Oxford Union Elections

Poll Date: Friday, 6 March 2020.

Where to Vote
Polling takes place in the Union’s Goodman Library (the room on the ground floor, next to the marble staircase), from 9.30am to 8.30pm precisely. You must bring your membership card so as to assist the Poll Clerks.

How to Vote
For each post, simply number your preferences against each candidate from 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on until you have finished expressing your preferences between the candidates. Expressing later preferences in no way harms your earlier preferences.

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Candidates’ Claims in Manifestos

The Returning Officer has ensured to the best of their ability that all claims made in manifestos are true; they advise, however, that Members acquaint themselves with the commonly used terms below in order that they are not misled. Members may wish to consider other similar words used as holding the same meanings and draw inferences from the fact that a candidate has been unable to make the most substantial kinds of claims.

Stronger claims

Raised / Secured – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for the production or negotiation of a contractual arrangement, to claim to have raised/funded funds or partnerships.
Brought – the candidate must prove that a speaker visited the Society as a direct result of their invitation or proposition, and further progress from this towards a confirmed negotiation of a contractual arrangement, to claim to have raised/secured funds or partnerships.
Confirmed – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for a speaker accepting an invitation to visit on a mutually agreed date, or the candidate has drawn up an as yet unsigned contract, following agreement from involved parties on its contents, which is set to be signed in due course.
Organised – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for the inception and development of an event, where primary control is shared comparably with another member, co-organised shall be used.
Responsible for / Led / Ran – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for the content of claim.
Arranged – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for an ongoing negotiation, clear interest in response to their proposition, and further progress from this towards a confirmed claim since then.

Weaker Claims

Assisted / Helped to – modifiers used where there is sufficient proof that a candidate contributed substantively, but insufficient to prove that they have the necessary level of contribution or control for the stronger claim.
Interest from – where there is insufficient evidence for a stronger negotiating claim, but there has been clear interest received to their invitation or proposition.
Invited / Contacted – proof has been provided.
Supervised / Overrew / Co-ordinated – proof has been provided for a lower level of involvement in an event or project suitable for these claims.
Facilitated / Assisted / Worked – proof has been provided that a candidate contributed significantly to an event, usually but not necessarily the logistics or hospitality.
Weaker claims will be used often in manifestos even by good candidates: usually only candidates for Office will be able regularly to make “stronger claims”. The distinction is nonetheless worth making.

Candidates’ own spelling, punctuation, and grammar have not been corrected in manifestos.
CANDIDATES FOR LIBRARIAN
with responsibility for the library and for arranging individual speaker addresses

JULIA WILLEMYS
MERTON, STANDING COMMITTEE

NONE

ACCOMPLISHED

• ORGANISED Mental Health Panel
• ARRANGED December Debate
• CO-ARRANGED Pink Week Panel
• HELPED ARRANGE Empire Debate, Authoritarian Leaders Debate
• CONFIRMED six speakers: President of Freedom House, JOSHUA WONG prominent controversial politician, FORMER UK PARTY LEADER

DEDICATED

• HELPED RAISE £499,000
• COMPETED 48 Van Days
• ACCESS COMMITTEE Secretary, Former Woman's Officer, Press Officer
• PROPOSED reformist rule change
• CO-CREATED Oxford Union App

PLEDGES

• Access Membership for Graduates and Internationals
• More diverse speakers

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY
with responsibility for the termly social events and for managing Standing Committee meetings

PENBROKE, STANDING COMMITTEE

CANSE UGURGOBLI

NONE

ACCOMPLISHED

• CO-ORGANISED Ugublar panel
• HELPED ARRANGE TWO DEBATES: UN, Climate!
• DELIVERED winning paper speech: Authoritarian Leaders debate!
• COMPLETED 35 vacation days

COMMITTED

• ex-Sponsorship Officer, Secretary of Access Committee

FACILITATED 15 events: Weinstein Journalists, LinkedIn CEO, Samantha Power
• ONE wU PuRiQwU two UniuSE HALLS• HELPED RAISE £499,000
• INTEREST FROM prominent McTou speaker
• Dr. Charlies Officer of Homlessness Campaign

PLEDGES

• MORE ACCESSIBLE UNION: Handbook!
• MORE SOCIALS: Multicultural, themed Bar, Wine and Cheese!
• MEMBERS FIRST: Members-suggested Debates!

RULE 33 EXISTS FOR A REASON.

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CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE
members of the Society's governing body, to assist the Officers and plan social events

Trinity 2020

PETER MARSHALL
LML, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE

Ex-Court Chair, E.C Debate competition

EXPERIENCED

• Freedom Union, Legal society
• President-Elect, JCR Culture society
• Chair: university and departmental debating teams

COMMitted

• Year 12 pupil
• Ex-Charities Officer of NUS
• INTEREST FROM prominent speakers

MArcI PAnSAsk
St. ANNa’S, lgBtQia+ OFFICER

• Born here, born queer
• LGBTQ+, International society

EXPERIENCED

• Amalgamated, Legal society
• President-Elect, Large student society
• Chair: university and departmental debating teams

COMMitted

• Year 21 pupil
• Ex-Court Chair, E.C Debate competition

VicoLLE MOSS
Oxal, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE

EXPERIENCED

• Amalgamated; debating panel speach
• FACILITATED at world

COMMitted

• SECHEL of the WEEK
• Charter hall committee!
• Used 1st year!

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER
with responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and building events

GENNICA ROY
BRAINES, SECRETARY

NONE

DEVOTED

• CHAIR of Debate Selection Committee, Softball Committee, Bar Strategy Committee
• Former Secretary, Finance Committee
• CONVENED Oxford IV, Oxford Schools
• HELPED RAISE £425,000, CO-RAISED £10,000 for Oxford Debating

ACCOMPLISHED

• CONFIRMED BBQ CEO, Cambridge Analytica Whistleblower
• ARRANGED TWO Quizzes
• CO-ARRANGED Tech Debate
• HELPED ARRANGE Pink Week Panel, No-Platforming Debate, Decade Debate
• FACILITATED 12 events: Samantha Power, Richard Thaler
• FULLFILLED Promise: Women’s Debating Outreach

PLEDGES

• MORE TRANSPARENCY: Tomely Financial Report
• MORE ACCESSIBILITY: Sponsored Alumni Careers Scheme

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY
with overall responsibility for the Society and for arranging its debate

BEATRICE BARR
St. Peter’s, LIBRARIAN

NONE

ACCOMPLISHED

• RAISED £5000: HELPED RAISE £50,000
• EX-Deputy Sponsorship Officer, Ex-Chair Finance Committee

COMMitted to delete

• ORGANISED Feminism vs Capitalism debate
• ARRANGED Manchester Uni, No-Platforming debates, Press panel

DEDICATED

• CONFIRMED 150 speakers: controversial politicians, FORMER UK PARTY LEADER
• INTEREST FROM all student international experienced; AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR

INNOVATIVE

• SINGLE-HANDEDLY ORGANISED ongoing MT19 ‘Paradise Lost’ Ball
• 600 guests, £75 budget
• DELIVERED INTERNATIONAL press attention
• WORKED ACCESS events: Women’s Debating Workshop, open school outreach

PLEDGES

• Propective debate: BIG SPEAKERS don’t have to be individuals...
• Socials: Us Students diet
• Make committee genuinely accessible: increase vacation day allowance
• Transparent, collaborative: strengthen through prior relations

CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE
to assist with running social events and distributing publications

Trinity 2020

TAMIZ LENT
St. Peter’s, SECRETARY’S COMMITTEE

NONE

ACCOMPLISHED

• ARRANGED Broker Prize Winners, PAGGY GORY
• INTEREST FROM supernova authors
• ARRANGED Expanded Mental Panel

COMMITTED

• INSPIRED 14 speakers, Feminism vs Capitalism paper speech
• FACILITATED Paul Krajewski and ex-Staff
• Price Winner

PLEDGES

• BINGO NIGHT IN THE BAR

ROBERT ROBYL
St. Edmund HALL, SUPPORT OFFICER

Ex-Court Chair, ATL; Debating Union

EXPERIENCED

• Atlanta National Tournament
• International Exchange Tournament

COMMitted

• Owner of School MUN Conference, will fight for £409,000+
• Trusted fundraiser

JOSH WALLACE
St. John’s, LGTQIA+ OFFICER

NONE

ACCOMPLISHED

• UNFAIR AMBIGUOUS EMPIRE debate
• CONFIRMED Lawrence Jones

COMMITTED

• WORKED FOR Owner Prime Minister!
• DSC Sponsorship Officer

PLEDGES

• Welfare Officer as Committee

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT
with overall responsibility for the Society and for arranging its debates

Beatrice Barr
St. Peter’s, Librarian

NONE

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Braines, Secretary

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PLEDGES

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• More accessibility: Sponsored Alumni Careers Scheme

Want to get involved next term?

To run for election in the Society, you must make a certain number of qualifying speeches within the public debates either in the Emergency, Floor, or After Debate. Nominations open at 9.30am, Friday 5th Week, and close at 3pm on the following Friday. If you would like to get involved with the administration of the Society without running for election, you can participate in the running of the Elections as a Deputy Returning Officer by applying in writing to the President by 3pm on Monday of 2nd Week. If you have any questions about running in elections, or you need impartial advice, please feel free to contact the returning officer (ro@oxford-unioin.org).