

Referenda Rules & Regulations

Approved by Governance Committee, January 2011

1. Governance Committee are charged with ensuring the Union's Referenda are run fairly and democratically.
2. No member of Governance Committee may be a Campaign Leader.
3. The Referendum Schedule:
 - a. Dates and times of voting will be published in the referendum schedule, which will be posted on the Union Notice board.
 - b. Dates and times of open meetings shall also be published in the referendum schedule.
4. The Count
 - a. The count will take place on the date published in the referendum schedule, with results published on the UCLU Website within 3 working days.
5. Campaigning and Publicity
 - a. The proposer of the request to hold a referendum shall be the Yes Campaign Leader.
 - b. Campaign leaders must be full members of the Union.
 - c. There must be no campaigning within 3 metres of a staffed UCLU Laptop Voting Station or within UCL cluster rooms or libraries.
 - d. There must be no use of UCLU staff members in campaign publicity.
 - e. Campaigners should not make negative references to other campaigners.
 - f. Posters and flyers must be approved by the General Secretary, with copies held on file by Governance Committee.
 - g. Websites must be approved by the General Secretary in advance of going live.
 - h. All materials used free of charge must be assessed and accounted for in the campaign budget.
 - i. Harassment and intimidation of voters will not be tolerated.
 - j. If setting up a campaign Facebook group you must invite the Democracy Support Unit's presence to facilitate monitoring.
 - k. Campaign budgets must be submitted to the sabbatical suite within 2 working days of the close of voting. Reimbursements will only be made on the production of valid receipts.
6. Campaign Outlines
 - a. Governance Committee believes that voters should be well informed about both sides of the argument in referenda. An outline of all campaigns must be submitted to the General Secretary for sign off. They will then be collated and uploaded on to the UCLU website.
7. Complaints
 - a. Any complaints about the referendum of conduct of campaigners must be made in writing to the General Secretary within 30 minutes of the close of voting. Governance Committee may refer the matter to a Union disciplinary.

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