

Byelaw 10 – Removal from office

10.1 Vote of no confidence

Elected officers and trustees can be removed from their position by members following a vote of no confidence.

10.2 Sabbatical Officers

A Vote of No Confidence in a Sabbatical Officer may be called by a signed petition of 100 full members of the Union.

10.3 Student Officers

A vote of no confidence in Student Officer may be called by a signed petition of 100 full members of the Union.

10.4 Trustees

A vote of no confidence in a Trustee may be called by a signed petition of 100 full members of the Union.

10.5 The Vote

The vote of no confidence may be held by either;

- 1. A referendum of all members in which at least 300 students cast a vote ; or
- 2. A vote in Student Council.

10.6 Notice of a Vote of no confidence

- 1. The elected officer / trustee must be given at least 14 days clear notice of the vote of no confidence in writing.
- 2. A notice of the vote of no confidence must be issued to members at least 14 clear days before the vote of no confidence is held and stipulate why the vote has been called and how the vote will be held.
- 3. The elected officer / trustee must be given an opportunity to address the members entitled to vote on the no confidence motion before the vote is taken by whatever means is deemed appropriate according to the method of the vote.
- 4. The vote of no confidence will be considered passed if:

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- a. In a referendum of all members in which at least 300 students cast a vote the majority vote in support of no confidence in the officer / trustee.
- b. In a vote at Student council in which two thirds of the filled member positions vote in support of no confidence in the officer / trustee.
- 5. If the vote of no confidence in an elected officer / trustee is passed, they will be removed from their position immediately.
- 6. Elected officers will be automatically removed from their positions if:
 - a. They cease to be a student at the University
 - b. The University removes their student status as a result of disciplinary action
 - c. They cease to be a member of the Union for any reason.
- 7. Elected Officers may resign from their position in writing to the SU President. The SU President may resign in writing to the Board of Trustees.
- 8. The decision on whether to call a by election to fill the vacated officer position will be taken by Officer Committee.