

# SOCS By-Election

## Nomination Form: Summer 2017

\* The first two pages are for your own personal information, please hold onto these papers until the end of the election process. The following page(s) must be submitted to SOCS Executive by the timeline identified. Failure to do so will result in the ineligibility of running in the SOCS general election.\*

### 1. Overview

**1.1.** The purpose of the SOCS by-election is to elect interim candidates to the vacant executive positions of the society (VP Education and Community in this instance).

**1.2.** This document provides a brief overview of the election process, timeline, requirements of running for election and eligibility for candidacy.

**1.3.** Any questions about the SOCS by-election should be directed towards Rhea Desai, the current President, who will oversee this election process.

**1.4.** For complete and official elections procedures please refer to the SOCS Elections and Referendum Standard Operating Procedures.

### 2. Timeline

**2.1.** This timeline will be strictly adhered to. No accommodations will be made for late or incomplete nomination forms, or any other extenuating circumstances. In the event of an university closure, emergency protocols will be enacted under the authority of the Vice President Administration and the President.

#### **2.2. March 26th - March 30th 2017: Nomination Period.**

**2.2.1.** Nomination Forms will be available as of 7:30pm on March 26th and must be submitted by 4:30pm on March 31st.

#### **2.3. March 31st 2017, 4:30pm: All Candidates Meeting.**

**2.3.1.** This is a mandatory meeting for all candidates running in the SOCS By-Election. If you are a candidate in the SOCS By-Election and do not attend this meeting, you will be considered ineligible and your name will be removed from the ballot. This meeting will occur at **4:30pm sharp in MUSC room B112**. Candidates who are late will be considered ineligible to run for the by-election.

#### **2.4. Monday April 3rd: Election Speeches and Question & Answer period.**

**2.4.1.** The election speeches and question and answer period will begin at **2:30pm**. It will conclude no later than **4:30pm**. All candidates must be in attendance for the full duration of the period. Speeches will be limited to two (2) minutes. Candidates will be given one minute warnings, with a final ten second countdown. Candidates will be cut off after their time has elapsed.

**2.4.2.** Attendees will be able to submit proposed questions to the candidates via slips of paper and will be vetted and orated by the facilitators of the period. Questions cannot be directed at a sole candidate and must be directed towards either all position or specific positions.

**2.5. March 31st - April 4th: Campaign Period.**

**2.5.1.** The campaign period will begin on the night of the all candidates meeting on Friday March 31st at **8:00pm**. Candidates must abide by the campaign rules as set out in the SOCS Elections and Referendum Standard Operating Procedures.

**2.5.2.** Campaigning may not take place in MUSC Clubspace, the SOCS Office/OCRC, or other spaces identified by the Vice President Administration and President of the Society. The campaign period will end by Tuesday April 4th at **8:00pm**.

**2.6. April 5th - April 6th: Voting Period.**

**2.6.1.** The SOCS By-election voting period will take place over two days. Day one voting will open at **10:30am** on Wednesday April 5th and will close at **7:30pm** on Thursday April 6th. At this point voting will be considered closed, and counting of ballots will begin promptly.

**2.6.2.** A valid SOCS membership must be presented in order to be eligible for voting.

**2.6.3.** Candidates will be notified via email of election results by noon on Friday April 7th, 2017.

**2.7. April 7th, 2017: Executive Transition.**

**2.7.1.** It is the responsibility of the President and Vice President Administration to organize a meeting with the newly elected executive, at which they will facilitate their transitions.

**2.7.2.** All elects must be transition by April 7th, 2017 and will be provided with all relevant transition materials as deemed appropriate by the President and Vice President Admin.

**2.8 April 7th, 2017: Executive Turnover.**

**2.8.1.** On April 7, 2017 the elected member will officially join the Executive of the Society, and will assume all powers and duties as set out in the SOCS Constitution and all other official SOCS documentation.

**3. Requirements**

**3.1.** You must acquire the signatures and student numbers of ten (10) current members of the Society and fulfill all other requirements set out in this document.

**3.2.** You must be a full member of the Society in good standing.

**3.3.** You must not have been disqualified from a past SOCS election.

**3.4.** You must not have been recalled, dismissed, or forced to resign from any previously held SOCS executive positions, hired or volunteers positions, or appointed positions.

**3.5.** You must attend the All Candidates Meeting and the Election Speeches and Question & Answer Period.

**3.6.** You must adhere to the items identified in this document, the SOCS Constitution, all

other official SOCS documentation, and the procedures and policies of the McMaster Students Union and the McMaster University Student Code of Conduct.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PositionRunningFor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief bio about yourself (this will be posted on the SOCS website):

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***Please provide the names, signatures, and student numbers of ten (10) members in good standing of the Society who wish to nominate you for candidacy.***

Name	Student Number	Signature
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
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8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

Please attach a full copy of your resume to this form.

Please attach a full copy of your platform/campaign points to this form. (These will be posted to the SOCS Website).

Please sign here to confirm that you have read the contents of this package, the SOCS Constitution, SOCS Operating Guidelines, and the SOCS Standard Operating Procedures and that you fully acknowledge, understand, and accept all items and clauses laid out in them pertaining to the operating of the SOCS General Election and its facilitators.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Page 3 and Page 4 of this document must be submitted to the SOCS Office in MUSC B112 by the time and date noted above, and must have the requested documents attached; otherwise, you will be considered ineligible to be a candidate in the SOCS By-Election.

If you have any questions about the Nomination Period, or By-Election please do not hesitate to email the President at [socspresident@gmail.com](mailto:socspresident@gmail.com)