Candidates’ Claims in Manifestos

allowing members to judge the relative merits of 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/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.

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.

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CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY’S COMMITTEE
to assist with running social events and distributing publicity

Benjamin Goodrick (Trinity College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#ThirdWay Library Committee, Over-enthusiastic speaker, Political Society Junior Officer, Careers Society Treasurer-Elect. Goodrick is the one you should pick!

Ahmed Imran (Hertford College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto


Zoe Heimann (St Anne’s College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Passionate Painter. Former competitive dancer. Fake scouser. The best out of the triplets. It is Zo-Easy to vote Heimann!

Oliver Hardman (Keble College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto


Dario Cowdery (Mansfield College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#ThirdWay
GF called me ‘moderately competent’. Secretary of small Oxford society. Awarded DofE bronze. Pls.vOtE FoR nIcE.gUy.

John Yap (Sponsorship Officer, Mansfield College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Coach: Beginners Squads! Assisted with Podcasts. World Schools Debater: Represented HK, China. Arranged Charity Debating Outreach. Yes, it’s Yap!

Benedict Yorston (Merton College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE ACTOR: Sherlock Holmes! Award-Winning Public Speaker. School Magazine Editor. Will dye hair ginger if elected! No Puns, Vote Yorston.
Clara Morrissey (Keble College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

Political Society Committee, Chorister, Mediocre Flautist! Senior Prefect, See What Happens When You Vote Morrissey!

Adi Kesaia Toganivalu (Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Westminster YOUTH COUNCIL, Agony Aunt for OxStu, Read to the elderly! Vote Toganivalu to Value You!

Joe Lawler (Pembroke College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

College Rowing Team Vice-Captain, Keen Greggs Enthusiast, Liverpool FC Employee, Vote for Lawler, it’s a Joe Brainer!

James Dugdale (Lady Margaret Hall) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

Assisted Hong Kong Podcast - Confirmed Speaker, Completed 10 Vacation Days, College Debater, Orchestra Trumpeter! We Will Prevail, Vote Dugdale!

Marcus Ray (Corpus Christi College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Interned for UN Official, Head Boy, Australian chauvinist, Jägerbomb enthusiast! Travels to obscure countries. A Ray a day!

Eddy Jones (New College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto


Ellen Welford (Exeter College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

Investment Access Charity Ambassador, School Management Competition Finalist.

Jasmine de Braganca (Brasenose College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

Goethe Institute German Debater, Talented Thespian, College Femsoc Committee Member.
Juan Davila (St John’s College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

Political Society Social Secretary, Head Boy, Tech Intern, Lead CERN Competition Team! Make Me Your No. Juan

Daniel Syed-Chaudhry (Sponsorship Officer, St Hilda’s College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

**HOPE:** Finance Director of CAPITOX, Consultant with OSG, Treasurer of Cultural Society. Bridge Fanatic! Side with SYED!

Anvee Bhutani (Logistics Officer, Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

CONFIRMED Jeb Bush and Steve Aoki, College Access Ambassador, Founded Education Non-Profit.

June-Ho Chung (Sponsorship Officer, St John’s College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Vice President of OFS, University Golfer, Social Sec of SJCAFC, Oxford University Orchestra Cellist! This June, Vote June-Ho!

Helen Hall (Balliol College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

ALTS College Ice Hockey Player, Convened Oxford Schools’ Round, Fresher College Medic Rep.

Alana Brown (Graduate Officer, Green Templeton College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

Invited 35+ Speakers, MBA, Co-Chair at Oxford Women’s Leadership Alliance, Cherwell Wealth Inequality Writer, California Native, Aspiring Maltipoo parent!

Parth Gosalia (Ex-Press Officer, Christ Church) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE School Vice-Captain. Invited Russian Ambassador. HELPED ARRANGE UN Debate. European Youth Parliament UK. Sailing. HOPE it’s the right Parth!

Katie Hearne (Worcester College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

Student Director of School MUN Soc, National Schools Gold Medallist Rower, Freshers JCR Rep.
Lily (Xueqi) Jiang (Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Mathematician! Kpop Dancer, Mandarin Debater. Founded school finance society. World traveller, origami fanatic. Don’t be silly, vote Lily!

Priya Garg (Somerville College) - Candidate for Secretary’s Committee - Short Manifesto

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Experience:
- Floor Speech (2nd Prize)
- Access/Outreach (Volunteer)
- MCR/BCL Representative

Mission:
Union FOR international students/graduates/alumni
CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE
Members of the Society’s governing body, to assist the Officers and plan social events

Alex Warr (Director of Sponsorship, St Anne’s College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

- EX-PRESIDENT of a Large Cultural Society
- COMPETITIVE SPORTSMAN - Dark Blues Athlete!
- CONTACTED OVER 60 FIRMS TO SPONSOR YOUR UNION
- HELPED ARRANGE Tech Debate, INVITED OVER 60 SPEAKERS!

HOPE for VISION:

- DEBATING: More Speaking Skills Workshops
Julia Hussain (Ex-Deputy Returning Officer, The Queen’s College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

● PRESIDENT of LARGEST UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SOCIETY
● ORGANISED Livestreamed Interviews: Nicky Morgan, Edwina Currie, Andrea Leadsom, Chairs of Select Committees!
● ARRANGED a 2019 Election Three Party Debate

HOPE for VISION:

● TIGER KING Panel, Debate Suggestions
Sonya Ribner (Ex-Elected Member of Secretary’s Committee, Magdalen College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED
- CONFIRMED Sir Laurie Bristow
- HELPED ARRANGE Putin Podcast
- INTEREST from Retired Boxer
- INVITED 30+ speakers - Transformers Actress

EXPERIENCED
- COMPLETED 9 Vacation Days
- District Environmental Affairs Intern
Thea Drinkall (Ex-Elected Member of Secretary’s Committee, Hertford College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- HELPED ARRANGE Comedy Podcast
- INTEREST from Refugee MP
- WROTE QUESTIONS for *Harry Potter Actress*

EXPERIENCED

- College Politics & Economics Society Committee
- College Netball Social Secretary
- School MUN Co-President
# HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

*ONLY STANDING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE TO:*

- BE SECRETARY on TWO Committees
- SERVE on Finance Committee & Library Committee
- ATTEND EVERY TT20 Access Committee

HOPE for VISION:

- DEBATING: BIGGER After Debates
- SPEAKERS: Multiple Olympic Gold Medalist - *ALREADY INTERESTED!*
Viren Shetty (Secretary’s Committee, Christ Church) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

- WORKED 20+ Vac Days
- CONFIRMED Daniel Sturridge, Leading Indian Opposition Figure
- DELIVERED Winning Paper Speech: Feminism Debate
- BAME REP: Christ Church JCR

HOPE for VISION:

- PANEL: British Asian Voices
Henry (Qifeng) He (Secretary’s Commitee, Magdalen College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

- CONFIRMED: David Baltimore
- INTEREST FROM: Interpol Head, Senate Leader, Chinese NBA Player, UK CHANCELLOR!
- VICE PRESIDENT: Large Cultural Society
- JOINT SECRETARY GENERAL: School MUN

HOPE for VISION:

- EVENTS: UK-China Panel
- DIVERSITY: Multilingual Captions
#HOPE

HOPE for SPEAKERS:

- **CONFIRMED 5 Speakers**: Loretta Lynch, *Linda Sarsour*
- **INTEREST FROM** Former NSA Chief, *Former Economist Editor*
- **HELPED ARRANGE** Love Island Debate, Chefs Roundtable
- **INVITED** 115+ Speakers - APPOINTED OF THE VAC!

HOPE for VISION:

- **EVENTS**: Domestic Violence Panel
Joseph Brian Murphy (St Anne’s College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED
- JCR PRESIDENT
- NEGOTIATING accommodation RENT
- PASSED motion to introduce JCR Stash Rep

EXPERIENCED
- COORDINATED JCR committee online transition
- OVERSEE JCR committee of 25+ people
- CO-ARRANGED College Freshers’ Week
George Beglan (Mansfield College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#ThirdWay

Experience:

- ONLY STANDING COMMITTEE candidate also Secretary in another Oxford Political Society.
- ONLY STANDING COMMITTEE candidate holding position of executive responsibility in an Oxford Diplomatic Society.

Reform nominations: access for all members.
Molly Mantle (Secretary’s Committee, St Hugh’s College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED
- CONCEIVED of ACCESS HANDBOOK
- CONFIRMED 3 Speakers: Jane Goodall, Amy Hart
- HELPED ARRANGE 3 Events: Love Island Podcast
- INTEREST - Civil Rights Activist

EXPERIENCED
- COMPLETED 17.5 Vacation Days
- Ex-LGBTQIA+ Officer
- Secretary Committee’s Secretary

VISION
- IMPROVE SPEAKER DIVERSITY: LGBTQIA+ Panel
Josh Wallace (Secretary’s Committee, Jesus College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED
- CONFIRMED Brendan Rodgers, Sam Allardyce
- HELPED ARRANGE Afghanistan Podcast
- DELIVERED Paper Speech: Decade Debate

EXPERIENCED
- COMPLETED 21 Vacation Days
- FACILITATED 8 Events
- Ex-Logistics Officer

VISION
- IMPROVE FACILITIES: SkySports, Revamp Snooker Tables
Zeus Chen (Secretary’s Committee, Mansfield College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

DEDICATED
- Entrepreneur
- *Strategy* Consultant

WON
- *St. George’s Award*
- *Oxford Union* Internal *Debating* Competition

DISTINGUISHED
- *Admissions* Ambassador, Oxford MBA
- Panellist, Oxford *Young Leaders Roundtable*
- *Member*, OUSSG at *All Souls College*

VETERAN
- Naval Machine *Gun Captain*
- Investment *Banker*

VISION
- *STRENGTHEN Alumni Engagement!*
CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY
with responsibility for the term’s social events and for minuting Standing Committee Meetings

Adam Roble (Standing Committee, St Edmund Hall) - Candidate for Secretary -
Short Manifesto

#HOPE

ONLY SECRETARY CANDIDATE TO PASS ACCESS REFORM, HELP RAISE
MONEY, SECURE TREASURER’S TREATS, COMPETITIVELY DEBATE

HOPE for EXPERIENCES:

- HELPED ARRANGE Comedy Podcast, Empire Debate - INVITED 90+ Speakers
- HELPED RAISE £30,000+
- NEGOTIATING $140,000 Contract

HOPE for REFORM:

- FACILITATED Oxford Schools, Oxford IV - WORKED FOR UK’S LARGEST
DEBATING CHARITY
- WORKED 28 Vacation Days
- ELECTED to 6 Committees - MORE...

... THAN ANY OTHER SECRETARY CANDIDATE

HOPE for VISION:

- EXPERIENCES: Open Mic Night
- REFORM: Black History Month Panel, State School Outreach
CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER-ELECT
with responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and for buildings maintenance

Tamzin Lent (Standing Committee, St Peter’s College) - Candidate for Treasurer-Elect - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

CONFIRMED MORE SPEAKERS, ORGANISED MORE PANELS, SECURED MORE TREASURER’S TREATS FOR YOUR UNION THAN ANY OTHER TREASURER CANDIDATE

HOPE for SPEAKER DIVERSITY:

- CONFIRMED 8 Speakers: Booker Prize Winner, PEGGY GOU!
- ORGANISED 2 Panels: Holocaust Memorial, Literature
- INTEREST FROM 10+ speakers: Harry Potter actor, CHART-TOPPING ARTISTS

HOPE for EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP:

- SECURED Treasurer’s Treats: Opera Café, Côte Brasserie!
- PASSED Reform to make Union MORE ACCESSIBLE
- FOUNDED Student Safety BUSINESS

HOPE for VISION:

- SBS Engagement, Networking Events
- Food Stalls in Courtyard!
Douglas 'Doug' Rebanks Huang (St Catherine’s College) - Candidate for Librarian-Elect - Short Manifesto

No more in-fighting: Elect someone who has the skills and neutrality to shepherd the library

EXPERIENCED:
● PhD in Systems Management, with focus on Librarianship
● Social Science Master’s Degree
● 2 years as a professional librarian
● Managed 5+ staff
● Experience in staff discipline
● Led forum for ethnic minorities

INDEPENDENT
● Politically independent—I’ve been out the country for 3 years!
● Never held any position in the Union
Chengkai Xie (Ex-Secretary, Brasenose College) - Candidate for Librarian-Elect
- Short Manifesto

#HOPE

CONFIRMED MORE SPEAKERS, ARRANGED MORE DEBATES & PUB QUIZ SOCIALS, RAISED MORE MONEY THAN ANY LIBRARIAN CANDIDATE

HOPE for SPEAKER DIVERSITY:

- **CONFIRMED 9 speakers**: Former President of Taiwan, North Korean defectors, Government Ministers
- **ARRANGED NO CONFIDENCE, Billionaires Debates**
- **ARRANGED Theresa May Reception**

HOPE for MEMBER EMPOWERMENT:

- **SECURED Treasurer’s Treats** - RAISED £3,700+ SPONSORSHIP
- **ENGAGED** Cultural Societies

ONLY LIBRARIAN CANDIDATE TO DELIVER ON PROMISES

HOPE for VISION:

- **DEMOCRATISED EVENTS**: Member Suggestions for Events, Speakers
- **INTERACTIVE EVENTS**: Concerts, Screenings in the Chamber
CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT
with overall responsibility for the Society and for arranging its debates

Jack Solomon (Treasurer, St Peter’s College) - Candidate for President-Elect - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HELPED RAISE MORE MONEY, ARRANGED MORE TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIVE DEBATES, BROUGHT MORE BAME SPEAKERS TO THE UNION THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

HOPE for BETTER EVENTS:

- ARRANGED Holocaust Memorial, Prison Reform Panels & Refugee, Tech, No Platforming Debates
- CONFIRMED Syrian Women’s Activist, Alfred Enoch, more!
- HELPED RAISE £450,000+, SECURED Treasurer’s Treats

HOPE for DEBATE:

- COACHED ALL Debating Squads – ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO DEbate INTERNATIONALLY
- CO-CONVENED Oxford IV – RUN MORE TOURNAMENTS THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE!

HOPE for REFORM:

- HOSTED State School Workshops - ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO DO STATE SCHOOL DEBATING WORKSHOPS
- HELPED PRODUCE Access Handbook - PASSED MORE DISCIPLINARY REFORMS THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
- CREATED Oxford Union App - ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO SERVE ON APPOINTED COMMITTEE

HOPE for VISION:

- EVENTS: Collaboration with Other Societies
- DEBATING: More Online Squads, Tournaments
- OUTREACH: SBS-Union Consulting Project
- MODERNISE: Digital Membership Card!