

POLICY 1.3 – Political Candidacy of Students

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POLICY

1.00 Members of the student body shall be free to enter public life. There is an obligation upon the University as an institution to ensure that no impediments are placed in the way of members of the student body desiring to enter public life.

PROCEDURE

2.00 Students of the University who become candidates for public office may, if they desire, inform the Dean of their Faculty of their candidacy. Upon the receipt of such information the Dean shall excuse the candidate from attendance during the campaign for election upon the following bases:

- (a) for election to the Parliament of Canada: excused attendance for the equivalent of one month;
- (b) for election to a Provincial Legislature: excused attendance for the equivalent of one month;
- (c) for election as Mayor of the City of London, or equivalent office, or to the London Board of Control, or to a Board of Education: excused attendance for the equivalent of ten days;
- (d) for election to a Municipal or Township Council: excused attendance for the equivalent of five days.

3.00 The Dean shall inform the candidates' instructors of the granting of excused attendance from classes, tutorials, seminars, laboratories, and tests, during the campaign and request the instructors to provide an opportunity for the candidates to make up their term work. Students, however, shall remain responsible for the subject matter covered during their absence. Where the campaign, for which the student has been granted excused attendance, corresponds with the University examination period, in whole or in part, students shall be permitted to make alternate arrangements with the Dean for a special examination(s).

4.00 Students may be permitted an extension of their academic year by the Dean of their Faculty to enable them to complete required term work. The duration of this extension shall be not more than the length of time for which the student was granted excused attendance.