

JCR Committee Elections

This document outlines additional notes for candidates running for JCR Committee posts.

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNING:

Manifesto:

- Candidates may submit a manifesto containing no more than 300 words and of no more than one side of A4 in length to the Returning Officer for the election, up until the deadline set and advertised by the Returning Officer. Images are allowed.
- The manifesto must be submitted in PDF, PNG, JPG, JPEG, or TXT format.
- The Returning Officer shall publish these on the JCR website and will email them around the student body before Hustings.
- No manifesto will be accepted without an accompanying plain text (txt) version – this must include image descriptions (which do not count towards the word count)
- The deadline for submitting manifestos shall be set by the Returning Officer and may be after the deadline for nominations but must be before Hustings.

Additional Written Material:

- Students may not use any additional written or printed material to promote a candidate.

Emails:

- Students may send private emails relating to the election.
- Students may not send mass emails relating to the election (exempting the returning officer).
- Students may not use emailing lists to promote candidates.

Facebook and Social Networking Sites:

- Students may create a Facebook (Twitter etc.) group or event and write on the group's pages. They may not promote candidates in pre-existing groups or events.
- Candidates may use their Facebook (Twitter etc.) status to promote themselves.
- Students may not send mass messages e.g. in group chats or sending the same message individually to many people, relating to the election.

Endorsements:

- No pre-election campaigning material may feature endorsements (either in the text or in images) from any member of the current JCR or MCR Committees.
- The JCR/MCR committee members may not interact with campaigning material on social media.

Students may only begin campaigning when nominations close.

Students may not spend money on campaigning.

Students may not use any coercion, blackmail, or bribery, or any attempt to influence another's vote through any other method but the strength of their candidacy.

Any candidate in breach of these rules may be disqualified from running for a JCR Committee post by the Returning Officer for the election.

HUSTINGS:

- The Returning Officer for the election will chair the Hustings.
- The JCR Secretary (or a nominated member of the JCR Committee) will minute the Hustings and publish the minutes on the JCR website.

JCR President Election:

- The order in which candidates speak will be chosen at random by the Returning Officer for the election.
- Candidates will be given 5 minutes to speak.
- Candidates will be told when they have 30 seconds remaining and when they have 5 seconds remaining. When 5 minutes has been reached, the candidate's speech must stop.
- Should a candidate be unable to attend Hustings, they may prepare a speech of no more than 500 words, which will be read out by the Returning Officer.
- Once all candidates have spoken, there will be questions from the audience:
 - The Returning Officer will ensure questions are fair.
 - No personal or targeted questions will be permitted.
 - Candidates will speak in the reverse order.
 - Candidates will have 1 minute to answer the question.
 - Candidates will be told when they have 30 seconds and 5 seconds remaining.
 - When 1 minute has been reached, the candidate's answer must stop.
 - Should there be more than two candidates, the order will be chosen by the Returning Officer such that no candidate answers two consecutive questions in the same position within the candidate sequence.
 - There will be no question limit for the President.
- Should an issue arise within a candidate's campaigning material e.g. an inaccuracy in their manifesto or speech, any student may raise a point of information. The returning officer will decide if the point of information is fair, and if deemed so, the candidate will have 1 minute to respond to the point.

JCR Committee Officers Elections:

Unless a candidate has to leave the Hustings early or arrive late, and has already informed the Returning Officer prior to the start of Hustings, the order of Hustings shall be as follows:

1. Vice-President,
2. Treasurer,

3. Secretary,
4. Access Officer,
5. Green Officer,
6. Catering, Accommodation and Facilities Officer,
7. Welfare Officers,
8. Sports and Societies Officer,
9. Entertainments Officer,
10. Disabled Students' Officer
11. Ethnic Minorities Officer,
12. International Students Officer,
13. LGBTQ+ Officer,
14. Gender Equalities Officer,
15. Class Act Officer.

- The order in which candidates speak will be chosen at random by the Returning Officer for the election.
- Candidates will be given 3 minutes to speak.
- Candidates will be told when they have 30 seconds remaining and when they have 5 seconds remaining. When 3 minutes has been reached, the candidate's speech must stop.
- Should a candidate be unable to attend Hustings, they may prepare a speech of no more than 300 words, which will be read out by the Returning Officer.
- Once all candidates have spoken, there will be questions from the audience:
 - The Returning Officer will ensure questions are fair.
 - No personal or targeted questions will be permitted.
 - Candidates will speak in the reverse order.
 - Candidates will have 30 seconds to answer the question.
 - Candidates will be told when they have 15 seconds and 5 seconds remaining.
 - When 30 seconds has been reached, the candidate's answer must stop.
 - Should there be more than two candidates, the order will be chosen by the Returning Officer such that no candidate answers two consecutive questions in the same position within the candidate sequence.
 - There will be a question limit of 5 questions for each of VP and Welfare, and 3 for the rest of the committee positions.
 - Should an issue arise within a candidate's campaigning material e.g. an inaccuracy in their manifesto or speech, any student may raise a point of information. The returning officer will decide if the point of information is fair, and if deemed so, the candidate will have 30 seconds to respond to the point.

BY-ELECTIONS:

- The Hustings for a JCR President by-election will follow the rules outlined for "JCR President Election".
- The Hustings for a by-election for JCR Committee Officers will follow the rules outlined for "JCR Committee Officers Elections".

- To protect the anonymity of those voting, a JCR LGBTQ+ Officer, Disabled Students' Officer, or Class Act Officer by-election will be held in conjunction with another College-wide vote.

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