

CUSA^X elections

Procedures for Councillors as Candidates in Vice-Presidential Elections

Council self-regulates the conduct of the Association's Members' and their meetings through policy including *Council Rules of Order* and the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy*.

Current Councillors, who otherwise meet the eligibility and nomination requirements set out in the [CUSA Bylaws](#), [Vice-Presidential Elections Policy](#) and [Nomination Guidelines](#), are permitted to run as a candidate for the special Vice-President Student Life (VPSL) by-election that is occurring to fill the vacant position of the VPSL.

Unless Council passes policies or procedures that require otherwise, current Councillors who are nominated as VPSL candidates are permitted to continue fulfilling their required duties as Councillors, including any committees, during the election period.

At the Special Council Meeting to elect a VPSL on October 5, 2024, VPSL candidates will give an opening address to Council and participate in a Q&A session with Councillors, following which Council will vote by secret ballot on the election of a new VPSL.

At this meeting, Councillors who are also VPSL candidates are **not permitted** to:

- Ask questions of other VPSL candidates;
- Participate in any in-camera discussions or deliberations on the qualifications of any VPSL candidates;
- Remain in the room while the above in-camera sessions are taking place or while VPSL election secret ballot voting is occurring.

At this meeting, Councillors who are also VP candidates **are permitted** to:

- Participate in the Q&A session as a candidate in an equal fashion with all other candidates who are not Councillors;
- Exercise their right to vote as a Member, as per the Bylaws. As they will not be permitted to remain in the room while voting is taking place, the Chief Returning Officer will make alternative arrangements to ensure they can privately cast their secret ballot.
- Fully participate as a Councillor, as normal, on any other agenda items not related to the VPSL elections.

Additionally, if any member of Council is successfully elected to the VPSL position, they must resign their seat on Council before taking the office of their new VP position.

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