

WHEREAS, the current Winter Term Election (WTE) cycle ends close to the exam period, causing unnecessary stress for candidates.

WHEREAS, shifting the WTE earlier in the term will not hinder the electoral process. Beginning nominations two weeks early will allow candidates Reading Week to prepare for campaigning. Ultimately, the WTE will end one week earlier than under the current process.

WHEREAS, concluding elections earlier in the will give the incoming MLSA executive more time to recruit, interview, and fill committees.

BE IT RESOLVED that MLSA Policies 10-12 be amended and sent to a referendum:

Periods: Winter Election

10. The Nominations Period during each Winter Election must run from 9:00am on the Friday **two weeks** prior to Reading Week until the **final** Friday **prior to** Reading Week at a time on such day to be set at the discretion of the CRO.
11. The Campaign Period during each Winter Election must run from the **first** Monday following Reading Week until the **second** Wednesday following Reading Week, with specific start and end times on those days to be set at the discretion of the CRO.
12. The Voting Period during each Winter Election must run from the **second** Thursday following Reading Week until the **second** Friday following Reading Week, with specific start and end times on those days to be set at the discretion of the CRO.

Current

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 - Nominations	16	17
18 – Reading Week	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4 – Campaign Period	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 - Voting	15 - Voting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

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11. The Campaign Period during each Winter Election must run from the second Monday following Reading Week until the third Wednesday following Reading Week, with specific start and end times on those days to be set at the discretion of the CRO.
12. The Voting Period during each Winter Election must run from the third Thursday following Reading Week until the third Friday following Reading Week, with specific start and end times on those days to be set at the discretion of the CRO.

Last day of classes: April 9, 2019

Proposed

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25 – Campaign Period	26	27	28			

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