

VP Election FAQ Website Content

Q: Who selects the CUSA Vice Presidents of, Internal/Secretary, Student Issues, and Student Life, and how do they select them?

A: The incoming and outgoing CUSA Council elects the CUSA Vice Presidents of Internal/Secretary, Student Issues, and Student Life, on a one vote per person basis at the Annual Meeting of Members. In elections with only one candidate, the candidate faces a confidence election. In races with more than one candidate, a candidate must win a simple majority of votes. In races with more than two candidates, this means a ranked choice vote.

Q: Are there other Executive roles which are not elected?

A: Yes, the Vice President of Finance. The position of President is also not elected in this election as it was previously elected by the student body at large in the General Election.

Q: How do I submit a complaint?

A: Prior to submitting a complaint, you are encouraged to discuss any questions or concerns you have with [the CRO](#). To submit a complaint, please fill out [this form](#).

Q: Who is responsible for the campaign having a negative or positive tone?

A: The candidates. The candidates are the most high profile and can choose to accept or reject advice to focus on their own campaign and winning with a positive mandate. While candidates are encouraged not to devolve into negative campaigning because of the damage it could cause to CUSA's reputation and their own mandate in office, candidates cannot be forced to run positive campaigns.

Q: How many hours per week are the CUSA VP roles?

A: The roles are full-time (at least 35 hours/week) from 9am - 5pm through the summer and part-time at 25hr/week through the academic year.

Q: Can I complete the role while on an exchange term, or do I have to be in Ottawa?

A: Executives must be in Ottawa. The roles require much of the work to be done in person at the Ottawa office on campus, with reasonable accommodations.

Q: Can I complete a co-op term and serve on the CUSA Executive at the same time?

A: No. The roles require in-office time during business hours and are incompatible with co-op terms.

Q: Can I be a University Employee and be a CUSA Executive?

A: While CUSA has some policies on this, the University largely drives this decision making. In the past, some departments, such as residence life, have not let students serve on both the CUSA Executive and be employed within their department. Contact your university supervisor or prospective supervisor to find out if they would require you to pick one role or the other.

Q: What academic requirements can be completed while in the role?

A: Students must remain registered as a student throughout the term of office.

Q: Can I run for more than one position?

A: No. You also cannot apply for Vice President Finance and run for a role in the Election.

Q: Do I have to be a student to run?

A: Yes, you must have been an enrolled undergraduate student for the last two academic semesters (including the current one) in order to run.

Q: This semester (Winter 2025) is my last semester prior to graduating. Can I run?

A: Vice Presidents must remain enrolled in courses for the Fall and Winter academic term of their term in office.
