



Elections for Academic Executive 2007/08

Rules for Academic Representatives Candidates

All parts of these elections from submission of nominations, publication of manifestos through to polling will be conducted entirely and solely on-line.

All candidates must have their BathStudent accounts activated as must any student wishing to cast a vote

Nominations

- Nominations will take the form of a candidate placing their motivations statement (manifesto) and photograph on-line. (See Procedures)

Candidates

- All Candidates will abide by these Rules, the Union Constitution (particularly Appendix 3, Elections Guidelines), decisions of the Returning Officer or his/her representative (in this case the VP Education) which may supersede these Rules.
- All Candidates shall abide by Union policy, in particular the Equal Opportunities Policy
- All candidates must be ordinary members of the Union.

Motivations (Manifestos) and Nominations

- Each candidate should provide a motivation (manifesto) statement setting out their main objectives for the year. The motivation (manifesto) is a document which says who the candidate is and what they intend to do should they get elected and should explain why the candidate should be elected. It must not be more than 100 words long and must be submitted electronically along with a photograph of yourself via BathStudent.com. They must be submitted **no later than midday on Wednesday 14th November 2007**
- Motivations (manifestos) must abide by Union regulations and must not defame or libel any other candidate or individual. They must be in text only i.e. no graphics, pictures etc
- Photographs should be a simple head shot, similar to that on a passport.
- Candidates may include past/present union posts. However, Candidates may not refer to any posts held by other supporters.
- Any manifesto or photograph deemed by the VP Education not to comply with these Rules or to be otherwise not in the spirit of a fair and reputable election will be removed and the candidate may be subject to disciplinary procedures.

Campaigning

- There are no expenses for these elections. There is no budget and candidates and their supporters may not spend any money.
- If a candidate is involved in the student media, they may not use this to further their own election in any way and may not mention their own involvement in the elections.
- Candidates are responsible for the actions of their supporters

- Candidates and their supporters may use Facebook or other forms of web based communication. However, all communication of this kind must abide by the Rules and there must be no negative comments about other candidates or any other individuals. Furthermore, candidates are responsible for monitoring and policing anything which their supporters say in these forums. Failure to do so may lead to a candidate being disqualified.

All parties concerned shall undertake to act in the interests of a fair election.

The Returning Officer for these elections is Chris Shelley, South West NUS Regional Officer and the Students' Union General Manager is the Deputy Returning Officer. The VP Education will be acting as their representative for these elections.

Any questions or queries you have about the election should be directed to the VP Education by email: sueducation@bath.ac.uk. Any complaints regarding the conduct of the elections must be submitted in writing to the VP Education **before** the start of the Count.

If you require practical assistance with any part of the elections process, for example, for reasons of disability or because your first language is not English, you should contact the AWARE centre on level 3 of 1 East (in the Students' Union).



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