



By-Law: Petitions

This By-Law describes the process and procedures for running petitions at the GSA.

1. Introduction

1.1. Interpretation

This By-Law shall be subject at all times to the provisions of the Articles and shall be read in conjunction therewith.

1.2. Alterations of the By-Law

These By-Laws shall be amended from time to time by Association Council by a two-thirds majority.

2. Process and procedure:

2.1. A petition can be requested by any member of the GSA.

2.2. A petition run through the GSA is designed to trigger one of the democratic processes outlined below:

2.2.1. To hold a referendum on a specific question

2.2.2. To hold a general meeting about an issue where every student can vote

2.2.3. To appeal a decision made at Association Council

2.2.4. To remove a Student Sabbatical Officer

2.3. A request for a petition can be made at any point to the Representation and Democracy Coordinator by emailing representation@yorkgsa.org

2.4. A request for a petition must include the full details of the motion proposed.

2.5. No same petition can run more than once in an academic year.

2.6. The Representation and Democracy Coordinator will ensure that the petition is open and available to sign within 3 working days of the request being made.

- 2.7. Petitions will be open for exactly one week and will close the same time on the same day in which it was opened.
- 2.8. Only members of the GSA will be able to sign the petition.
- 2.9. Quorum for petitions is 2% of GSA members.
- 2.10. Members may campaign to encourage other students to sign the petition and will be able to access the campaigns budget in order to do so.
- 2.11. All campaigning must be in line with GSA By-Laws on campaigning rules as outlined in the election By-Law.
- 2.12. When the petition is closed. The total number of students who have signed the petition will be confirmed and results will be published on the GSA website and social media. The petition proposer will have a meeting with the Representation and Democracy Coordinator upon close of the petition to discuss next steps.