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 dangerous or libellous statements about a candidate
- Using a vehicle to convey members to the Poll · 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

To see a complete list, please consult Rule 33, www.oxford-union.org or the Returning Officer.

Any breach of this rule or complaint regarding the conduct of a candidate in the election should be reported to the Returning Officer, at the Oxford Union.

If you have any queries about the election, please contact ro@oxford-union.org, or call 01865 241353

Oxford Union Elections

Poll Date: Friday, 29 November 2019

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.

For Example:

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<th>Candidate</th>
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<td>Gregory VII</td>
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<td>Celestine V</td>
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<td>Bondage VIII</td>
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<td>Re-Open Nominations</td>
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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 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 their primary control of an event, its inception and its 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 and its development, but not the contribution to inception that any organised claim requires.

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 / Overview / 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.

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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 Secretary 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-union.org).