

REPRESENTATIVE, SENATOR, & BOARD POSITIONS

Welcome to the **Brandon University Students' Union (BUSU) Election**.
This sheet will provide you with some basic information

HOW DO I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

Get 15 BU Students to nominate you by February 9th

To designate another BU student as your Agent during the election campaign and be a scrutineer during the online ballot counting, please Complete the Appointment of Agent form (optional).

MANDATORY EVENTS / MEETINGS

Attend All Candidates Meeting on February 20th

This meeting is to establish an understanding of rules, campaigning, and by-laws and answer questions from candidates to the Return Officer.

Attend Meet the Candidates Town Hall on March 5th

Candidates answer questions from

MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Returning Officer

The RO will respond to emails sent to election@busu.ca

You can also contact the RO if you have a complaint or appeals.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 5 - 9	1st nomination period closes at 4:30pm (Email package to election@busu.ca)
FEBRUARY 12 - 14	2nd nomination period closes at 11:59pm Only for positions not filled in 1 st nomination period. (Email package to election@busu.ca)
FEBRUARY 20	All Candidates Meeting 9 am- 12 pm Via Teams
FEBRUARY 21	Campaigning can begin
MARCH 5	Meet the Candidates Town Hall 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
MARCH 7 - 8	Online voting polls
MARCH 11	Elections results announcement

IS THIS A PAID POSITION?

BUSU Representatives are considered volunteer positions, working anywhere from 5 to 20 hours a month. However, depending on how much work has been performed, directors can earn an honorarium payment each semester.

Senate and Board Positions are volunteer and not eligible for honorarium payments.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. At the **All Candidates Meeting**, all candidates and campaign managers shall be required to deposit with the RO all keys, cards, or other methods of access to any building or room on campus, except for:
 - A. a candidate's or a campaign manager's personal residence or the residence of a significant other or
 - B. a candidate's or a campaign manager's place of employment (Exception: Current BUSU employees & directors are required to take a leave of absence during the campaign period)
 - C. a candidate's or campaign manager's means of access to on-campus classes/labs/practice rooms during the 2023-24 academic year.
2. If you choose not to have a Campaign Manager, be advised that you will not be able to have a scrutineer during the ballot counting process. An agent cannot be added after the nomination package has been submitted.

CAMPAIGNING RULES

- Campaigning may begin on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 at 8:30 AM.
- Any pre-campaigning is subject to a penalty by the Returning Officer. If there are any questions regarding pre-campaigning activities, be sure to contact the Returning Officer immediately.
- The Returning Officer must approve any Electronic campaigning before they go live (such as Facebook, websites, etc.) The Returning Officer must be made an administrator of any pages, where applicable.
- **The Returning Officer must approve all posters, banners, and campaign materials before they are put up.**
- **(RO's mark and/or signature required) The Returning Officer has the right to take down any non-approved materials and the RO is not responsible for the costs, etc. to reproduce the material posted.**
- NO slanderous materials, comments, memes, etc. may be produced or posted by any candidate or campaign team (this includes the campaign agents and volunteers), on any social media outlets or through any other means. Any "No" campaigns must be registered with the Returning Officer.
- All campaign materials must be removed from around campus by March 13th, 2024.

CAMPAIGNING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

PLEASE ensure that you seek permission from each faculty office in each building before putting up any banners or posters since each building on campus has its own policy on where/how they can be placed. (Example: For the KDC building - go to the BUSU Office) **You are prohibited from placing posters/banners on any painted surface on campus.** Please use scotch tape, masking tape on windows and pins on bulletin boards. If you are unsure, just ask!

*All campaigning expenses **must be submitted by email** on or before the Candidates Town Hall.

The BUSU office has the cheapest printing on campus and other services that may be valuable to you, please contact the BUSU office for prices: 11x17 and 12x18 Poster Printing