

<b>Committee Title</b>	Student Voice								
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018								
<b>Item Number and Title/Subject</b>	Election Timetable 2018/19								
<b>Paper Presenter</b>	Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader (Deputy Returning Officer)								
<b>Brief Summary of Issues/Topic</b>	<p>The following outlines the proposed timescales for the NUS Conference Delegation and Full Time Officer elections.</p> <p>It is the role of the Deputy Returning Officer to decide the timeframe for the NUS Conferences Elections and Full Time Officer Elections.</p> <p><b>NUS Conferences Elections</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Nominations Open</td><td>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 9am</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nominations Close</td><td>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 12noon</td></tr> <tr> <td>Polling Opens</td><td>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 9am</td></tr> <tr> <td>Polling Closes</td><td>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018, 2pm</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Full Time Officer Elections</b></p> <p>Based on a review of last year's Full Time Officers (FTO) elections, it is proposed that the election voting timeframe be reduced from the 5 days to 4 days. Under this model, FTO elections would open similar to previous years at 10am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019. However, they would close at 2pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.</p> <p>The rational for this proposal is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate wellbeing – Could reducing the voting period by one day reduce candidate stress? This is especially pertinent given our renewed commitment to improving mental health for all students.</li> <li>• Decreases the possible amount of time that candidates (and their teams) miss out on class time.</li> <li>• Stopping a day earlier assists with the operational workload of running the elections and frees up internal resources.</li> <li>• Candidates will still be notified of results individually on Friday before the Big Elections Results night.</li> </ul> <p>Further, our Big Student Election partners have already moved to shorter election timeframes - 3 day for Strathclyde and 4 day City of Glasgow College with both ending on Thursday (SAUWS did not respond).</p>	Nominations Open	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018, 9am	Nominations Close	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018, 12noon	Polling Opens	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018, 9am	Polling Closes	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018, 2pm
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	Nominations Open		Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018, 9am			
	Nominations Close		Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019, 12noon			
	Candidates Briefing		Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12noon			
	Candidates Hustings		To be confirmed			
	Polling Opens		Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, 10am			
	Polling Closes		Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, 2pm  <u>or</u>  Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, 2pm			
	Results Announced		Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7pm			
	<p>Post-Poll Close duties to be completed before results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run results in conjunction with Returning Officer</li> <li>• Complaints and Expenses submission deadlines</li> <li>• Election Committee meeting</li> <li>• Produce election demographics</li> <li>• Inform candidates of results individually</li> <li>• Remove election materials and promotion from campus</li> </ul>					
Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion	X	Approval	
	<p>Student Voice is asked to discuss reducing the Full Time Officer voting period by one day, to assist the Returning Officer to make final decision on the voting period.</p> <p>Student Voice is asked to note the timetable for the election of delegates to NUS Conferences and for the Full Time Officers Elections.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Partner students' associations within The Big Student Elections. Elections Planning Committee					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes	X	No		N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	The Chief Executive was consulted.					
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?	Glasgow Caledonian University					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.	The dates will be made available to members on the Students' Association website.					