

# Monash University Postgraduate Association

## Constitution Part 8: Election

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#### 1. Authorizing provision

The regulations in this Part are made under sub clause 33.1 of the MUPA Constitution.

#### 2. Applicability

- i. This Part applies to elections held in accordance with Part 8 of the MUPA Constitution.
- ii. This Part applies, in so far as it is applicable and with any necessary modifications, to referenda held in accordance with clause 16 of the MUPA Constitution.

#### 3. Appointment of Returning Officer

- i. The MUPA Student Council must appoint the Returning Officer no later than the Monday 3 weeks before the annual elections after consultation with the Pro Vice Chancellor.
- ii. A temporary Returning Officer can be appointed while the appointment of a Returning Officer is finalized.
- iii. For by-elections, the MUPA General Secretary is the Returning Officer, unless the MUPA Student Council appoints another Returning Officer at least nine academic days before the by-election.
- iv. The Returning Officer must not:-
  - a) be a candidate in any election for which they are returning officer;
  - b) be a currently enrolled as a postgraduate student of the university; and
  - c) have contested any student election in the two academic years prior to the year of the election;
- v. If the Returning Officer resigns or is unable to act, the MUPA Student Council must as soon as practicable appoint another Returning Officer.
- vi. The Returning Officer may only be removed by the MUPA Student Council after consultation with the Pro Vice Chancellor.

#### 4. Responsibilities of Returning Officer

- i. The Returning Officer:
  - a) is responsible for the conduct of the election;
  - b) may decide all matters not provided for in the Constitution or these regulations; and
  - c) is subject only to the Electoral Tribunal.
- ii. Any decision of the Returning Officer may be appealed to the Electoral Tribunal in accordance with Regulation 35, 36 and 37.
- iii. The Returning Officer must present a written report to the MUPA Student Council within 21 days of the polls being declared or to the first joint MUPA Student Council meeting, whichever comes first.

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- iv. The MUPA General Secretary must provide the facilities, resources and assistance necessary to enable the Returning Officer to carry out the responsibilities under these regulations.

#### **5. Deputy and Assistant Returning Officers, Poll Clerks and Vote Counters**

- i. Deputy and Assistant Returning Officers, poll clerks and vote counters are subject to the direction of and have the duties determined by the Returning Officer.
- ii. Deputy, Assistant Returning Officers, Poll Clerks and Vote Counters must not:-
  - a) be candidates in the election;
  - b) have been office bearers or any members of the immediately preceding MUPA Student Council; and
  - c) be office bearers or any members of the current MUPA Student Council.
- iii. Deputy Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, poll clerks or vote counters who are current student enrolled in the university are not allowed to vote. A declaration is to be signed to declare that the voting right is given up.
- iv. The Returning Officer may delegate any responsibilities under this Part to a Deputy or Assistant Returning Officer.

#### **6. Opening of Nominations**

- i. For the annual elections nomination open at 10:00 am on Tuesday one week before the annual elections.
- ii. For by-elections, nominations open five academic days before the by-election.

#### **7. Notice of Election**

- i. On the Tuesday two weeks before the annual elections, the Returning Officer must give notice of the election.
- ii. The Returning Officer must give notice of the election in each edition on any regular MUPA news-sheet between the opening and closing of nominations.
- iii. The notice of the election must be in the form of schedule 1.3

#### **8. Eligibility to Stand**

- i. All students may stand in elections, subject to clause 35.1 of the MUPA Constitution.
- ii. An eligible postgraduate student must show proof that s/he will be deemed a full time student during her/his term in office.
- iii. A full time student is one who is deemed to need:-
  - a) 18 credit points per semester and minimum 36 credit points over two semesters to complete her/his degree; or
  - b) full time higher degree by research student with at least 12 months left to complete her/his degree, at the time of nomination.

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- iv. Candidature Period from the Monash Web Enrolment System as to the remaining units or months required to be completed would be deemed sufficient proof.
- v. An eligible student must not apply for exchange program at the time of nomination. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the nomination.

#### 9. Form of Nominations

- i. Nominations must be in form of Schedule 1.4
- ii. All nominations must be signed by the nominee, nominator and seconder, all of whom must be qualified to stand and vote in the election in accordance with clauses 35.1 and 35.2 of the MUPA Constitution.
- iii. Candidate may not nominate or second their nomination.
- iv. Students may only nominate one candidate and second one candidate. Students may not nominate and second the same candidate.
- v. Candidates running for the position of school representative must be nominated and seconded by students from their respective schools.
- vi. The Elections Committee must make nomination forms available at the MUPA office.
- vii. For each nomination, one copy of the forms are to be submitted to the Returning Officer; of which the original copy is to be kept by the Returning Officer, and a certified photocopy to be returned to the candidate upon the acknowledgment of receipt.
- viii. Candidates must attach 2 passport size photos together with nomination form.
- ix. Photos submitted must meet the following requirements:-
  - a) taken with plain blue background;
  - b) no distracting shadow, in natural expression;
  - c) frame subject with full face, front view, and eyes open;
  - d) photo must present full head from top hair to bottom of chin;
  - e) height of head should measure between 25 mm to 35 mm;
  - f) centre head must within the frame; and
  - g) eye height is between 28 mm to 35 mm from bottom of photo.

#### 10. Receipt of Nominations

- i. Nominations must be given or sent to the Returning Officer.
- ii. The Returning Officer must provide the student nominating with:
  - a) acknowledgement of receipt of their nomination, and
  - b) a copy of these regulations; on the close of nominations.

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- iii. If the nomination is rejected, the Returning Officer must immediately notify the person concerned, and state the reason for the rejection. If a contact telephone number has been given on the nomination form, the Returning Officer must first attempt to notify the person concerned by telephone.
- iv. No decision of the Returning Officer to reject a nomination may be appealed more than one academic day after the list of candidates is published in accordance to Regulation 15.

#### **11. Close of Nominations**

- i. For the annual elections nominations must be received by the Elections Committee no later than 4.00 pm on the three (3) academic days before the annual elections or as specified by the Returning Officer.
- ii. For by elections nominations must be received by the Elections Committee no later than 12:00 noon on the day two (2) academic days before the by-election.
- iii. Nomination forms may not be amended or altered after nominations have closed with the exception that nominations may be withdrawn as allowed by Regulation 16.

#### **12. Verification of Eligibility**

Immediately after the close of the nominations, the Returning Officer must verify that each person who has been nominated is eligible to stand under sub clause 35.1 of the MUPA Constitution.

#### **13. Uncontested Positions**

- i. If the number of candidates for any position does not exceed the number to be elected, the Returning Officer must declare those candidates elected as soon as their eligibility has been verified.
- ii. If at the close of nominations there are less candidates for a position than the number to be elected, the Returning Officer must reopen nominations for the remaining positions to be elected:-
  - a) for the annual elections - until 4.00pm one day before the annual elections;  
and
  - b) for by-elections – until 12:00 noon the day before the by-election.

#### **14. Draw for Ballot Paper**

- i. If the number of candidates for any position exceeds the number to be elected, the Returning Officer must, provided their eligibility has been verified under Regulation 12, determine by lot the order of those candidates on the ballot paper.
- ii. Any student may observe the draw.

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**15. List of Candidates and Registered Ticket Names**

The Returning Officer must by 5.00 pm on the Wednesday one (1) day before the annual election, place on the MUPA notice board a list of candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot paper.

**16. Withdrawal of Nomination**

- i. Candidates may withdraw their nomination at any time before the result of the election is declared.
- ii. Withdrawals must be in the form on Schedule 1.5.
- iii. The withdrawal takes effect on its receipt by the Returning Officer.
- iv. If a candidate withdraws, the Elections Committee must proceed as if the student had never been nominated (except that any statement of distribution of preferences under Regulation 18 lodged by the candidate remains valid).
- v. Without limiting Regulation 11(iii), if a candidate withdraws, the Elections Committee may modify ballot papers as necessary or appropriate.
- vi. Any ballot paper showing a preference for withdrawn candidate must be allocated under Regulation 34 as if the candidate had been eliminated.

**17. Tickets**

- i. Any student intending to run, as part of a group of six or more, must apply to have a ticket name registered in the form of Schedule 1.6.
- ii. Applications under regulation 17(1):
  - a) opens at 10.00 am on the Tuesday one (1) week before the annual elections.
  - b) closed at 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one (1) week before the annual elections.
- iii. The Returning Officer must charge a fee of RM100 for the registration or re-registration of each ticket name, to be refunded to all tickets that submit a policy speech and photo to the election guide in accordance with Regulation 19. This fee shall be refunded within two weeks of the conclusion of the annual elections. If a ticket chooses to withdraw from elections or has been disqualified from standing by the Returning Officer in accordance with regulation 38(vi), the fee shall be forfeited and channeled to the MUPA.
- iv. The Elections Committee must publish a full list of all registered tickets by 10.00 am on the Wednesday one (1) week before the annual elections.
- v. Any group of candidates for a MUPA body may apply to have their names set out on the ballot paper under the name of a ticket in the form of Schedule 1.7.



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- vi. A proposed ticket name may only be registered if:
  - a) it incorporates the name of an organization (including a club or society), the consent of the governing body of that organization is given in writing to the Returning Officer, and the Returning Officer is satisfied that the consent of the organization and the organization itself is *bona fide*;
  - b) it is not the same as or does not incorporate another registered ticket name;
  - c) it has not been registered in the elections of the immediate preceding year, unless under re-registration;
  - d) it is not so similar to any other registered ticket name;
  - e) it does not contain the word “independent”;
  - f) it is not so similar to the name of any department or division of MUSA or MUPA as to be confused with or mistaken for that name;
  - g) it is no longer than five words;
  - h) it is not misleading or deceptive;
  - i) it is not contrary to law; and
  - j) it is not racist, sexist, militaristic or homophobic.
  
- vii. The student who registers the ticket name is the initial authorized officer, and the ticket name remains registered until:-
  - a) the authorized officer requests that ticket name to be de-registered;
  - b) the authorized officer ceases to be a student; or
  - c) the ticket name lapses because it has not been reregistered.
  
- viii. The authorized officer of a ticket name remains the authorized officer until they nominate another student to be the authorized officer by lodging a statement with the Returning Officer.
  
- ix. The authorized officer of a ticket contesting an election for multiple positions must notify the returning officer by writing the order in which they want the names of the members to be printed on the ballot paper by the close of nominations.
  
- x. Candidates wishing to re-register a ticket name must have the written consent of the authorized officer of that ticket name.
  
- xi. The re-registration period opens at 10:00am on the Tuesday one (1) week before the annual elections.
  
- xii. The re-registration period closes at 2.00 pm on Tuesday one (1) week before the annual elections.
  
- xiii. During the re-registration period any student, or club or society may re-register any name registered in the name of that student, club or society.
  
- xiv. By 5.00pm the day before the annual elections, the Elections Committee must publish a list of all re-registered ticket names.
  
- xv. The Returning Officer must include a separate list of all registered ticket names and authorized officers in the Returning Officer’s report under Regulation 4 (iii).

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- xvi. Re-registered ticket names must be affiliated with an immediately preceding ticket name used in a past MUPA election. Re-registration refers to registration under a name that has been previously registered in past MUPA elections. A ticket is deemed to be affiliated with an immediately preceding ticket name if the person re-registering the ticket name was a member of that preceding ticket name.

#### 18. Sharing Positions

- i. Students may jointly stand for and hold office-bearer positions in accordance with Clause 30.2 of the MUPA Constitution, except for the following positions: President and General-Secretary.
- ii. The candidates must sign a statement:
  - a) acknowledging that they are standing jointly; and
  - b) specifying who is to be the voting member on all MUPA bodies where that office-bearer has a vote.
- iii. Should one candidate standing for the shared position decide to resign from the position; the other candidate will remain in the same position as a single entity.

#### 19. Election Guide

- i. Candidates may submit by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday two (2) academic days before the annual elections a policy speech and photograph for each position for which they nominate.
- ii. Policy speeches and photographs must be submitted electronically to the Election Committee.
- iii. Two or more candidates who nominate to share an office-bearer position may submit only one policy speech for that position.
- iv. Candidates standing as a ticket for proportionally elected positions may submit only one policy speech for all candidates on the ticket.
- v. Policy speeches for a ticket must not be longer than 300 words.
- vi. If the number of words in policy exceeds the number permitted by regulation 19(v), the excess words must not be published under regulation 19(vii).
- vii. For the annual elections, the Returning Officer must produce an election guide, which must:
  - a) be at least A4 size;
  - b) include a brief description of each position to be elected;
  - c) not have any candidate material on the front or back covers, inside or back covers, or on the two center pages;
  - d) give the candidate photographs and policy speeches for each position in alphabetical order by name of candidate;
  - e) be distributed via electronic media Thursday before the annual elections.

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**20. Publicity**

- i. This regulation applies from the opening of nominations to the end of polling.
- ii. The budget used for all promotional material:
  - a) for a candidate must not exceed RM50;
  - b) for two to five candidates standing as a ticket must not exceed than RM100;
  - c) for five or more candidates standing as a ticket must not exceed RM200; and
  - d) the Elections Committee has the right to review the expenses incurred by each candidate from the opening of nominations to the end of polling.
- iii. The content of all promotional material must be fair and honest.
- iv. The MUPA Elections Committee will not make paper available to any candidate for publicity and would encourage each candidate to resort to electronic forms of publicity adhering to Regulation 20(v).
- v. Without limiting the generality of regulation 20(ii) and 20(iii), the following are specifically prohibited:
  - a) giving out videos, films, sound and music recordings, food, drink, drugs or any other give away consumables during campaigning periods;
  - b) advertisements in newspapers, radio or on television;
  - c) banners;
  - d) balloons, stickers;
  - e) publicity that does not comply with Regulation 21; and
  - f) publicity in contravention of Regulation 37.
- vi. A copy of every pamphlet, item of clothing, poster, performances details and electronic publicity must be given to the Elections Committee for their approval before it is distributed or displayed.
- vii. The Elections Committee must keep a register of all pamphlets and posters.

**21. Authorization of Pamphlets and Posters**

- i. All pamphlets and posters must be authorized by the Elections Committee.
- ii. The Returning Officer stamp must appear legibly on the pamphlet or poster.

**22. Defamation**

MUPA or the University shall not be held responsible or liable for and will not indemnify any person in relation to any incidences of defamation or alleged defamation which occur during an election.

**23. Dates of Polling**

- i. The annual elections must be held in second semester.
- ii. The annual elections must be held over the number of academic days prescribed under sub clause 33(iv) of the MUPA Constitution.



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- iii. The annual elections must be held on consecutive academic days determined by the MUPA Student Council, subject to this regulation.

#### 24. Polling Times and Places

- i. For the annual elections the polling place must be within the Monash Building.
- ii. Hours of polling must be set by the MUPA Student Council when fixing the dates of polling.

#### 25. Voting

- i. Under sub clause 35(ii) of the MUPA Constitution all students may vote in elections.
- ii. Under sub clause 33(ii) of the MUPA Constitution all elections must be conducted by secret ballot.

#### 26. Form of Ballot(E-Ballot)

- i. Balloting is performed electronically.
- ii. Non-disclosure agreement is signed between Monash University Postgraduate Association (MUPA) and Information Technology Services (ITS) of Monash University Malaysia to ensure the confidentiality and protection of the Electronic Balloting (E -Balloting) system.

#### 27. Method of Voting

- i. Each voter must log-in to the E-Balloting system with their Authcate username and password.
- ii. Voters must indicate their order of preference for the candidates by clicking at the designated place for the candidates.
- iii. For the purposes of regulation 27(ii) clicking against the photo/ name of a candidate indicate a preference for that candidate ahead of all other candidates.

#### 28. Counting of Votes

- i. Number of votes is counted electronically by the E-Balloting system, after the close of polling on the last day of polling.
- ii. The Returning Officer or the Deputy Returning Officer must retrieve the vote counts from ITS after the close of polling on the same day.
- iii. The persons who may present during the retrieval of vote from ITS at the end of the polling period are:
  - a) any or all member of Monash University Postgraduate Association (MUPA);
  - b) any or all Monash University Postgraduate Association Election Committee;
  - c) any Monash University Information and Technology Services (ITS) staff; and
  - d) scrutinizers.

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- iv. The Election Committee shall exercise due diligence on tallying the total numbers of votes gained by all candidates, and are not empowered to reduce or alter the number of votes unless all alternative penalties have been exhausted. This includes:
  - a) reduction of deposit of RM100 paid during ticket registration, as per Section 17(iii); and
  - b) reduction of campaigning time period.

#### 29. Scrutinizers

- i. Each candidate may appoint a student as scrutinizers for each position for which they are standing by notice to the Returning Officer in the form of Schedule 1.8.
- ii. A candidate may not be appointed as a scrutinizer for any position.
- iii. A current council member may not be appointed as a scrutinizer.

#### 30. Informal Votes

A vote is only informal when it does not comply with Regulation 27 and the voter's intention is not clear.

#### 31. Method of Counting

- i. Where a tick is placed next to designated place on the E-balloting system, that ticket or candidate is deemed to have received one vote.
- ii. Immediately after the result is generated from the E-balloting system, the candidate with the highest number of votes for the position s/he is contesting for shall be declared the elected candidate for that position

#### 32. Declaration of Election

- i. The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer must declare each election immediately after the vote count are retrieved from E-Balloting system.
- ii. The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer must place a notice of the declaration of the election in the form of Schedule 1.9 on the MUPA website and posters on MUPA notice-boards and poster kiosks; as soon as practicable after declaring the election.

#### 33. Notification of Result

- i. The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer must as soon as practicable after the election:
  - a) notify each candidate of the result;
  - b) place the results on the MUPA notice-board and the MUPA website.

#### 34. Prohibited Conduct

- i. This regulation applies from the opening of nominations until the end of polling.
- ii. Any dishonest conduct in an election is prohibited.

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- iii. Any conduct intended or likely to mislead or deceive a voter is prohibited.
- iv. Without limiting the generality of regulations 34(ii) and 34(iii), the following are specifically prohibited:
  - a) providing false information in or interfering with any form lodged with the Returning Officer;
  - b) voting or attempting to vote except in accordance with this Part;
  - c) violating the secrecy of the ballot;
  - d) publicity not in accordance with Regulation 20;
  - e) unfairly interfering with other candidates' publicity;
  - f) campaigning outside any time period specified by the Elections Committee
  - g) campaigning within 10 m of a polling place;
  - h) campaigning unless a student;
  - i) campaigning for a candidate without the written approval of that candidate, or for a ticket without the approval of the authorized officer for that ticket.
  - j) paying a person to campaign;
  - k) campaigning outside campus grounds.
  - l) offering gifts;
  - m) selling or exchanging goods;
  - n) using MUPA or University facilities not generally available to all students, this includes the facilities provided by the Club's & Societies Office for use by clubs, with the use of club charge cards for the printing of election material expressly prohibited.
  - o) candidates entering the office of MUPA without the written approval of the Elections Committee (Student Lounge not included only if polling area is not within the Student Lounge).
  - p) Using the notice board, letterhead or logo of MUPA or any committee, department or division of MUPA to promote a candidate or ticket;
  - q) damaging MUPA or University property;
  - r) placing promotional material on:
    - a notice board, notice pole or poster Kiosk of the university if that notice board already has a poster promoting that candidate or ticket or if that pole or kiosk already has two posters promoting that candidate or ticket;
    - a notice board that is reserved for use by a specific group;
    - any outside pillar which exists within the University;
    - any glass within the University unless authorized to do so;
    - the ground anywhere within the University;
    - a poster kiosk within the university using staples, cellophane tape, double sided tape or any adhesive that would damage the kiosk;
    - the walls or unauthorized areas within the University;
    - tables, chairs or the floor in cafes, eating or communal venues or in lecture theater on campus unless given directly to a vote who agrees to accept it; or
    - in the letterboxes of clubs and societies.
  - s) failing to comply with a direction of the Returning Officer, or a ruling or direction of the Electoral Tribunal; and
  - t) impeding the conduct of the election.

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- v. For the purposes of regulation 34(iv)(g) the Elections Committee must wherever practicable mark a line around the polling place. Without limiting the generality of any provisions in this regulation, “campaigning” includes any activities designed to achieve a political or social goal.

#### **35. Appointment of Electoral Tribunal**

- i. The members of the Electoral Tribunal are:
  - a) two members of the academic staff of the Department of Business Law and Taxation of the University nominated by the Head of that School, one of whom must be nominated as the Chair the Tribunal; and
  - b) the Pro Vice Chancellor of the University, or nominee.
- ii. No member of the Electoral Tribunal may be a candidate in any current MUPA election.

#### **36. Procedure of Electoral Tribunal**

- i. The Electoral Tribunal may meet by conference telephone and, subject to regulations 36 (ii)-(v), regulate its own proceedings.
- ii. The Electoral Tribunal must meet in camera.
- iii. Parties may not be represented unless the Electoral Tribunal decides that without representation a party will be unable to fairly put its case.
- iv. Proceedings of the Electoral Tribunal, other than its formal decisions, are confidential and may not be reported.
- v. Where in the view of the Electoral Tribunal it is unnecessary that a hearing be held, the Tribunal may without meeting give a direction or ruling by unanimous resolution in writing.

#### **37. Appeals against the Decision of the Returning Officer**

- i. A candidate in the election may appeal against a decision of the Returning Officer by writing to the Returning Officer within 24 hours after the original decision who will then refer the matter to the Electoral Tribunal.
- ii. If the Electoral Tribunal considers that the Returning Officers decision should be reviewed, they must convene a meeting.
- iii. If a meeting of the Electoral Tribunal is convened, it must be held as soon as is practicable and necessary given the urgency of the matter.
- iv. At the meeting the student appealing must be given an opportunity to present their case
- v. The Returning Officer must be given an opportunity to respond.

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- vi. The Electoral Tribunal may call upon submissions from any other interested person
- vii. The Electoral Tribunal must then rule on the matter.
- viii. The Electoral Tribunal may make declaratory rulings under this regulation.
- ix. The Electoral Tribunal may not make any ruling under this regulation which alters the result of an election which has been declared if the appeal has been brought after the time set in sub Regulation 39(i).
- x. The Returning Officer may appeal under this regulation against their own decision if subsequently satisfied it was wrong and if the decision is not otherwise able to be reversed.
- xi. In this regulation “decision” includes omission and failure to act.

**38. Reports of Prohibited Conduct or Materials**

- i. The person who has reported the breach must be given an opportunity to present their case.
- ii. Any person who has been reported must be given an opportunity to respond.
- iii. The Returning Officer may, whether they find there has been a breach or not, give such directions as they see fit.
- iv. If the Returning Officer finds that there has been a breach they may formally reprimand the person reported
- v. Without limiting the Returning Officer’s powers under this regulation, if the Returning Officer finds that a student has breached any part of these regulations, the Returning Officer may suspend that student from campaigning for a period of time determined by the Returning Officer.
- vi. If the Returning Officer finds that there has been a serious breach they may disqualify the person and/or ticket reported from:
  - a) voting, or
  - b) standing, or
  - c) standing and voting, in
    - that election, or
    - that election and a specified number of future elections, or
    - all elections.
- vii. For the purpose of regulation 38(vi) and without limiting the generality of the words “serious breach”, a breach of regulations 34(iv)(a)-(d) or failure to comply with a direction or ruling of the Returning Officer is automatically a serious breach.



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- viii. Without limiting regulation 16(iv) , if a candidate is disqualified, the Returning Officer must proceed as if that person had never nominated.
- ix. The Electoral Tribunal may not disqualify a person from standing in an election which has been declared if the report has been made after the time set in regulation 39(i).

#### **39. Appeals against Results of Elections**

- i. A candidate in the election may appeal against the result of an election by writing to the Returning Officer within three academic days or one week, whichever is the lesser, of the declaration of the election.
- ii. A candidate in the election may only appeal against the result of an election on the ground that there has been a defect in the conduct of the election which has materially affected the result
- iii. The Returning Officer must convene a meeting of the Electoral Tribunal within one week of being contacted.
- iv. The Electoral Tribunal may only convene to hear an appeal if the Chair of the Tribunal is satisfied there is a *prima facie* case.
- v. At the meeting the candidate in the election appealing must be given an opportunity to present their case.
- vi. The Electoral Tribunal may call upon submissions from any interested person.
- vii. If the Electoral Tribunal is satisfied that there has been a defect in the conduct of the election which has materially affected the result it may order a new poll or polls or election or elections.
- viii. The Electoral Tribunal may determine the timetable for any new poll or election ordered under regulation 39(vii).

#### **40. Validation**

- i. Under the MUPA Constitution no act, decision or election is invalid only because it was done, made or held after the time required by the MUPA Constitution.
- ii. No act, decision or election is invalid only because it was done, made or held after the time required by these regulations.
- iii. For the purposes of Regulations 40(i) and 40(ii) “act” does not include appeal(s).

#### **41. Definitions and Interpretation**

- i. In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:
  - a) “before” in reference to an election means before the first day of polling in that election;
  - b) “campus” means the Malaysian campus of the University;
  - c) “individual candidate” means any candidate not running on a ticket; and

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- d) “ticket” means a group of two or more candidates who have registered to have their names set out on the ballot paper under a common name in accordance with these regulations.

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<b>Week 9</b> (18/9)	Last day - MSC to appoint Returning Officer Interview Period for Election Committee (Deputy and Assistant Returning Officers)
<b>MID-SEM BREAK</b>	Notice of Elections given at <b>10.00am</b> on Tuesday (26/09/2017)
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<b>Week 11</b> (9/10)	
Mon	Ticket name registration Opens at <b>10.00am</b> Ticket name registration Closes at <b>4.00pm</b> Full list of registered tickets publish at <b>5.00pm</b>
Tue	Opening of Nominations at <b>10.00am</b>
Wed	
Thu	
Fri	
Sat	
Sun	
<b>Week 12</b> (16/10)	
Mon	Nominations Close at <b>4.00pm</b> Applications to be set out as a ticket Close at <b>4.00pm</b>
Tue	Uncontested positions-reopen nominations <b>10.00am</b> Closing of nominations of uncontested positions <b>4.00pm</b> List of candidates with ticket names available by <b>5.00pm</b>
Wed	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Thu	Campaign starts at <b>10.00am</b> , ends at <b>4.00pm</b>
Fri	Last day of campaign starts at <b>10.00am</b> , ends at <b>4.00pm</b> Polling ( <b>10.00am - 4.00pm</b> ) Polling ends at <b>4.00pm</b> ; Ballot Counting Starts at <b>4.30pm</b> <b>Declaration of Election at 6.00pm</b>
Sat	
Sun	
<b>Week 13</b> (23/10)	
Mon	Last day for printing Election Results Election Results published at <b>10.00am</b>
Tue	
Wed	
Thu	
Fri	Submission of Election Report by <b>6.00pm</b>
Sat	
Sun	