



LSS Election Appeals Committee Regulation

Adopted on December 4th 2023

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PART I: DEFINITIONS

- 1** This regulation adopts all definitions laid out in the the Constitution of the Law Students' Society at the University of British Columbia (the “**LSS Constitution**”) and the LSS Clerk Regulations.

PART II: MANDATE

- 2** To hear appeals of decisions made by the Chief Returning Officer (“**CRO**”) for any LSS election.

PART III: COMPOSITION

- 3** (1) The Elections Appeals Committee shall consist of three (3) members chosen from the Executive, Academic Council, and/or Social Council

(2) If there are more than 3 members that wish to serve on the Committee each nominee must submit a brief paragraph explaining why they wish to serve and the Executive, excluding those who applied, will decide on three member

(3) The Executive may put out general applications if there are vacancies that no current LSS member can fill
- 4** No member of the Committee is permitted to run for any LSS position in the elections that they oversee
- 5** All members must be selected by the Executive before the close of the September nomination period.
- 6** The current or past CRO and the Ombudsperson may not serve on the Committee

PART IV: PROCEDURES

- 7** If a student wishes to appeal a decision of the CRO, they should first request a review of the decision to the CRO by providing them with complete written reasons for their request.
- 8** If a student has requested a review by the CRO, any affected party may appeal the decision to the Committee no later than 72 hours after the CRO informs the party of their decision.
- 9** To appeal the CRO’s decision one should email the Ombudsperson at ombuds@ubclss.com who shall forward the email to the Committee members

- 10** Appeals will be conducted in writing only. The CRO shall provide the student and the Committee with written reasons for their decision and the facts provided to them by the appellant. The student may then provide a written argument as to why the decision should be reversed or altered.
- 11** The Committee must rule within 48 hours after receiving the student's written argument.
- 12** The Committee shall review the CRO's decision on a reasonableness standard with respect paid to the discretionary nature of the CRO's position. Any new facts brought forward by the appellant that were not included in their initial request to the CRO shall not be considered.
- 13** A majority vote is required to overturn the CRO's decision. If one member has been recused or is unable to attend, then it requires a unanimous vote of the remaining two members.
- 14** Decisions of the Elections Appeal Committee may be further appealed to the AMS Elections Committee.

PART VI: AMENDMENTS

- 15** The Executive may amend or repeal this Regulation with a majority vote of the Executive
- 16** Any amendments or the repealing of this Regulation shall not take away the appeal procedures laid out in the LSS Constitution