

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING ELECTIONS

1. Context

These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Bye Laws and the relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Union and the Returning Officer Rules, and shall be interpreted accordingly. In these Standing Orders:

- a. “HUU” means Hull University Union;
- b. “clear days” excludes University holidays; Bank Holidays; Saturdays and Sundays.

2. General

HUU will elect its major Union Officers by election.

This may be by cross-campus ballot (all registered students have a vote) or restricted/limited ballot (only students of a certain group or who define as a certain group have a right to vote).

3. Notice of Elections

HUU will publish details of any elections it intends to hold at least 7 clear days before the intended close of nominations.

4. Eligibility & Nominations

In all cross-campus elections all registered students have the right to stand as a candidate.

In restricted/limited elections only registered students who are from the relevant group or self-define as the group have the right to stand as a candidate.

All nominations for all elections will be submitted via the HUU website. If a student requires assistance in completing a nomination form this will be offered as long as the deadline for nominations has not passed.

Nominations will not be accepted after the deadline has passed.

5. Voting

Voting will be done through the HUU website.

If a student requires assistance voting it will be offered as long as voting is still open.

Unless otherwise stated in the notice of elections, all voting will be conducted according to the Single Transferable Voting system.

All results will be published on the HUU website.

6. Returning Officers

HUU will appoint a Returning Officer team to oversee elections and ensure that they are run fairly and transparently.

The Returning Officer team may include a Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officers.

The Returning Officer team may be made up of permanent members of HUU staff or staff members from other Students' Unions.

The Returning Officer team will publish a set of rules at the point the election is announced. The Returning Officer team has complete discretion over the actions they take if candidates are found to have broken these rules.

7. Complaints

All complaints regarding the conduct of elections must be made to a member of the Returning Officer team in writing.

Only candidates can make complaints about the conduct of elections or candidates.

The decisions of Assistant Returning Officers can be appealed to the Returning Officer. The decision of the Returning Officer is final.

8. Campaigning

All campaigning must be positive.

All campaigning must be in accordance with the rules published by the Returning Officer team.

9. Neutrality

All HUU employees and volunteers must remain neutral throughout the election period whilst performing their duties.

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