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. The below terms should assist members in judging the relative merits of Manifestos.

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.

**Stronger claims**

*Raised / Secured* - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for the production or negotiation of a contractual arrangement, to claim to have raised/secured funds or partnerships.

*Brought* - the Candidate must prove that a speaker visited the Society as a direct result of their confirmation.

*Confirmed* - the Candidate must prove primarily 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 their primary control of an event’s inception and development. 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 a substantial degree of control of an event’s development, but not the contribution to inception that any organised claim requires.

*Negotiating* - 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 that the Candidate had primary responsibility for the invitation.

*Supervised / Oversaw / Co-ordinated* – proof has been provided for a lower level of involvement in an event or project suitable for these claims.

*Facilitated / Worked* – proof has been provided that a candidate contributed significantly to an event, usually but not necessarily the logistics or hospitality.
CHENGKAI XIE
LIBRARIAN, BRASENOSE COLLEGE

#BRIDGE to the Future:

SERVED AS AN OFFICER DURING AN IN-PERSON TERM

- OPEN Union: IN-PERSON EVENTS, State School Outreach, BEER Garden
- DIGITAL Union: Online Members Area, Podcasting Events
- FAIRER Union: Tiered-Access and Foundation-Year Membership
- CONNECTED Union: Mentorship Scheme, ReFreshers Social

Competent:

- CONFIRMED 30+ Speakers: Former President of Taiwan, US Presidential Candidate
- INTERVIEWED Daron Acemoglu, Former Canadian PM
- ARRANGED ALL HT21 Debates, Scotland
- ARRANGED Billionaires, No Confidence Debate
- ORGANISED China Panel
- ARRANGED Theresa May Reception
- ARRANGED and HOSTED Union Pub Quizzes
- WORKED 94+ Vac Days

Well-Rounded:

- FINANCE: RAISED £3,700+ Debate Sponsorship, HELPED RAISE £650,000+ (Membership Drives)
- ACCESS: ENGAGED Cultural Societies and championed Digital Membership
- MANAGEMENT: Championed Appointed Committee REFORM
- GOVERNANCE: Empowered Standing Committee to SCREEN SPEAKERS
- ENVIRONMENT: CHAMPIONED Environmental Impact Review and Carbon Offsetting
- BENEFITS: Secured 4 Treasurers Treats and 3 Floor Prizes - Cocktail Masterclass
#BRIDGE for engagement

**PLEDGES:**
- Anti-prejudice Reading Group
- ‘Demystifying the Union’ Project
- Digitising Union Archive
- Greater External Societies Collaboration

**ACCOMPLISHED:**
- CHAIR 2 Committee’s: Secretary’s, Bar Strategy
- Former Union Disabilities Officer
- MINUTED PBM, TSC
- PASSED Business & Management Booklist
- EX-JCR Executive Officer
- ORGANISED Committee Social
- PRESIDENT and TREASURER at University-Wide Societies
- University Royal Naval Unit Member
- CONVENED and JUDGED Oxford Schools Regionals
- HELPED RAISE £250,000+ for Telethon Campaign
- CHAMPIONED Access, Mental Health: MIND Strategy Consultant
- WORKED 20+ Vac Days
Independent

Values:
• Personally anti-hacking: have never messaged anyone to hack. However happy to converse – message me!
• Jaded about the Union: I can speak from authority that it isn’t the UN.
• Transparent about motives: It’s fun to run.
• Willing to make hard choices: I have set out some potentially unpopular policies.

Will Lobby
• More non-alcoholic beverages; guest fees
• Remove floor prizes.

Experiences:
• College PPE+ Society Co-President
• OUUNA Co-President
• ShARE Oxford Student Consulting Development Director
TREASURER
with responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and for buildings maintenance

ARJUN BHARDWAJ
CHIEF OF STAFF, CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

#BRIDGE for inclusion

PLEDGES
• Union Bar loyalty card for free drinks
• Revamp Membership Drive: corporate memberships

ACCOMPLISHED
• ARRANGED every debate this term
• INTERVIEWED EU Ambassador to the UN
• IMPLEMENTED first-ever online ‘Meet and Greet’
• HELPED RAISE £400K+
• FACILITATED Social Mobility Panel, City Panel
• PASSED £3K+ budget through Finance and Standing Committee
• Interest from CIA Senior Leadership!
• Ex-member of Standing Committee, Access Committee Secretary
• College Ball Treasurer
• WORKED 50+ Vac Days
SECRETARY
with responsibility for the term’s social events and for minuting Standing Committee Meetings

LARISSA P. SIDARTO
SECRETARY’S COMMITTEE, ST CROSS COLLEGE

#BRIDGE to Network

VISION:
• **INCLUSION**: Graduate Debating Tournament, Union Consulting Project
• **INTERCONNECTIVITY**: Alumni Mentorship and buddy-system
• **SOCIALS**: Socially-Distanced Courtyard Cocktails

ACCOMPLISHED:
• **ASSISTED Privacy Debate**: confirmed speaker
• **DELIVERED** Cancel Culture Paper Speech
• **FACILITATED**: IMF Chief Economist, Amy Chua, Judge Spano
• **Serial entrepreneur, ex-Banker**
• Proud SBS MBA!
• *Forbes* 30 Under 30 (Indonesia)
• World Bank Organization **Innovation Challenge Winner** (India)
• **Global Speaker**: Bloomberg (USA) & INSEAD (Singapore)
• President of Oxfordshire Indonesian Student Association
• Director of Technopreneurship - Oxford Business Network for Technology
STANDING COMMITTEE
Members of the Society’s governing body, to assist the Officers and plan social events

AHMAD NAWAZ
Secretary’s Committee, Lady Margaret Hall

#ALTERNATIVE

Experience:
• Award Winning Human Rights Activist.
• Treasurer Pakistan Society.
• Founded ‘Dialogues for Change’.

Accomplishments:
• CONFIRMED: Nobel Prize-winning Economist.
• Founded Refugee Support Project.
• Helped put together NHS debate.

Vision:
• PANELS: UN’s SDGs.
• More Human Rights speakers!

EU RO WANG
Secretary’s Committee, Christ Church

#BRIDGE

Pledge
• Entrepreneurship Panel
• More BAME Speakers

Accomplished
• CONFIRMED 5 Speakers: Steven Pinker
• HELPED ARRANGE Religion Debate, FACILITATED Experts Debate
• Interest from Big Tech CEO, Bitcoin Billionaires
• Venture Capital Society Director

Dedicated
• Worked 15 Vac Days
• Secretary of Secretary’s Committee
#BRIDGE

Pledge:

- **Feminism** Panel
- **ESL Debating Workshop**

Accomplished

- **INTEREST FROM** ex-Head of Government
- **ASSISTED** Religion debate - delivered paper speech
- Interest from Nobel Prize winner
- **Championed Access**: OxPath **Head of Mentor Engagement**

Dedicated

- Worked **10+ Vac Days**
- **DSC Sponsorship Officer**

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#PROGRESS

**EXPERIENCED:**

- Delivered **Paper Speech** - Union debate
- Interest from **prominent MP**
- Assisted **Experts**, Helped Arrange **No Con** Debates

**ACCOMPLISHED:**

- **Advisor**- **House of Commons** Senior Group
- **Chair**, Knife Crime Youth Select Committee
- **Diana Award Recipient**

**PLEDGE:**

- Panel- Future of **African Union**
AYESHA KHAN
SECRETARY’S COMMITTEE, THE QUEEN’S COLLEGE

#BRIDGE
Pledge:
• Cultural Society Collaboration
• First-Gen Access Rep
Accomplished
• HELPED ARRANGE Cancel Culture Debate - WINNING paper speech!
• FACILITATED 3 Events: Katherine Parkinson
• Investigations writer - Student Magazine
• Local Politics Radio Show Host
Dedicated
• Worked 12 Vac Days
• Sent 90+ Invites

DANIEL-PAUL OSAHON
SECRETARY’S COMMITTEE, BALLIOL COLLEGE

#Bridge
Pledge
• Pop Culture and Religion Panel
Accomplished
• ASSISTED Religion Debate, Social Mobility Panel
• CONFIRMED 3 Speakers: Professor Francis Green, Andrew Halls, Michael Shermer
• Interest from world-renowned rapper
• Winning paper speech!
Dedicated
• Worked 10 vac days
• Facilitated 5+ events
#BRIDGE
Pledge:
• Chamber *Five-a-side Tournament*
• *Future of Democracy* Panel
Accomplished:
• **ARRANGED Experts Debate** - Delivered *Successful* paper speech!
• **CONFIRMED 3 speakers:** Martin Tyler
• Interest from England Football Captain
• **ORGANISED** flagship OFQE Uyghur Event
Dedicated:
• Worked 10+ Vac Days
• JCR *Chair*
SECRETARY’S COMMITTEE

 **to assist with running social events and distributing publicity**

Shariq Haidery (*St Hugh’s College*)

**#ALTERNATIVE** PPESoc Head of Events. *will Wax body hair!*

Olya Kotova (Sponsorship Officer, *Exeter College*)

**#PROGRESS**

MSU: Ex-President Faculty SU, *Interviewed Jack Ma, Night School Co-Founder (200+ pupils)*, *Physicist, Archeress*, Got to be *Kot!*

Tanvi Kanchinadam (*St Peter’s College*)

**#BRIDGE**


Alfred Dry (*St John’s College*)

**#BRIDGE**

Head of School Council, *Ex-JCR Chair* and *Class Rep! DRAG Performer, Amateur DJ*. Don’t be *wet*, vote Alfred *DRY!*

Declan Nelson (*Merton College*)

**#BRIDGE**

**CONFIRMED** *Beto O’Rourke*. Head of School Debating Society, Mediocre Guitarist, HUGE RUGBY ENTHUSIAST. *What the heck*, vote for *Dec!*

Naman Gupta (*Merton College*)

**#PROGRESS**

UK Youth Parliament, *Co-President of Uni Access Charity!* *Treasurer of Major Subject Society*, Not voting for Gupta? *Na-man!*

Gracie Oddie-James (*Christ Church*)

**#BRIDGE**

Viral *Tik-Toker!* Educational *black activist*. Dedicated actress - *The Crown crew, Art historian, aspiring poet*. Vote the *Odd-ie* one in!
Arpan Kumar De (Green Templeton College)
Data scientist, Investment banker, Entrepreneur, Physicist, Photographer, Writer and Guitarist, Here to tell a story #VoteArpan

Isaac Powers (Keble College)

#BRIDGE
CONFIRMED JOE WICKS and interest from major Sports Star! Long-distance athlete, Senior Prefect, wannabe Jedi. POWERS to the Union!

Simran Gandhi (Sponsorship Officer, Jesus College)

#BRIDGE
Helped raise £2K in sponsorship. School Tournament debater. Speaks five languages! Student consultant. Sim-running for a better Union!

Charlie Mackintosh (Press Officer, New College)

#BRIDGE

František Ježek (Corpus Christi College)

#BRIDGE
SECRETARY-GENERAL of top-rated Czech MUN. Highly-rated translator. Alarm clock fanatic! Crazy about consulting. Mediocre golfer. A Frant-astic candidate!

Ștefan Aramă (St Edmund Hall)

#BRIDGE

Kate Zhu (Regent’s Park College)

#PROGRESS
Producer of HBO award winning film, Promoter of art across borders, Debater. Aim to understand, Hidden Jewel, Vote ZHU!
Eliza Dean (Christ Church)

#ALTERNATIVE

Christ Church JCR Secretary and College quiz team member, OSFL Social Secretary. Read my MANIFESTO and UNDERSTAND IT.

Ambika Sehgal (Lincoln College)

#BRIDGE

RAISED £6,000 for school fashion fundraiser. Failed driving test 6 times! Hospice volunteer. Microwave lover! Be Ambi-tious, vote Ambi-ka!

Emily Powell (Balliol College)

#BRIDGE

Co-founder of Impact Summit student conference. Rock at rock climbing! Nomadic coffee lover and cook. Gotta get Em in!

Rohan Oyewole (Ethnic Minorities Officer, Balliol College)

#PROGRESS

Ambassador for international organisation, National school athlete, School ACS co-chair, Winner-School Schroders prize, Rohan-man with a plan!

Kwabena Osei (Corpus Christi College)

#PROGRESS

Society Access Ambassador, Oxford Junior Lawyers Against Poverty Ambassador, Youth Vote Campaigner, Knife Crime Activist, Don’t delay, vote Osei!
ELECTORAL OFFICIALS

Daniel Dalland  
Coll. Beatae Mariae Magdalenae  
Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officers

Stanislas Lalanne, Ex-RO  
*St John’s*

Joe Sisson, Ex-RO  
*St John’s*

Dominic Brind, Ex-RO  
*Magdalen*

George Penny, Ex-RO  
*The Queen’s*

James Matthews, Ex-RO  
*Balliol*

Lachlann Hinley, Ex-RO  
*St John’s*

Eden Smith  
*Magdalen*

Jamie Bowden  
*Brasenose*

Adam Millard  
*Magdalen*

Maria Kostylew  
*Magdalen*

Henry Screaton  
*Magdalen*

Aurora Guerrini  
*Worcester*
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTORAL MALPRACTICE

Electoral Malpractice includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Making false or misleading claims intended to influence the election
- Bribery · Intimidation · Distributing physical campaign material
- Making slanderous or libellous statements about a candidate
- Impersonating another member when registering to vote
- Campaigning using any University e-mail system
- Creating websites or promotional videos
- Claiming to represent or be supported by any political, racial or religious group Candidates
- Marking manifesto booklets
- Hindering the Returning Officer or their Deputies
- Unauthorised access or attempted access to another’s personal electronic files

Any breach of this rule or complaint regarding the conduct of a Candidate in the election should be reported to the Returning Officer, via email ro@oxford-union.org.

Once again, the Oxford Union’s elections are happening via an online ballot. In order to vote, you must have registered by noon on Tuesday of 7th Week. The Electoral Officials will work hard to verify every registration and will contact any person who cannot be verified using the Society’s membership list as soon as possible to provide more information.

An online ballot form will be emailed to all eligible members who registered to vote at the opening of polls. **Polls will open at 9.30am on Thursday 4th March and close at 8.30pm on Friday 5th March.**

The voting system is Single Transferable 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.

Finally, please familiarise yourself with Rule 33 respecting electoral malpractice. A short summary of what constitutes electoral malpractice has been provided in this booklet.