



2011 Referendum Procedures

1. Any student wishing to bring a referendum, or independent initiative, to the ballot must collect signatures and corresponding wmich.edu emails of at least 40% of the previous voter turnout to prior elections. Emails are used instead of WIN numbers for privacy purposes, and to ensure validity of stated signatures. All proposed legislation and signatures are due to the Elections Control Board (ECB) no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, February 25th. Promotion for referendums are subject to all campaigning restrictions and regulations as stated in the Student Elections Code (SEC), and are the responsibility of the proposing parties.
2. The ECB will review and amend any legislation, while maintaining neutrality. Possible rewording, editing, and compromising of terms and language are to be done between the ECB and the proposing parties. During this time, the ECB maintains the right to deny ballot access and veto any legislation with a majority vote of the ECB. Once both parties are satisfied with the content and presentation with the initiative, it will be turned over to SALP to appear on the ballot no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 12th. It is up until this time that the petitioners have the right to withdraw their initiative, respectfully.
3. After appearing on the ballot during Election Week (8:00 am March 14th through 5:00 pm March 18th), the referendum will pass or fail based on a simple majority vote of the participants voting. The referendums, like candidates, will remain optional to answer, and phrased in a 'Yes' or 'No' answering-fashion. If passed, the legislation will move on to the relevant administration's consideration. If failed, the petitioners have the right for a manual recount, which must be submitted to the ECB Chair no later than noon Wednesday, March 23rd.