

- 1 Referenda may be called to determine the following:
  - 1.1. to agree changes to the Articles of Governance
  - 1.2. to pass a motion of No Confidence in a Sabbatical Officer
  - 1.3. to agree policy which affects students
- 2 **Articles of Governance**
  - 2.1. In accordance with **Article 40.1**, to agree changes to the Articles of Governance, a quorum of 5% of Members will be required to validate the referendum and a two-thirds majority of those voting will be required for the changes to be approved
- 3 **Motion of No Confidence in a Sabbatical Officer**
  - 3.1. In accordance with **Article 91.1**, to pass a motion of no confidence in a Sabbatical Trustee, a quorum of 10% of Members will be required to validate the referendum and a majority of two thirds will be required for the motion to be approved
- 4 **Policy**
  - 4.1. In accordance with **Articles 57 and 109.1**, to agree policy referred to referendum by the Trustee Board or secure petition, a quorum of 5% of Members will be required to validate the referendum and simple majority of those Members voting.
- 5 Referenda can be called on any issue by the following:
  - 5.1. A simple majority of the Trustee Board;
  - 5.2. By any Member via a secure petition signed by 2.5% of the Membership.
- 6 **Responsibilities**
  - 6.1. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for organising a Referendum when instructed:
    - 6.1.1 by a majority decision of a quorate meeting of the Board of Trustees
    - 6.1.2 on receipt of a secure petition in line with the requirements above
- 7 **Calling a Referendum**
  - 7.1. The Returning Officer will be responsible for the good conduct and co-ordination of the administration of the Referendum.
  - 7.2. The Returning Officer will publicise that a referendum has been called for and details of the reason why within eight (8) working days of receipt of notice
  - 7.3. The Referendum shall be arranged in accordance with the following timetable, the exact dates of which to be determined by the Returning Officer:
    - 7.3.1 Publish the proposal, date(s) for the referendum and date of a General Meeting, open to all Ordinary Members, to explain and discuss the issues, which shall be held no later than the commencement of polling. Invite alternative proposals to a published deadline.

7.3.2 Cease accepting alternative proposals. Final decision as to whether to accept any alternative proposals shall lie with those who called the referendum.

7.3.3 Publish the proposal and further advertise dates of polling

8 Election rules will apply.

## 9 **Voting**

9.1. All ordinary members shall be eligible to vote.

9.2. The Returning Officer in conjunction with the Publicity team shall publicise the times of polling

## 10 **Results**

10.1. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for declaring the result of the referendum once they are satisfied that the Referendum has been conducted properly.