The need for campus elections at universities is important for young people to get their voices heard. Universal Malaysian Malay University (UM) Student Representative Council president Adib Ashman Burhanudin said, the campus election sees candidates from two coalitions competing for majority and control of the Student Representative Council.

One party is pro-university, while the other promotes personal gain.

Usually each faculty is represented by two candidates. They are from a few general zones, depending on the university, and each zone comprises four or five faculties.

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"Student leaders fight for students’ welfare and campus development, rather than political issues," added Mohamed Firdaus.

"It is a stepping stone for those who want to embank on a political journey in the real world after graduation," added Mohd Firdaus.

"I believe it is important to have an independent student body in place."

ELECTION PROCESS

Campuses elect their representatives under the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 (Act 129). The Act empowers the university administration to decide the number of students' representatives in each faculty as per the student population. An independent student body is formed in the election process.

"Electors must uphold the dignity of the university as stipulated in the UTM Act. They should work to contest in the campus election."

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"UTM act is akin to a state assemblyperson," said Adib Ashman. "It may not be exactly the same but we get the idea of the overall election process," said Firdaus Razali, 24, said the campus election trains undergraduates to be leaders.

"It is akin to a state assemblyperson for the university, and each zone comprises two candidates. There are seven days of campaigning, nomination, and polling."

There is a 24-hour objection period before the results are announced at the University Student Election Centre.