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ELECTIONS

Staff Briefing

What are the GSU Elections?



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Each year the Students' Union picks its political leaders who make up its four-person Officer Team. 1 President and 3 GSU Officers!

They work **full time** for a year from June until June and either take a year out of their studies, or if elected in their final year, work as recent graduates. Occasionally the current Officers re-run for a second term (two years is the maximum time allowed).

During their time in-post they attend University meetings speaking on behalf of the students and the Union, they run activities, campaigns and they support students who contact them on a day-to-day basis.

GSU is a democratic organisation and thus elections are needed each year to give a mandate to the Union's leaders. This is enshrined in the Education Act 1994

Key Election Dates

- Nominations Close 28th February 11am
- Candidate Training 28th February – 4th March
- Voting Period 7th March 10am - 10th March 3pm
- Results 11th March from 5pm – Lower Deck and Online
- New Officer Team start at the end of June

Resources



Main Election Page: greenwichsu.co.uk/elections

Recommend a Student: greenwichsu.co.uk/elections/recommend/

Election Rules: greenwichsu.co.uk/elections2022/candidatehub/

Any election related questions email: elections@gre.ac.uk

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Support the Elections by...

- Add the included slides to your presentations during the time up to nominations closing and the voting period.
- Encourage students to participate in the elections and read manifestos.
- Support any student who is interested in running to be a GSU Officer to contact the Elections Team.

A few pointers on rules...

- University staff should be impartial towards candidates and not participate in campaigning.
- Students may approach you asking to do lecture shout outs – decide early if you want to offer this to candidates. Candidates must not campaign in lectures/online classes without permission from the Lecturer and must not cause disruption to teaching.
- If you have student status yourself, you can vote – so ensure you have a say on who represents you.
- Candidates cannot use union or university channels to campaign – if you have student staff with access to social channels or email list, please be aware it is not acceptable for them to use these platforms.
- This job is not considered a placement year, UGIC Students are not eligible, Jan/March starters should contact the elections team to check their eligibility.

Full rules for elections: www.greenwichsu.co.uk/elections/candidatehub

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What to expect during Voting Period:

- Your students may be running in the election and so they could be experiencing higher levels of stress – GSU are running a wide range of wellbeing support for candidates during the elections, and you can contact a member of the elections team should you feel a student may need additional help. (elections@gre.ac.uk)
- Students will be out and about on campus talking to others about the posts, they are allowed to do this in communal spaces, however not in any of our Libraries, and not in lectures without permission from the person holding that class.
- There will be stalls for student to vote at in Dreadnought, Stockwell Street Building, the Avery Hill Dome and on Medway Campus.
- There will be lots of fun and excitement about the campus as the union hosts one of its busiest weeks!
- Results will be announced from 5pm on Friday 11th March at the Lower Deck and Online.

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At the Medway campus

You will see in our space at The Hub and on our social media accounts for The Hub that we are promoting Medway Votes.

This is because there are three Students' Union elections taking place.

We will be encouraging our courses and Greenwich students to participate with the GSU Elections as part of Medway Votes.

