COMMITTEE ELECTIONS RULES - OVERVIEW

Eligibility:

- You must be a UH student to stand in a society committee election.
- You must have been a full member of the society for at least two weeks prior to nomination.
- If you are going to be on placement or studying off-campus for more than 8 weeks per semester you are not eligible for a position.
- If you have been in the same committee role for two terms already, you cannot re-apply for the position for a third time.
- If a position remains unfilled or becomes vacant during the year, another election may be held. In the interim, a full member of the society may be co-opted into the role if approved by the Student Activities Team.

Campaigning rules:

- Campaigning must be online only (i.e. no posters please).
- Current committee members cannot endorse any specific candidate when performing society duties (e.g. at an event) or using society social media.
- Society Committees can notify their members of all candidates standing for elections and encouraging voting but they must feature all candidates fairly.
- You cannot use any SU or University logos or branding in your campaign.
- You cannot use gifts or incentives e.g. sweets, vouchers or money, to get students to vote for you.
- You cannot use any society funds or spend over £5 on your campaign.
- You cannot spam people with emails or messages on social media to ask for votes.

Behaviour and Conduct:

- You must allow people to vote freely.
- There must be no 'negative campaigning' – you must not make any attacks on another candidate or make any personal comments about them.
- You and your supporters/friends must treat all other candidates with dignity and respect.
- You must not discriminate against any religious, political, ethnic group or gender throughout the campaigning period or within manifestos. This includes hate crime and/or anti-social behaviour. Any complaints along these lines will be dealt with very seriously.
**Behaviour and Conduct:**

- Any student can submit a complaint about a candidate or about the election process until one hour after the close of voting.
- Complaint forms are available from the SU Welcome Desks and online.
- Complaints raised after this point will not be accepted, except in relation to the conduct of the count.
- Complaints will normally be heard within one working day. The team will respond in writing and candidates and complainants will be informed of any action taken.

The full policy regarding Society Committee Elections can be found on our website.