



1. Elections Rules

- 1.1. Candidates for election shall be subject to the following eligibility criteria:
 - i. Candidates must be current members of the students' union at the time of the election
 - ii. Candidates for Equity Officer positions must self-define as from within that group.
 - iii. Candidates may only run for 1 Part-Time Officer position at a time
 - iv. Candidates may run for both a Part-Time Officer position and a student trustee position at the same time.
- 1.2. In order to be considered for candidacy, nominations must be received via the nominations form between 09:00 on 25 April 2025 and 09:00 on the 9 May 2025.
- 1.3. In order to be approved for candidacy, the DROs must be satisfied that the candidate meets the eligibility requirements of the role as above, and that the candidate has submitted to the Deputy Returning Officers:
 - i. A signed copy of this document confirming that they have read and understood these rules
 - ii. A candidate statement (maximum 500 words)
 - iii. A photo
- 1.4. Candidates may not begin campaigning until all candidates are formally approved and announced, and all candidates have attended a candidate briefing.
- 1.5. All candidates must always abide by this Candidate Agreement
- 1.6. All candidates must comply with any SU or University policy related to behaviour, equality & diversity and bullying & harassment. In particular, candidates remain students of the University during this period and are still subject to University Statute XI.
- 1.7. Additionally, candidates or any other member must not engage in any behavior that impacts, or is perceived to impact the integrity of the election including:
 - i. Making unlawful, false or misleading statements - this may include in the press, student media, on social media, in WhatsApp/messenger groups or any other printed form
 - ii. Interference with any voting system – this may include voting on behalf of others, vote farming, misuse of the voting system
 - iii. Harassing or bullying candidates or voters – this may include persistent requests of voters; unduly influencing or intimidating voters in any way. Campaigning in a way that causes deliberate and personal harm or damage to other members. Candidates can critique others' ideas, politics and performance, relevant to the role and campaign. Negative campaigning or personal attacks, including verbal or digital, will not be tolerated.
 - iv. Any other action which may materially compromise the integrity of the election
- 1.8. Specifically, candidates and other members must ensure that:
 - i. Endorsements from common rooms, societies and other student groups are obtained fairly - for example ensuring that the decision to endorse a candidate has been taken in line with that group's constitution, bye-laws or other
 - ii. Mailing lists and other online or messaging forums are not abused for campaigning

purposes – for example accessing and using a mailing list which exists for an entirely different purpose for the purpose of a candidate's campaign

- 1.9. Candidates may wish to run alongside other candidates who share common values, political perspectives or simply wish to campaign together. Candidates will be treated as individuals in respect of votes; however, a group of candidates connected to each other in this way will be considered members of each other's campaign teams and any penalties resulting from infringements of these rules may be applied to the whole campaign team at the discretion of the DRO and RO
- 1.10. Candidates must not exceed the spending limit of £20 and must submit evidence of expenditure within 1 hour of close of voting
 - i. For the avoidance of any doubt, this is a total candidate campaign spending limit which includes any expenditure whether gifted by others or otherwise and cannot be pooled between candidates
- 1.11. Voters and candidates may submit complaints if they believe that they have evidence that a candidate or a member of their campaign team has breached these rules, or the election bye-laws. For more information on the complaints procedure please see the election bye-laws.
- 1.12. Any decision by the RO shall be final; complainants may make a further appeal to the University in relation to any decision by the RO but such an appeal is unlikely to delay the announcement of results.

2. Candidate Agreement

Please sign here to confirm that you have read and understood these rules and agree to abide by them.

Signed: _____

Date: _____