

Standing Committee on Assessment - Feb 2022

Exceptional Circumstances: Students standing for election to YUSU roles in Week 6 & 7 Spring Term - trial policy

Approved SCA January 28th 2022.

In order to address the acute pressures on YUSU election candidates and encourage participation of candidates from less represented backgrounds - SCA has agreed to a trial of the following policy which is implemented at several other institutions.

Students standing for election to YUSU roles in Weeks 6 & 7** of Term 2 (2021/22) will be eligible for extensions to their coursework deadlines affected by standing for election in this period. This does not include presentations, formative assignments, or attendance requirements, but should include deferrals to the next available opportunity for examinations outside of Common Assessment Periods. This includes all candidates for Sabbatical Officer roles, Part-Time Officer Roles, and non-officer roles such as Faculty Rep/Student Trustee in YUSU elections, but does not extend to campaign teams.

(i) Under these circumstances, extension to coursework deadlines will be for the purpose of replacing lost time through election commitments. Therefore, the extension period will relate to the deadline and not to the size of the piece of coursework.

(ii) If the deadline for coursework falls in the final week of campaigning (Mon 21st Feb - Fri 21st Feb Week 7), the candidate is entitled to an extension of up to two weeks.

(iii) If the deadline falls in the two weeks after the campaigning period (Mon 28th Feb - Fri 11th March, Weeks 8 & 9), the candidate is entitled to an extension of up to one week.

(iv) YUSU will make department management teams aware of all candidates studying in their department whose candidacy is confirmed after the withdrawal deadline (Friday 11th February, Week 5). This information will constitute all the evidence required for a successful claim. Students may make an application prior to the withdrawal deadline on the understanding that their claim will be accepted (so long as they continue to fulfil their obligations as a candidate).