



## Statement Regarding Winter 2022 Referendum Questions and Ballot (March 14, 2022)

To SSMU Members,

We would like to address the concerns regarding the incomplete Winter 2022 Referendum Questions ballot that was launched this morning. Per the [Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda](#) Section 6, article 1.4, the Chief Electoral Officer may cancel a faulty ballot and upload the complete ballot thereafter. **We would like to inform you that the current Winter 2022 Referendum Ballot has been declared faulty and incomplete, and has been canceled. Unfortunately, the votes casted on this ballot are invalid. To be clear, the Executive Elections Ballot will not be affected.**

We would like to shed light on this matter. Upon receiving the Student-Initiated Referendum question regarding the adoption of the Palestine Solidarity Policy, we duly consulted with the Judicial Board regarding its past decisions and SSMU's Governance Documents. As a result, the question was approved and due to appear on the ballot. Following a recent [Interim Order](#) from the Judicial Board ordering Elections SSMU to remove the referendum question regarding Palestine Solidarity Policy from the ballot "until a legal determination on the merits of compliance can be rendered", the question was removed from the ballot. Upon further review and discussion, we have considered that, at this time, the question will be included on the ballot. We would like to note that the Judicial Board may render a decision, even after the result of the referendum has been released. Additionally, an Appeals Process can be launched in accordance with Section 7, article 4 of the [Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda](#).

Please be advised that the Winter 2022 Referendum Polling Period will restart on **Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM**, and will end on **Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM**. The Electoral Period for the only Referendum ballot will be extended until March 21, 2022, adding an additional three (3) days. For a full list of questions, please see [here](#).

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused to all the Campaigns and to our voters. We wish to uphold our mandate of being fair, transparent and democratic. We encourage all Constituents to exercise their right to vote, and to encourage others to participate in this process. In the spirit of transparency, we will release the new ballot and communicate this via social media and a mass email.

Sincerely,  
Elections SSMU