date or without a receipt. Paper forms or receipts may be scanned and attached in PDF or JPEG format.
4. After review, approved eligible expenses will be reimbursed and deposits will be returned on **October 8th**.





AMS Secretariat
ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

2021 Expense Summary Form

Please attach and itemize all receipts. Submit form and receipts in a single email to logisitcs_deputy@ams.queensu.ca before **11:59PM on October 2nd**.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Campaign: _____

Item Description	Receipt✓	Per Unit Cost	Number	Total Item Cost
E.g. Facebook ads, website hosting, etc...	✓	\$5/day	7 days	\$35



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Total Expenses: _____



WRITE-UP SUBMISSION

Please write a 300-word submission on your candidacy for Rector! This will be used in the *Journal*, at AMS Assembly, as well as your ballot. This is due at the same time as your nomination package.

University Rector Elections Policy and Procedures Manual

ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Responsibility	<i>President</i>
Approved by	<i>Assembly and SGPS Council</i>
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure standard, coherent policy and procedures for the election of the University Rector. This election is a joint venture between the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) and the AMS. This policy works concurrently with the AMS Policy on Elections and Referenda. This policy is also the central governing document over the four part elections process, through nominations, validation, campaigning and voting. This policy is also designed to incorporate all online, hybrid and in-person elections. Ultimate authority is granted to the Rector Elections Team.

Terminology and definitions

University Rector: A non-elected, non-voting member of both the AMS Assembly and SGPS Council but shall not be officially affiliated with any faculty or society on campus other than the student body itself as represented by the two student societies, the Alma Mater Society and the Society of Graduate and Professional Students. The University Rector is also one of the students' representatives on the Board of Trustees'.

Rector Elections Team: The AMS Elections Team and the SGPS Elections team, collectively, shall be defined as the Rector Elections Team. The two main authorities of the Rector Elections Team shall be the AMS CEO and the SGPS CRO, with duties being distributed to respective Elections Teams based on their individual Policy on Elections and Referenda.

Consultations: Defined as a formal meeting between a candidate with internal or external groups to learn more about the pertinent group.

Statement

This policy is an elaboration of the AMS Constitution, Section 13.02, which outlines constitutional requirements of the Rector Election. It details specifics related to nomination, campaign, polling, and campaign procedures. Furthermore, it provides clarification on Rector Election expenses as well as policy surrounding removal of the Rector.

This policy is to run in conjunction with procedures on Rector Elections, which outlines candidate processes.

Scope

This policy will only cover University Rector elections and does not apply to other Society elections. This policy has influence over the following individuals:

Rector Election Team: Tasked with executing the elections in accordance with this policy.

AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs of Internal Affairs and SGPS Speaker: Tasked with ensuring that the Rector Elections team abides by this policy manual, and any administrative oversight necessary to carry out this policy.

Candidates: Candidates for University Rector are responsible for familiarizing themselves with this policy manual and ensure that they comply with outlined responsibilities throughout the elections process.

Roles and Responsibilities

AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs: Must liaise with SGPS Speaker to establish dates for the election, timelines, and spending limits. They shall also oversee the Rector Elections Team and aid in policy interpretation and provide administrative resources.

Rector Elections Team: Must execute the Rector election in accordance with this policy. Has the responsibility to contact candidates, organize logistical events, and enforce this policy during the election season.

Candidates: Candidates are responsible for understanding their rights and obligations as outlined by this policy manual and the AMS Constitution (13.02)

Policy

Section 1: General

- a. The term for the Rector shall be three years.
- b. The Rector is permitted to resign at any time, with notification to the student body.
- c. Candidates for University Rector must be a member of either the SGPS or the AMS, as defined by the Policies of the respective societies.
- d. Upon announcement of the incumbent Rector's intention to resign, an election shall be scheduled that is normally concurrent with the AMS winter term referendum and executive election.
- e. The Rector shall be elected through a campus wide election, which shall be jointly administered by the AMS and SGPS on behalf of their respective societies.
- f. The election shall be conducted before the end of the calendar year in which the nominations were received.
- g. The AMS CEO and the SGPS CRO shall ensure that both elections and the nomination and campaign period adhere to this joint policy on rector election. Where a matter arises that is not explicitly considered by this policy, the SGPS CRO and the AMS CEO shall render a joint decision.

- h. All election resources, guides and procedures must be made available on both the SGPS and AMS websites.

Section 2: Nominations

- a. The nomination period is purely designed for organizational purposes and for collecting nomination signatures. No campaigning shall occur during the nomination period.
- b. Consultations using the Rector, AMS Elections or SGPS branding may not take place from the beginning of the nomination period to the beginning of the campaign period.
- c. Nomination Packages will be created by the Rector Election Team and will clearly indicate the logos and names of both Societies. Nomination Packages will be made available at both the AMS and SGPS Front Desks on the opening day of the nomination period, as defined by the established AMS Elections Timeline. These packages shall include the following information:
 - i. "University Rector Election" in the heading
 - ii. a Nomination Form signature sheet
 - iii. the number of signatures required
 - iv. a campaign expense form
- d. The Nomination Package shall also include the candidate's name, student number, program, department, and contact information.
- e. Prior to receiving the Nomination Package, each candidate shall be required to sign a document indicating their responsibility for the contents of the material, and their agreement to abide by it. Each campaign organization shall designate a "Campaign Manager" to liaise with the Rector Elections Team. The Campaign Manager shall be responsible for receiving and disseminating relevant information from the Rector Elections Team to his/her campaign organization.
- f. Nomination forms shall include the nominators name, student number, signature, and acknowledgement that the candidate has adequately informed them of their intent in running. All fields must be completed legibly and correctly according to the student list provided by the University Registrar.
- g. In the event of an online election, signature gathering must take place through a secure form. Ownership of the form must be transferred to the Rector Election Team prior to collecting signatures.
- h. Candidates and team representatives are allowed to share their nomination form online in places such as non-AMS or non-SGPS social media platforms.
- i. Nomination forms must be signed by 1% of AMS and/or SGPS members. Candidates may nominate themselves.
 - i. Candidates may not seek nominations from any member of the SGPS or AMS Elections Team, or AMS Executive and SGPS Executive.

- j. Completed Nomination Packages may be submitted to the AMS Chief Electoral Officer or AMS Secretary.
- k. Nomination signatures may not be collected in campus pubs, cafeterias, classrooms, AMS or SGPS offices, and AMS or SGPS services. This also includes online spaces, such as AMS or SGPS-specific Facebook groups, Microsoft Teams, or other related platforms.
- l. All collection of signatures in Residence must conform to Residence policies. No room-to-room collection of signatures in Residence shall be permitted.
- m. No form of off-campus collection of signatures shall be permitted.
- n. Each candidate shall, at the time that Nomination Forms are submitted, place \$100.00 on deposit with the Rector Election Team, which shall only be deposited upon instances of fines or penalties as detailed in AMS Policy on Elections, which shall apply to Rector Elections.
- o. Candidates shall take an unpaid leave of absence during the campaign period from all extracurricular activities, as well as those holding salaried positions with the AMS or SGPS that, in the judgment of the Rector Election Team convey unfair advantage, or establish or imply a conflict of interest. Notices of Leave shall be provided to the Rector Election Team.
- p. A nominee may withdraw their candidacy at any time before the end of the nomination period, without penalty. Should a candidate or team withdraw during the campaign period, they may lose their deposit, subject to the Rector Election Team's discretion. A notice of withdrawal shall be given in written form to the Rector Election Team.
- q. Candidates are to attend AMS Assembly after their nomination package is approved.
 - i. Validation is to follow the Society procedure on nomination and validation.

Section 3: Campaigning

1. General Rules

- a. Campaigning shall not commence until the beginning of the campaign period.
- b. All campaign materials and promotions are subject to the approval of the Rector Election Team. A sample of all campaign materials shall be submitted to the Rector Election Team to be kept on file for the duration of the campaign. All posters must be stamped to indicate approval.
- c. No form of off-campus campaigning shall be permitted. Candidates shall not place campaign materials on trees or utility poles either on or off campus. This includes banners strung from utility poles.
- d. Any classroom appearance, both on or offline, must be cleared through the instructor in advance of the scheduled time. This contact may be made during the nomination period. Arrangements for classroom talks shall be the responsibility of the candidate's election team. All content shall be

consistent with all approved material, in accordance with both AMS and SGPS Policy on Elections and Referenda.

- e. All email content shall be consistent with previously approved campaign material and shall be above reproach.
- f. Candidates may request an organization to forward an email to their members using a mass email list. Use of AMS and SGPS mass email lists is prohibited.
- g. Candidates are not permitted to send mass emails through their own accounts to students that have not consented to receive information from the campaign organization.
- h. Candidates are responsible for the conduct of their campaign organization and its members. Any violation of elections policy by said members shall be regarded as a violation by the candidate. Individuals who are not members of a specific campaign organization and who are found to have violated elections policy may be referred to their respective society's non-academic discipline system.
- i. All candidate websites and other online campaign materials, including content on social networking sites shall be approved by the Rector Election Team.
- j. Candidates looking to hold campaign events must seek approval from the Rector Elections Team of any event (online or otherwise) being held no later than 24 hours ahead of the scheduled time.
- k. Candidates are responsible for providing the Rector Elections Team with an up to date list of all individuals associated with their campaign within 8 hours of notice from the Rector Elections Team
- l. No polls or surveys of public opinion regarding Rector Elections shall be published or broadcast on the day(s) of voting.

2. Campus Campaigning Rules

- a. There shall be a limit of 100 posters per team of candidates. Any poster larger than 11" x 17" shall be deemed a banner. There shall be no more than two banners per team of candidates.
- b. All posters must be printed on 100% recyclable paper and must be recycled after the end of the campaign period.
- c. Placement and distribution of Posters and campaign material must adhere to the Elections Policies of both Societies, as well as all university and building policies.
- d. Candidates must book table space for use during the campaign period in the following campus buildings through the Rector Election Team: The Student Life Centre, Macintosh Corry Hall, and any other building specified by the Rector Election Team prior to the campaign period. The allocation of table and banner space will be done through a lottery process.
 - i. Candidates shall be entitled to a maximum of 45 hours of table space for the duration of the campaign period.

- ii. Booth hours shall be restricted to the hours between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
- e. All campaigning in Residence must conform to Residence policies. No room-to-room campaigning in Residence shall be permitted.
- f. No candidate may campaign inside campus pubs or cafeterias. Campaigning shall be permitted in line-ups but shall not occur past the point where patrons are requested to provide identification for entrance. Campaigning in line-ups shall also be subject to any applicable residence or university regulations.
- g. Campaign materials shall not be distributed in campus pubs, cafeterias, AMS offices and AMS services. In addition, no AMS or SGPS employees may display campaign materials while on duty.
- h. Each candidate will be required to remove all physical campaign material produced on their behalf for the purposes of the election by 8:00 p.m. on the day preceding the first day of voting. Campaigning through the use of websites and other online media may continue for the duration of the voting days. Candidates or teams will not be allowed to physically campaign during the voting days.

3. Endorsements and Conflicts of Interest

- a. AMS Executive, Directors, Commissioners, Head Managers, and Officers, SGPS Executive Members, SGPS Commissioners and Coordinators, and SGPS Officers of Council shall remain neutral at all times. They may not publicly support any individual candidacy whether on or off-duty nor shall they be permitted to take a leave of absence to do so. AMS and SGPS offices, email addresses and other office resources shall at no time be used for any purpose relating to an individual campaign. All other AMS and SGPS salaried staff shall be permitted to support an individual candidacy while off-duty but shall not be eligible to take a leave of absence to do so. Off-duty campaigning by AMS or SGPS salaried staff may not occur in the vicinity of any AMS or SGPS service.
- b. No candidate shall seek or receive endorsement from any University faculty or staff member.
- c. No candidate shall seek or receive endorsement from any elected member or representative from AMS Assembly or SGPS Council in their positional capacity.
- d. A student holding a position within either the AMS or SGPS non-academic misconduct system shall be required to take a leave of absence in order to participate in a rector election in any capacity. Any student

nominated to sit on the Rector Election Appeal board may not have participated in the rector election in any capacity.

- e. Any student holding a position on the AMS Judicial Committee shall be required to resign their position in order to participate in a Rector election in any capacity.
- f. The AMS Assembly and SGPS Council shall be neutral forums. No promotional materials shall be displayed or distributed at these meetings and all questions shall be directed to all candidates.
- a. Candidates may receive nominations from clubs and campus groups that do not fall into the categories stated above. Campus news outlets are permitted to endorse candidates.

4. Debate

- a. During the Campaign Period, an All-Candidates Debate will be organized by the Rector Election Team for all students to attend.
- b. The debate rules will be pre-determined by the Rector Election Team.
- c. The default debate rules are as follows:
 - i. The debate moderator will be the AMS Secretariat.
 - ii. Each candidate gets a 3-minute opening and closing.
 - iii. Candidates will alternate who answers first, with a coin toss to determine the opening order.
 - iv. Questions will be pre-submitted to the Rector Elections Team from students.
 - v. Candidates will get up to 2 minutes to answer.
 - vi. Each candidate will get 1 rebuttal of 30 seconds to make a follow up statement. The subsequent answer from the candidate will be 1 minute.
 - vii. Personal attacks and harassment will result in dismissal from the debate at the discretion of the moderator.
- b. Candidates must release their platform at least 24 hours prior to the debate, but it is recommended to release it sooner.
- c. Paid advertisements through social media and news outlets are permitted.

Section 4: Elections Expenses

- a. Rector Elections Expenses shall follow the AMS Policy on Elections Expenses, with the exception that all finances are to be approved by the Rector Elections Team and not the AMS CEO.
- b. The spending limit in the Rector Election shall be decided upon by the Rector Election Team and approved by both AMS Assembly and SGPS Council.

Section 5: Ballots

- a. Voting for the Rector Election shall be conducted by each individual society in the manner outlined in their individual Elections Policy.
- b. Voting shall take place concurrently, and both Societies will be afforded the same opportunity, in terms of time, to cast their ballot.
- c. Candidates shall appear on the ballot in an order determined by lottery.
- d. Ballots presented shall contain identical phrasing and identifying of candidates, such that a ballot cast in either election is to be considered identical to one cast in the other election.
- e. Both societies shall review the ballot of the other society to ensure the ballot is constructed in accordance with this policy.

Section 6: Tabulations, Results, and Announcements

- a. The votes cast in each election shall be combined into one collection of votes cast, so as to avoid a divisiveness of results between societies.
- b. Where there are exactly two candidates, the candidate with the greater number of the total votes, from the combined collection of votes, will be deemed the successful candidate.
- c. Where there are greater than two candidates, preferential balloting will be employed, using the following method:
 - (1) Initially votes shall be counted according to the highest preference expressed on a ballot. If a candidate receives sufficient ballots marked for them with first preferences to achieve a simple majority of fifty percent plus one (50% +1) of the ballots cast, they shall be declared the winner.
 - (2) If no candidate receives sufficient ballots marked for them with first preferences to achieve the fifty percent plus one (50% +1) threshold of ballots cast, then a second round of counting shall occur.

The candidate with the fewest number of ballots marked with first preferences for them will be removed from the second round of counting and the ballots marked with first preferences for this candidate shall be redistributed according to the second highest preference expressed on that ballot.
 - (3) If two or more candidates tie for the least number of first preferences in the first round of counting, then they shall both be eliminated and their ballots redistributed according to their second preferences.
 - (4) This same procedure shall be repeated until one candidate receives sufficient votes to achieve a simple majority of fifty percent plus one (50% +1) of the ballots cast, at which point this candidate shall be declared the winner.
 - (5) If only two candidates remain and neither has reached the fifty percent plus one (50% +1) threshold of votes cast, the team with the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.
 - (6) If there is no second highest preference expressed on the ballot, then the ballot shall be considered spoiled.
 - (7) If there is no first preference expressed then the ballot shall be considered spoiled.

- (8) If, after a first preference is expressed, there follows a set of preferences that are expressed in a non-sequential manner, the preferences after the interruption of the continual sequence shall be discounted.
 - (9) If two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of high preferences being considered in a particular round, other than the first, then the candidate that had the fewest first preferences will be eliminated from contention and those ballots will be redistributed according to those ballots next highest expressed preferences.
- d. If a candidate is disqualified, ballots shall be interpreted as if the disqualified candidate had been removed from contention in the first counting round.
- e. At no time will any member of the Rector Election Team reveal the split of votes based on the two Societies, and wherever possible knowledge of this information should be avoided altogether.
- f. The Rector Election Team shall publicly announce the results of the Rector election immediately after the candidates have been notified. Following this, they shall directly notify the AMS and SGPS Executives, and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, of the results of the Rector Election. Should the candidate not be available the results will be made public no less than two (2) hours after they have been confirmed by the Rector Election Team.
- g. Any ballot, which is spoilt or rejected, including a blank ballot, shall be considered in the total number of ballots cast.
- h. Any computer software used by the Rector Election Team shall be available to any member of the society on demand for the purpose of inspecting it and perusing its constituting code.
- i. Any campaign organization requesting clarification about the election results must do so by submitting a formal written request to the Rector Election Team within 48 hours of the release of the results.

Section 7: Penalties, Complaints and Disqualifications

- a. Rector Elections penalties and disqualifications will follow the Policy of the AMS on Elections Policy on Violations, Penalties and Disqualifications, with the exception that any decisions shall be made by the Rector Election Team.
- b. Prior to the campaign period, complaint forms will be made available to teams and on the AMS website to report infractions of this policy, following AMS Elections and Referenda Policy on Disputes.
 - i. Complaint forms must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer no later than 24 hours after the infraction has taken place.
- c. In cases of appeal of a decision rendered by the Rector Election Team, a Rector Election Appeal Board shall be struck consisting of four members of the AMS Judicial Committee and two members of the SGPS Judicial Committee. The responsibility to chair shall

alternate between the two societies each Rector election or referendum, with the chair to be independently selected from the respective society's non-academic misconduct system.

Section 8: Removal of the Rector

- a. The Rector may only be removed from office following a campus-wide referendum in which a minimum of 20% of the entire student body (based on enrolment figures from the Registrar's Office) vote. In order to remove the Rector, the following referendum question shall be posed: "Shall [name of Rector] continue to hold the office of Rector of Queen's University at Kingston? Yes, No."
- b. If greater than 50% plus 1 of ballots cast record a No vote, the Rector will cease to hold office, effective immediately. In the event that less than twenty percent of the electorate have cast ballots, the referendum question shall be subject to the following sliding scale based on total voter turnout:
 - (1) 15-19.99% shall require greater than 55% plus 1 of the ballots to record a No vote to constitute removal.
 - (2) 10-14.99% shall require greater than 60% plus 1 of the ballots to record a No vote to constitute removal.
 - (3) 5-9.99% shall require greater than 65% plus 1 of the ballots to record a No vote to constitute removal.
 - (4) 0-4.99% shall require greater than 70% plus 1 of the ballots to record a No vote to constitute removal.
- c. The referendum shall be held upon receipt by either the AMS CEO or the SGPS CRO, of a petition to do so which has been signed by at least four percent of the entire student body, being all eligible AMS and SGPS members (based on enrolment figures from the Registrar's Office).
- d. All AMS and SGPS members shall be eligible to vote on this question.
- e. This Referendum will be conducted in accordance with the same procedures for electing the Rector, adjusted for a referendum, as opposed to an election.

Monitoring

Compliance with this policy shall be the joint responsibility of the AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs and the SGPS Speaker, who jointly oversee the administrative functions of the Rector Elections Team. Compliance will be closely monitored and any actions seen to deviate from this policy shall be immediately corrected by either the AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs or the SGPS Speaker.

This policy is to remain identical in the By-Laws, Policies, Policy Manuals, and Constitutions of both the SGPS and the AMS. If at any time a change is to be made by either Society, it must be

agreed upon by both Societies before being brought forward to approval. Changes to this policy are not effective until approved by both the AMS Assembly and the SGPS Council.

Contact person	<i>AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs</i>
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Related policies, procedures and guidelines	<i>AMS Constitution Section 13.02; AMS Election and Referendum Policy</i>
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