

Elections at Union Council

Introduction

About This Document

This document outlines the positions which will be elected at Union Council on 10th November 2009 and is aimed at clarifying the transitional arrangements as they relate to elections.

Standing as a Candidate

Each election in turn will be addressed at Council and Councillors will be asked whether they would like to nominate themselves as a candidate for election. Councillors can express their intent by holding their card in the air when prompted by the Chair of Council during the relevant election. Each candidate must be proposed and seconded by two full members of the meeting.

Election Process

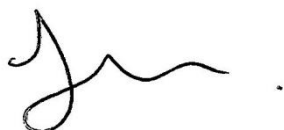
The Election Process will be run in accordance with Standing Order D unless specifically stated.

Candidates will be invited to make a brief speech in support of their candidacy. At the discretion of the Chair of Council questions may be addressed to candidates. Questions must be applicable to all candidates and answered by each in turn. When the election is for a single post, the Single Transferable Vote system set out in Standing Order C shall be used. When the election is for a multiple posts, the Alternative Transferable Vote system set out in Standing Order C shall be used.

When there are only two more candidates than the total number of posts available the vote may be taken by a show of hands after candidates have been asked to leave the room. The vote shall be taken by secret ballot at the request of any Councillor. No Candidate is entered in all elections and is treated as if were another candidate. Only Councillors are entitled to vote in these elections and the Chair of Council or Vice Chair of Council may ask for Councillors and guests to produce valid NUS cards as proof of membership.

Further Questions

If there are any further questions regarding elections please contact the Chair of Council or the Vice President Democracy and Communications at unioncouncil@lborosu.org.uk.



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Elections List

700 Union Council Sub Committees

None

750 University Sub Committees

None

800 Other Elections

801 Board of Trustee Student Member Elections (5 Vacancies)

802 NSS Working Group (5 Vacancies)

800 – Other Elections**Election: 801****Heading: Board of Trustee Student Member Elections (5 Vacancies)****MANIFESTOS AND CAMPAIGNING**

Candidates must submit a 250 word manifesto and a photo of themselves in .jpg format to elections@lufbra.net by 7th December 16:00 at the latest. This must also include the candidates name and ID number, your proposers name and ID number and your seconders name and ID All Candidates will be given two minutes to make a speech at Union Council (8th December, Room One, 7:30pm start).

Questions may be asked to candidates by councillors and these must be unbiased.

A vote will be taken by full members of Union Council in accordance with Standing Order D.

ELIGIBILITY

Any full member of the Union shall be entitled to enter as a candidate for the Trustee elections, so long as they are over 18 and have not been legally disqualified from being a trustee. Candidates must be proposed and seconded by full members of the Students' Union. A member may only propose or second one candidate for Union Trustee.

RESPONSIBILITY

Election of the Student Members of the Board of Trustees shall be the responsibility of the Elections Committee.

ANY QUESTIONS

Email Jamie Morgado at elections@lufbra.net or Nick Holland at chairofcouncil@lufbra.net

Election: 802

Heading: NSS Working Group (5 Vacancies)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NSS WORKING GROUP

Council Believes

1. A lot of knowledge used by the Union and University come directly from the National Student Survey (NSS).
2. Last year there was a noticeable drop in the response rate.
3. A large response rate not only surveys Loughborough's Students better, but looks better both internally and externally.

Council Further Believes

1. The National Student Survey is a huge priority.
2. The drop in response rate is a bad reflection of the Union to the University.
3. A raised response rate would be beneficial to the Union.

Council Resolves

- d. **5 elected student representatives** sit on the working group