

CANDIDATE BRIEFING 2019

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Welcome

- Congratulations
- What Next?

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Campaigning Rules and Regs

- Declare all online material
- Be careful when commenting on other candidates
- Abide by:
 - SU Constitution and Bye-Laws
 - University Regulations
 - The Law
 - Do not endanger others

Campaign Planning

- Gather together a campaign team
- Slates must submit one together (9pm, Monday 25th Feb)
- Meet to plan your campaign
- DO NOT Campaign until after this meeting.
- Spend your allocated money
- Bring receipts to me after election
- DO NOT spend your own money

Brand Use

- Do not use SU logo on election material
- Candidates can use other brand assets where they have obtained endorsement of a student group. This includes the Northampton Student Sport logo.

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Endorsements

- The following wording must also appear no more than 1cm from the asset, in a font no smaller than 11pt

<FULL CLUB OR SOCIETY NAME> ENDORSE
<CANDIDATE NAME>

E.G. CHEERLEADING CLUB ENDORSE ROGER
WESTON

- This wording must appear alongside all sports and society endorsements regardless of the logo owner

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Link

- [northampton**union**.com/elections](https://northamptonunion.com/elections)

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Campaigning Rules and Regs

- Brief your own campaign team
- Do not use the SU website (Student Groups)
- No accessing halls of residence
- Adhere to the exclusion zones at Waterside and Avenue
- No canvassing in any SU meetings
- Canvassing is now permitted at SU Student Group training/events/meetings
- No adhering flyers of posters to walls/doors on campus
- Remove your campaign materials!
- Recycle them where possible.

Question Time

Rules and Regs

- Attendance at both is compulsory
- 2 minute speech (only refer to your own campaign)
- Questions from the floor
- Only to refer to opponents and their manifestos when addressing matters of fact (can cross-reference your campaign with others where relevant)

ANY QUESTIONS?

Voting

- All voting will be online
- Polling stations in:
 - Ground floor of Waterside Learning Hub
 - Avenue SU
- Transferable voting...

Voting



Candidate Name	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
Candidate 1	257			
Candidate 2	312			
Candidate 3	584			
Candidate 4	104			

ELIMINATED

TOTAL VOTES: 1257

QUOTA: 629

Voting



Candidate Name	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
Candidate 1	257	277		
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Candidate 2	312	390		
Candidate 3	584	590		
RON	104			
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Candidate 2	312	390	600	
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Candidate 3	584	590	657	
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ELECTED

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Appeals

- Returning Officer (member of NUS staff) makes final decision based on their interpretation
- Requests for explanations through DRO
- Investigation by RO
- DRO can impose the following sanctions
 - Verbal/Written warning
 - Fine on campaigning budget
 - Restrict publicity allowance
 - Disqualify candidate
 - Take any other action they see fit

Appeals

- DRO Decision
 - Must do so within 48 hours/1 hour of ballot opening (whichever is sooner)
 - Appeals must be directed to the RO
 - All rulings will be posted to the SU website, please consult this regularly.
- Validity of Election
 - 72 hours after polling closes (Friday 8th, 6pm)

Recent Changes

- Sponsorship
 - Immediate family (Parents, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Children, Grandchildren etc)
- Clubs and Socs
 - Endorsing Candidates
 - No direct e-mailing/texting of members (Inappropriate use of data)
 - Speaking at meetings/training/events
- Polling closing overnight
- Shortened voting period
- No lecture shouts

Other Items

- Students employed by the University
- DRO Interpretations page

Questions?

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