

**The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Election Ordinance**

**Section 1: Preface**

**1. Short Title**

This Ordinance may be short-titled as “Election Ordinance”; The English title of the Ordinance shall be “Election Ordinance, The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong”.

**2. Definitions**

Unless otherwise specified herein –

“This Ordinance”	means	Election Ordinance, The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
“Official language”	means	The official language as defined by The Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
“This Union”	means	The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
“Basic member”	means	All persons as defined by The Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
“The Constitution”	means	The Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
“Nomination form”	means	The content listed in Schedule I of The Ordinance;
“Promotional event”	means	Any events, publications or media that contains information about a candidate cabinet or a candidate and promote the candidate cabinet or candidate;
“Consultation forum”	means	An election consultation event organized by this Union;
“Public officials”		shall have the same meaning as in “Interpretation and General Rules”;
“General election”	means	An election to elect public officials for a new term of office;
“By-election”	means	An election not by way of a general election to elect one or more public officials;
“Election”	includes	Any general elections and by-elections for the election of public officials;
“Election executive body”	means	Any bodies empowered by written regulations to hold elections; and

“Polling”	means	To insert the ballot paper to the ballot box properly during the designated polling period at the polling station.
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## Section 2: General Rules

### 3. Applicability

This Ordinance applies to

- (a) General election of Executive Committee;
- (b) General election of (Chinese University) Student Press Publication Committee;
- (c) General election of (Chinese University) Campus Radio Editorial Committee;
- (d) General election of Student Members of the Senate;
- (da) General election of Student Members of Boards of Faculties;
- (e) General election of representatives of Delegates to Hong Kong Federation of Students;
- (f) By-elections for the above elections.

### 4. Executive Body

- (1) In the case of general elections, the executive body for elections shall be the Election Committee of The Council.
- (2) In the case of by-elections –
  - (a) The Council, when decided by a resolution to hold a by-election, shall make a resolution to appoint an interim body called “By-election Committee of The Council” as the election execution body for the by-election.
  - (b) The By-election Committee of The Council shall be constituted and operated in accordance with the requirements listed in Schedule III.

## Section 3: Electoral Laws

### 5. General Election of Executive Committee of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- (1) The nomination period for the election of Executive Committee shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> October to the first teaching day after 15<sup>th</sup> January of the following year.
- (2) Fifteen basic members may form a candidate cabinet. The candidate cabinet shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson, external deputy chairperson and other officers. A candidate cabinet shall include basic members from not less than two-thirds of Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. To establish a legally valid candidate status, each member of the cabinet shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members in support of the candidate cabinet. Co-signers shall not support more than one cabinet member from the same cabinet.

- (3) If no legally valid cabinet nomination has been made as of 31<sup>st</sup> October, the Election Committee shall, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> November, accept the nomination of a candidate cabinet in accordance with Clause 4 of the Electoral Law.
- (4) Ten to fifteen full members may, under the circumstances specified in Article 3 of the Electoral Law, form a candidate cabinet which may not be full. The candidate cabinet shall include a chairperson, deputy chairperson, external deputy chairperson, internal secretary and financial secretary, and shall determine the positions for other cabinet members. A candidate cabinet shall include basic members from not less than two-thirds of Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. To establish a legally valid candidate status, each member of the cabinet shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members in support of the candidate cabinet. Co-signers shall not support more than one cabinet member from the same cabinet.
- (5) A candidate cabinet shall be elected by basic members in a popular vote. The candidate cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected. If there is only one candidate cabinet, the vote shall be changed to “confidence /no-confidence”. A candidate cabinet with a simple majority of the vote of confidence of the total valid votes shall be elected.

#### **5A. By-election of Executive Committee**

- (1) Ten to fifteen basic members may form a candidate cabinet. The candidate cabinet shall include a chairperson, deputy chairperson, external deputy chairperson, internal secretary and financial secretary, and shall determine the positions for other cabinet members.
- (2) A candidate cabinet shall include basic members from not less than two-thirds of Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- (3) Each member of the cabinet shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members in support of the candidate cabinet. A basic member shall not support more than one cabinet member of the same cabinet.
- (4) A candidate cabinet of Executive Committee in a by-election shall be elected by basic members in a popular vote. The candidate cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected. If there is only one candidate cabinet, the vote shall be changed to confidence / no-confidence. A candidate cabinet with a simple majority of the vote of confidence of the total valid votes shall be elected.

#### **6. General Election of (Chinese University) Student Press Publication Committee**

- (1) The nomination period for the election of (Chinese University) Student Press Publication Committee shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> October to the first teaching day after 15<sup>th</sup> January of the following year.
- (2) Eight to twelve basic members may form a candidate cabinet. A candidate cabinet shall determine the positions of members in accordance with The Constitution of The Student

Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A candidate cabinet shall include basic members from not less than two-thirds of Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. To establish a legally valid candidate status, each member of the cabinet shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members in support of the candidate cabinet. Co-signers shall not support more than one cabinet member from the same cabinet.

- (3) A candidate cabinet shall be elected by basic members in a popular vote. The candidate cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected. If there is only one candidate cabinet, the vote shall be changed to “confidence /no-confidence”. A candidate cabinet with a simple majority of the vote of confidence of the total valid votes shall be elected.

**6A. By-election of elected members of (Chinese University) Student Press Publication Committee**

- (1) Eight to twelve basic members may form a candidate cabinet. A candidate cabinet shall determine the positions of members in accordance with The Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A candidate cabinet shall include basic members from not less than two-thirds of Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- (2) To establish a legally valid candidate status, each member of the cabinet shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members in support of the candidate cabinet. Co-signers shall not support more than one cabinet member from the same cabinet.
- (3) A candidate cabinet shall be elected by basic members in a popular vote. The candidate cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected. If there is only one candidate cabinet, the vote shall be changed to “confidence /no-confidence”. A candidate cabinet with a simple majority of the vote of confidence of the total valid votes shall be elected.

**7. General Election of (Chinese University) Campus Radio Editorial Committee**

- (1) The nomination period for the election of (Chinese University) Campus Radio Editorial Committee shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> October to the first teaching day after 15<sup>th</sup> January of the following year.
- (2) Ten to twelve basic members may form a candidate cabinet. A candidate cabinet shall determine the positions of members in accordance with The Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A candidate cabinet shall include basic members from not less than two-thirds of Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. To establish a legal candidate status, each member of the cabinet shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members in support of the candidate cabinet. Co-signers shall not support more than one cabinet member from the same cabinet.

- (3) A candidate cabinet shall be elected by basic members in a popular vote. The candidate cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected. If there is only one candidate cabinet, the vote shall be changed to “confidence /no-confidence”. A candidate cabinet with a simple majority of the vote of confidence of the total valid votes shall be elected.

#### **7A. By-election of (Chinese University) Campus Radio Editorial Committee**

- (1) Eight to twelve basic members may form a candidate cabinet. A candidate cabinet shall determine the positions of members in accordance with The Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A candidate cabinet shall include basic members from not less than two-thirds of Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- (2) To establish a legally valid candidate status, each member of the cabinet shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members in support of the candidate cabinet. Co-signers shall not support more than one cabinet member from the same cabinet.
- (3) A candidate cabinet shall be elected by basic members in a popular vote. The candidate cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected. If there is only one candidate cabinet, the vote shall be changed to “confidence /no-confidence”. A candidate cabinet with a simple majority of the vote of confidence of the total valid votes shall be elected.

#### **8. General Election of Student Members of the Senate**

- (1) Candidates shall be full-time undergraduates or full-time postgraduates of the faculty. To establish a legal candidate status, the student shall be nominated by one student, seconded by another student, with co-signatures from twenty other students of the faculty in support of the candidate. Co-signers shall not support more than one candidate.
- (2) Other electoral procedures shall be regulated by the “Student Members of the University Senate Ordinance, The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong”.

#### **8A. By-election of Student Members of the Senate**

- (1) Candidates shall be full-time students of the faculty. To establish a legally valid candidate status, the student shall be nominated by one student, seconded by another student, with co-signatures from twenty other students of the faculty in support of the candidate. Only full-time students from the faculty are eligible to nominate, second and co-sign. Any student shall not support more than one candidate.
- (2) Other election procedures shall be regulated by the “Student Members of the University Senate Ordinance, The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong”.

**8B. General Election of Student Members of Boards of Faculties**

- (1) The nomination period of the general election of Student Members of Boards of Faculties shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> October to the first teaching day after 15<sup>th</sup> January of the following year.
- (2) Candidates shall be full-time undergraduates or full-time postgraduates of the faculty. To establish a legally valid candidate status, the student shall be nominated by one student, seconded by another student, with co-signatures from twenty other students of the faculty in support of the candidate. Co-signers shall not support more than one candidate.
- (3) An eligible voter shall sign a nomination form as only one of the following roles: nominee, seconder or co-signer. A candidate shall not be their own nominee, seconder or co-signer.
- (4) Notwithstanding other provisions, hereby it shall be declared that the following provisions shall not apply to the general election of the Student Members of Boards of Faculties: Article 11, 14, 21, 29 – 33.
- (5) Other election procedures shall be regulated by the “The Chinese University of Hong Kong Rules for the election of Full-time Student Members of Boards of Faculty”.

**8C. By-election of Student Members of Boards of Faculties**

- (1) Notwithstanding the provision of Article 11, hereby the nomination period for the by-election of the Student Members of Boards of Faculties shall not be regulated by the Ordinance.
- (2) Candidates shall be full-time students of the faculty. To establish a legally valid candidate status, the student shall be nominated by one student, seconded by another student, with co-signatures from twenty other students of the faculty in support of the candidate. Only full-time students from the faculty are eligible to nominate, second and co-sign. Any student shall not support more than one candidate.
- (3) An eligible voter shall sign a nomination form as only one of the following roles: nominee, seconder or co-signer. A candidate shall not be their own nominee, seconder or co-signer.
- (4) Notwithstanding other provisions, hereby it shall be declared that the following provisions shall not apply to the by-election of the Student Members of Boards of Faculties: Article 11, 14, 21, 29 – 33.
- (5) Other election procedures shall be regulated by the “The Chinese University of Hong Kong Rules for the election of Full-time Student Members of Boards of Faculty”.

**9. Electoral Law for Representatives of Delegates to Hong Kong Federation of Students**

- (1) The nomination period of the election of Delegates to Hong Kong Federation of Students shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> October to the first teaching day after 15<sup>th</sup> January of the following year.

- (2) To establish a legally valid candidate status, each candidate shall be nominated by one basic member, seconded by another basic member, with co-signatures from twenty other basic members. Co-signers shall not support more than one candidate of Delegates.
- (3) An election for representatives of Delegates shall be elected by basic members in a popular vote.
- (4) An election for representatives of Delegates shall be elected in a “full vote” election system. The number of candidates that a basic member can vote for shall be less than or equal to the number of seats of representatives of Delegates. One or more candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The number of elected representatives of Delegates shall be equal to the seats of the elected representatives.
- (5) If the number of candidates is not more than the seats of the representatives of Delegates, the vote shall be changed to confidence / no-confidence. A candidate with a simple majority of the vote of confidence of the total valid votes shall be elected.

#### **9A. Holding By-elections**

- (1) The Council shall have the right to pass a resolution to hold one or more by-elections for the following reasons-
  - (a) Seat vacancies or expected seat vacancies in Executive Committee, (Chinese University) Student Press Publication Committee, (Chinese University) Campus Radio Editorial Committee or Student Members of the Senate;
  - (b) The election results for any public officials are overturned by the election executive body or the Judiciary;
  - (c) Any election for public officials with gross impropriety thereby suspended by election executive body or Judiciary;
  - (d) The procedures for a general election of any public official have not commenced after the commencement of a new term of office.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the legitimacy of public officials elected in by-elections and the end of the term of office are hereby declared the same as in the general elections.
- (3) Notwithstanding the first article, if a Student Member of the Senate is approved by the Senate to resign or cease to be a student member, and the remaining term of the student member is less than six months, the Council shall not hold a by-election for that seat.

### **Section 4: Nomination**

#### **10. Eligibility of Nominee, Seconder and Co-signer**

- (1) Executive Committee of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, elected members of (Chinese University) Student Press Publication Committee, elected members of (Chinese University) Campus Radio Editorial Committee, elected Delegates

to Hong Kong Federation of Students. Nominees, seconders and co-signers shall be basic members of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

- (2) In addition to the basic members of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, anyone who has obtained full-time postgraduate student status at The Chinese University of Hong Kong may be a candidate, nominee, seconder and co-signer in a general election of Student Members of the Senate for the faculty.
- (3) Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of The Council, and members of the election executive body shall not be a nominee, seconder or co-signer of any candidate or candidate cabinet.

## 11. Nomination period

- (1) For general elections, the nomination period is divided into three rounds:
  - (a) First round: 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October every year.
  - (b) Second round: 1<sup>st</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> November every year.
  - (c) Third round: 16<sup>th</sup> November to the first teaching day after 15<sup>th</sup> January of the following year.
- (1a) For by-elections —
  - (a) After the Council has passed a resolution to hold a by-election for the Executive Committee, (Chinese University) Student Press Publication Committee, (Chinese University) Campus Radio Editorial Committee, or Student Members of the Senate, the election executive body shall announce a nomination period within seven days and commence the nomination period within seven days after the announcement of the nomination period.
  - (b) The nomination period shall consist of one round only and shall last for 14 days. If no valid nomination for by-elections of any Committee or Student Members of the Senate is received after the nomination period, the election executive body shall announce an end for the by-election of that Committee or Student Member of the Senate.
  - (c) If an electoral procedure is in progress when the Council passes the resolution referred in Article 1, the time limit for the commencement of a nomination period may come into effect after the completion of the electoral procedure.
- (2) If, at the end of a round, a tropical cyclone warning signal of No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal or above, or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted by the Hong Kong Observatory, the end date of the round shall be postponed to the teaching day after the day that the warning signal is dropped, and the start date of the next round shall be postponed to the next teaching day after the day the warning signal is dropped.

## 12. Submission of a Nomination Form

- (1) Submission of a nomination form shall be made to the venue of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong before noon on the last day of the nomination period.



- (2) The nomination form shall be put into a sealed envelope with the phrase "Collection by Election Execution Body", and the name of the candidate cabinet or candidate wrote on the sealed envelope.
- (3) The nomination form shall be written in the official language. The requirement applies to personal information, information of nominees, seconders and co-signers. The requirement does not apply to numbers. The requirement also does not apply to candidates, nominees, seconders or co-signers without a Chinese name on their student ID, provided that the information matches the university record.
- (4) Information of the nominee and seconder in the form shall not be in error, or otherwise the candidate shall not be granted candidacy.
- (5) If there is any duplication of a co-signer, or incorrect or missing information of a co-signer in the form, the signature shall be deemed invalid. After the elimination of invalid signatures, the candidate shall have valid co-signatures from not less than 20 basic members, or otherwise the candidate shall not be granted candidacy.
- (6) All personal information in the form shall be clearly stated. If there is any omission, the election execution body shall have the right to revoke the candidacy of candidate cabinet or candidate. In the event of intentional misrepresentation, the election execution body shall, in addition to revocation of candidacy, have the right to withhold part of the deposit as fine and publicly condemn the persons concerned.
- (7) No amendments to any forms shall be made once they are submitted.

### **13. Procedures after the Submission of a Nomination Form**

- (1) The election executive body shall start processing the nomination form on the last day of the nomination period. Upon review, the personal information of the candidate cabinet or candidate approved, and names of the nominees, seconders and co-signers shall be announced and posted on the designated places listed in Schedule II.
- (2) If no written complaint is received within three teaching days after the announcement, the candidate cabinet or candidate shall be qualified for the election.

### **13A. Withdrawal of Candidature**

- (1) Any application of withdrawal shall be submitted with reasonable causes to the election executive body at least seven days before the commencement of the polling period.
- (2) The election execution body shall complete processing and announce the results within three days after the receipt of the application of withdrawal.
- (3) If there is no other candidate for the election after the candidate withdraws, the Returning Officer of the election executive body shall announce the termination of the election procedures.

## Section 5: Promotion

### 14. Election Deposit

- (1) A candidate cabinet shall pay an election deposit of one thousand Hong Kong dollars when submitting the nomination form. A candidate for the election of Student Members of the Senate or Delegates to Hong Kong Federation of Students shall pay a deposit of three hundred Hong Kong dollars for promotional events when submitting the nomination form.
- (2) Election deposits shall be used for compensation and fines. The balances shall be refunded within three months of the announcement of the election results.

### 15. Promotion Venue

- (1) Each candidate cabinet or candidate shall only post or publish promotional materials at the designated place at The Chinese University of Hong Kong by the election executive body in accordance with Schedule II within the promotion period.
- (2) A candidate cabinet and candidate may conduct promotions on the Internet during the promotion period. The records shall be submitted to the Election Committee.
- (3) A candidate cabinet or candidate shall submit a written proposal to the election executive body one week in advance and obtain the body's approval for all promotional events held outside The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the promotion period. Otherwise, punishments may be made.
- (4) The election executive body is responsible for borrowing promotion areas or materials at the university. A candidate or candidate cabinet shall not borrow promotion areas or materials on their own accord without the approval of the election execution body.
- (5) The only qualified stamp used by a candidate cabinet or candidate when applying for holding promotional events shall be approved by the election executive body.

### 16. Promotion period

- (1) The promotion period shall be referred to the announcement posted or published by the election executive body in the designated place in accordance with Schedule II.

### 17. Promotional events

- (1) The content of promotional events shall not express or imply the support or approval of a candidate cabinet or candidate from current staff and teachers of the university.
- (2) The content of a promotional event shall not contain false statements to deceive voters or attack opponents. If there is any false statement, the election executive body has the right to terminate the promotional event concerned and post the decision at the designated places in accordance with Schedule II. If the promotional event concerned involves any other candidate cabinet or candidate, a public statement of apology shall be made by the candidate cabinet or candidate at the designated places in accordance

with Schedule II. The election execution body shall be entitled to deduct the refundable amount of election deposits.

- (3) The election executive body has the right to terminate a promotional event at any time. The decision and reasons shall be announced within 24 hours after the termination is made.
- (4) A candidate cabinet or candidate shall remove all promotional materials within two weeks after the end of the polling period; otherwise, the election execution body has the right to deduct the refundable amount of election deposits.

### **Section 6: Consultation Forum**

#### **18. Consultation Period**

The consultation period is subject to the announcement posted or published by the election execution body at the designated place in Schedule II.

#### **19. Chairperson of a Consultation Forum**

The chairperson of a consultation forum shall have the highest authority in making decisions in a forum. The chairperson shall be a designated person appointed by the election executive body.

#### **20. Consultation Process**

- (1) The forum shall consist of some rounds of consultations. Each round shall consist of questions, follow-ups and comments. After a person asks (a) question(s), the candidate cabinet or candidate shall answer the person first before the next person raises another question(s).
- (2) The chairperson shall have the power to rule that a question raised is irrelevant to the election and shall not be asked.
- (3) The consultation duration shall not exceed the time limit specified by the election execution body.

#### **21. Speech**

- (1) Participants who wish to speak shall first seek the consent of the chairperson.
- (2) The speech of each participant shall not exceed two minutes unless with the consent of the chairperson.
- (3) Priority orders:
  - (a) Basic members of The Student Union of the Chinese University of Hong Kong shall have the priority to speak, followed by associate members and honorary members.
  - (b) Participants who haven't spoken or seldom speak shall have the priority.

- (4) Participants shall introduce their name, major and year of study for the record before speaking.
- (5) Any personal attack, defamation, misrepresentation of facts or false statement shall be prohibited.
- (6) Each person shall raise at most two questions at a time, and each question shall be followed up with only once.
- (7) The chairperson may prohibit non-members from speaking.

## **Section 7: Polling**

### **22. Polling period**

- (1) The polling period shall be subject to the announcement posted or published by the election executive body at the designated place in Schedule II.
- (2) The election executive body may appoint basic members of the Student Union to assist in presiding at the polling station, but —
  - (a) shall not be a candidate, a member of a candidate cabinet, or a person who assists in an election campaign.
  - (b) If the staff involved in vote counting is a nominee, seconder or co-signer of any candidate or candidate cabinet, the staff shall inform the chairperson of the Election Committee in advance.

### **23. Polling procedures**

- (1) A voter shall present a valid student ID for ballot papers.
- (2) Voting shall be conducted anonymously. The election executive body may note down the number of the ballot paper to prevent repeated votes, but the record shall not lead to other people's knowledge of a voter's voting preference.
- (3) No person shall carry a ballot paper away from the polling station during the opening hours of the polling station.

### **24. Ballot paper**

- (1) The format of a ballot paper and the definition of a valid ballot paper vote shall be announced by the election executive body at the designated place in Schedule II before the commencement of the polling period. A sample of a valid ballot vote shall be presented.
- (2) The sample shall also be presented at a prominent place at each polling station.

### **25. Promotions During Polling Period**

The election execution body has the right to publish the rules of promotional events during the polling period at the designated place in Schedule II and shall notify each candidate cabinet or candidate in advance.

## Section 8: Opening Ballot Boxes

### 26. Vote Counting

- (1) Vote counting shall begin within 24 hours after the end of the polling period under the supervision of the representatives from the university and students on campus in a public manner, and shall be completed within 48 hours.
- (2) Arrangements of vote counting shall be announced by the election execution body three days before the vote counting.
- (3) Election execution body may appoint basic members of the Union to assist in vote counting, but—
  - (a) shall not be a candidate, a member of a candidate cabinet, or a person who assists in a candidate's election campaign
  - (b) If the staff involved in vote counting is a nominee, seconder or co-signer of any candidate or candidate cabinet, the person shall inform the scrutiny officer in advance. The scrutiny officer shall decide whether to allow the person to participate in the process of vote counting.
- (4) The means, time, venue and results of vote counting shall be subject to the announcement of the election execution body.
- (5) The commencement and conclusion of the vote-counting process shall be subject to the announcement of the scrutiny officer.

### 27. Scrutinizing Balloting

- (1) The scrutiny officer shall be a member of the election executive body and be appointed by the election executive body.
- (2) Candidate cabinets or candidates may appoint a representative on their own accord to scrutinize balloting.
- (3) The validity of all questionable ballots shall be subject to the final decision of the scrutiny officer.

### 28. Appeal of Election Results

Any appeal on the election results shall be filed in the form designated by the election execution body within three days after the results are announced.

## Section 9: Election Funding

### 29. Campaign Funding

- (1) The maximum amount of campaign funds and subsidies for a candidate cabinet or candidate shall be determined by the election executive body. The proposed amount shall be submitted to the Council as budget in advance.

- (2) The campaign funds of a candidate cabinet or candidate shall not exceed the limit as in the announcement published or posted by the election executive body in Schedule II; otherwise punishments shall be made by election executive body.
- (3) A candidate cabinet or candidate shall not accept any funding not from election execution body or hold any fundraising events not by election execution body.

### **30. Subsidization Process**

- (1) All campaign funds shall be advanced by each candidate cabinet or candidate and shall be reimbursed by the election execution body after the completion of the election.
- (2) Reimbursable promotional materials shall be determined by the election execution body, and a list of the reimbursable promotional materials shall be announced at the same time as the announcement of the promotion period. Applications for reimbursement of promotional materials not on the list shall be submitted by a candidate cabinet or candidate to the election execution body for consideration.
- (3) Any promotional materials of the candidate cabinet or the candidate that are used for personal purposes or by the cabinet after the election shall not be reimbursed.
- (4) All candidate cabinets or candidates shall submit receipts and a financial report to the election execution body for review within 14 teaching days after the announcement of results. Any omission or misrepresentation may lead to punishments by the election execution body.

## **Section 10: Punishment**

### **31. Punishment**

- (1) If the election execution body finds that any candidate cabinet or candidate violates any rules in the Ordinance or set by the election execution body, the election execution body has the right to punish the candidate cabinet or candidate concerned.
- (2) The election execution body has the right to take the following actions against an offending candidate cabinet or candidate.
  - (a) Demand corrections, apologies, withdrawals or other actions from the relevant candidate cabinet or candidate.
  - (b) Issue a warning letter or condemnation statement.
  - (c) Charge a fine from the election deposit refundable to a candidate. The amount to be charged shall be determined by the election execution body.
  - (d) Disqualification of a candidate cabinet or candidate.

### **32. Fines**

All fines shall be owned by the fund of The Student Union of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

## Section 11: Complaint

### 33. Complaint Procedures

- (1) All complaints shall be filed in written form, listing all reasons with clear names and signatures.
- (2) The election execution body shall process the complaint within three teaching days after receiving the complaint.
- (3) The results of the complaint shall be subject to the decision of the election execution body.
- (4) If the complainant is dissatisfied with the decision of the election execution body, the complainant has the right to appeal to the Judiciary specified in the Constitution of the Union.

## Section 12: Interpretation and Amendment

### 34. Right of Ordinance Interpretation

The right of final interpretation of the Ordinance shall belong to the Judiciary stipulated in the Constitution of the Union.

### 35. Ordinance Amendment

Amendments to the Ordinance shall only be valid upon the approval by two-thirds of the attendance required at the meeting of the Council and the announcement by the Council.

### 36. Conflict with the Constitution

If there is any conflict between the Ordinance and the Constitution, the latter shall prevail.

### 37. Effective Dates and Revision

The Ordinance was formerly known as the "Supplementary Regulations for The Chinese University of Hong Kong Student Union Election" (1999), which was passed and given effect on 10th June 2001. The Supplementary Regulations is repealed when the Ordinance was passed and given effect.

(Note: The amendments to this Ordinance were passed in the 6<sup>th</sup> General Council Meeting of the 47<sup>th</sup> Council and given effect immediately on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.)

(Note: The amendments to this Ordinance were passed in the 5<sup>th</sup> resumed session of the 6<sup>th</sup> General Council Meeting of the 47<sup>th</sup> Council and given effect immediately on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.)

*Note: The English translation is for reference only.*

**Schedule II: Designated Places for Posting or Publishing Election-Related Announcements**  
**[Article 13(1), 15(1), 16, 17(2), 18, 22(1), 24(1), 25, 29(2)]**

Election executive body shall post or publish relevant announcements in the following places to be considered legally valid. Notices posted elsewhere shall not be regarded as legally valid announcements.

- (1) Notice board of the Council in Benjamin Franklin Centre
- (2) The poster board at the entrance of Benjamin Franklin Centre managed by Executive Committee of the Provisional Administrative Committee of the Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- (3) The poster board or display board managed by Student Unions of constituent college of the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- (4) Newsletter from the Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- (5) Website managed by Student Union of the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- (6) Website of the election executive body
- (7) Official publications of the election executive body
- (8) Official publications published by the Council
- (9) Website of the Council

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**Schedule 3: Regulation of By-Election Committee of the Council****Article 4(2)(b)**

- (1) The By-election Committee of the Council is a provisional affiliated organization of the Council. The term of office of the committee starts from the appointment of the Council to a date subjected to further notice of the Council.
- (2) The chairperson of the By-election Committee of the Council shall submit a working report and a financial report to the Council within three months after the by-election.
- (3) The composition of the By-election Committee of the Council shall be as follows:
  - (a) Chairperson (one person) shall be a member of the Council;
  - (b) Secretary (one person) shall be elected by all members;
  - (c) Members (at least four persons) shall be basic members and shall include a minimum of four members from the Council.
- (4) The regulations of the meetings of By-election Committee of the Council shall be as follows:
  - (a) A meeting of By-election Committee of the Council shall be convened when the chairperson considers it appropriate, or when one-third or more of the members sign a joint request. The chairperson shall then convene a meeting within 48 hours.
  - (b) The quorum shall be not less than a simple majority of all members.

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