

## **Club and Society Election Rules**

1. All club and society committee elections must take place online via the [brunelstudents.com](http://brunelstudents.com) website. Any elections held outside of this system will not be considered valid.
2. The Student Activities Manager is the Returning Officer for club and society committee elections. The returning officer oversees the fair conduct of the elections, interprets the Bye-Laws to rule on complaints, and oversees the count of the elections.
3. Any complaints about the club and society elections process or complaints about the conduct of candidates and their supporters must be made in writing to Student Activities ([student.activities@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:student.activities@brunel.ac.uk)) by the end of voting.
4. Student Activities will consult with the Returning Officer where appropriate and shall make a ruling on the matter within 24 hours of receipt of the complaint.
5. Where possible complainants will remain anonymous should they wish.
6. Following a complaint, the following disciplinary action may be taken:
  - a) Oral warning
  - b) Written warning
  - c) Campaigning Ban
  - d) Disqualification
  - e) Refer the complaint to the Team Brunel Committee or Societies Guild Committee for consideration

## **Eligibility/Nominations**

1. Eligibility to run for election and hold any Union position is based on the following criteria:
2. Any full member of the club or society can stand for election to any committee position listed in the club or society constitution.
3. Associate members cannot run for election.
4. Current committee members may stand for re-election at the end of their period in office.
5. All committee positions must be listed in the club or society constitution. The chair, treasurer and secretary positions must be filled every year.
6. Members can run for up to four posts across all clubs and societies, as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for each group.
7. A member can only run for one post in a particular club or society, unless they are running for chair. If they are running for chair then they can run for two positions, however if they are successful in the election for chair, then they will automatically be withdrawn from the other position they were running for prior to the count taking place.
8. Members must be eligible to enrol the following year to continue their programme of study, to be eligible to run in club and society committee elections.
9. If a member fails to meet the above requirements they shall be withdrawn from the elections. If the election has already occurred, the candidate shall be removed from their post and a Bye-Election held.

## **Campaigning**

1. A candidate may criticise another candidate's campaign but it must never be personal. Candidates and their supporters must not:

- a) Reference another candidate's personal traits of character.
- b) Misrepresent another candidate's religious, political, or other views or actions.
- c) Intimidate any participant in the election, candidate, campaigner, student, staff or other.
- d) Deliberately sabotage any campaign other than their own
- e) Deface any campaign materials (such as publicity, online media, and social networking sites) of another candidate.
- f) Make any attempt to influence the impartiality of the Returning Officer or Students' Union staff.
- g) Permanently damage any Students' Union area or property.

2. Candidates must not use resources that are not readily available to all candidates e.g. access to facilities or communication methods. If candidates are in any doubt that an activity might be construed as creating an unfair advantage they should seek advice from Student Activities before proceeding.

3. Candidates are responsible for removing their campaign material after the election voting period concludes.

## **Voting**

1. No Member shall have more than one vote.

2. Voting shall be done by secret ballot using the Single Transferable Vote system, on the [brunelstudents.com](http://brunelstudents.com) website.

3. 'Re-Open Nominations' (RON) shall be a candidate in all elections. Should 'Re-Open Nominations' win an election where one person is to be elected to the position, a by-election shall be held.

4. All Full Members of any club or society have the right to vote in the elections for that club or society as long as they have purchased membership at least 4 weeks prior to voting. Associate or Visiting Members do not have voting rights.

5. Any member of the Union is eligible to be a Full Member of a club or society, subject to the payment of the necessary membership fee.

## **Results**

1. Election results will be announced on the Union of Brunel Students webpage within 2 weeks of the election.

2. Successfully elected candidates in the club and society annual elections will commence their role on the 1<sup>st</sup> June each year.