

# Physiology Undergraduate League of Students (PULS)

## 2024 Regulations for Campaigning for Elected Positions

1. Any returning student registered in the Department of Physiology (or the Interdepartmental Honours in Immunology program with one year in the Physiology program) as a full- or part-time student for both semesters (including present council members) may be nominated for executive or officer position. *Students must have held a council position in the previous academic year to be eligible for the position of President, Vice President and VP Finance, if applicable (Constitution A3.4).* Should an I.H.I. student not have completed one academic year enrolled in the Physiology program, they may be nominated for all positions except for President, Vice President, U3 Representative and U2 Representative.
  - a. Elected Executive Positions:
    - i. President
    - ii. Vice-President
    - iii. VP Finance
  - b. Elected Officer Positions:
    - i. VP Academic
    - ii. Co-VP Internals x2
    - iii. VP Athletics & Publicity
    - iv. U3 Reps x2
    - v. U2 Reps x2
2. Students running for any position cannot do so together. Each student must run separately for their position. Current PULS officers and acclaimed candidates may not contribute to another student's campaign.
3. Campaigning shall begin Saturday, March 30 at 12:00AM and end Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:59PM. All campaign posters and materials must be removed by the end of the Campaign Period. Failure to do so shall lead to the disqualification of the candidate.
  - a. This includes removal of campaigning materials from social media, including profile pictures, cover photos, event pages, etc.
  - b. Members of PULS will survey for remaining campaign materials before voting period begins.
  - c. Sanctions that occur before the voting period will appear on the ballot and the student body will be informed by email. Sanctions that occur during the voting period will be announced to the student body by email.

4. The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating the online polling. Voting Period shall open Thursday, April 4th at 12:00AM and close Wednesday, April 10th at 11:59PM.
5. Elections shall be decided by a majority of votes. This includes elections for candidates who are running unopposed.
6. Students should not spend more than \$25 for campaigning purposes.
  - a. The use of any special authority or relationship to obtain campaign materials beyond the allotted amount is strictly prohibited.
7. In the event of a tie, an emergency meeting shall be called for the soonest possible time. At this meeting, the departing council members will interview both candidates, and declare the winner by appointment. At least 2/3 of the council and both candidates must be present.
8. Individual internet campaigning is allowed, however candidates may NOT advertise using PULS listserv/bounces or any other PULS resources.
  - a. Candidates are permitted to use online resources and social media to encourage Physiology students to vote for their preferred candidates in the election.
  - b. Candidates may NOT post on the PULS McGill or Physiology social media pages. A post containing all the candidates will be posted by PULS.
  - c. Candidates may also not post on any pages or groups.
9. Candidates may recruit a campaigning team of a maximum of 5 people within physiology and/or IHI.
  - a. Individuals cannot be on the campaigning team of candidates running for the same position. However, individuals are permitted to endorse multiple candidates running for different positions.
  - b. Members of the campaigning team MUST be approved by the PULS Vice President, Kaelan Olney ([kaelan.olney@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:kaelan.olney@mail.mcgill.ca)) before they are permitted to endorse the candidate.
  - c. Any endorsements must first be approved by the Vice President.
10. Disqualification of a candidate will be decided by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote by council members not running for a PULS position in the upcoming year. Grounds for disqualification are as follows:
  - a. Slander (anything hurtful, mean, unjustified and/or irrelevant to the campaign) against any candidate.

- b. Directly imploring the student body to not vote for any candidate.
- c. Breaking multiple campaigning rules outlined in this document or Article VIII of the constitution.
- d. Other reasons at the discretion of the council.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the current PULS President Phoenix Plessas-Azurduy Braaten ([phoenix.plessas-azurduy@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:phoenix.plessas-azurduy@mail.mcgill.ca)) or Vice President Kaelan Olney ([kaelan.olney@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:kaelan.olney@mail.mcgill.ca)).