

Regulation 3 - Candidate Regulations

Candidate Eligibility

	Position	To Stand	Elected in	To Vote
Sabbatical Officers	All Sabbatical Positions	A full member not disqualified from being a charity trustee and not dismissed for gross misconduct as an SU employee or Officer. If a member is under a full precautionary suspension then they may be disqualified from standing by the Returning Officer.	Spring	A full member
Part-Time Officers	Ethnic Minorities Officer	A full member who self-defines as black or as a member of an ethnic minority	Spring	A full member who self-defines as black or as a member of an ethnic minority
	Disabled Students' Officer	A full member who self-defines as a student with a disability	Spring	A full member who self-defines as a student with a disability
	Women's Officer	A full member who self-defines as a woman	Spring	A full member who self-defines as a woman
	LGBTUA + Officer	A full member who self-defines as LGBTUA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans*, Undefined, Asexual/Aromantic) or defines in a way that makes them vulnerable to similar prejudice/discrimination	Spring	A full member who self-defines as LGBTUA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans*, Undefined, Asexual/Aromantic) or defines in a way that makes them vulnerable to similar prejudice/discrimination
	Trans Students' Officer	A full member who self-defines as Trans	Spring	A full member who self-defines as trans
	Environment and Ethics Officer	A full member	Spring	A full member
	Part-Time and Mature Students' Officer	A full member who is a part-time student or a mature student	Autumn	A full member who is a part-time student or a mature student

	International Students' Officer (EU)	A full member who is an International Student from a country within the EU	Autumn	A full member who is an International Student from a country within the EU
	International Students' Officer (Non-EU)	A full member who is an International Student from a country outside of the EU	Autumn	A full member who is an International Student from a country outside of the EU
	Faculty Representatives	A registered student in the relevant Faculty	UG and PGR in Spring, Foundation, Taught Medical and PGT in Autumn	A registered student in the relevant Faculty
	Course Representatives	As defined by the SSLC	As defined by the SSLC	As defined by the SSLC
Student Execs	Democracy Exec Members (6 elected)	A full member	Autumn	A full member
	Education Exec Members (4 elected)	A full member	Autumn	A full member
	Development Exec Members (6 elected)	A full member	Autumn	A full member
	Postgraduate Exec Members – Taught (2 elected)	A full member who is a Postgraduate student on a Taught course	Autumn	A full member who is a Postgraduate student on a Taught course
	Postgraduate Exec Members – Research (2 elected)	A full member who is a Postgraduate student on a Research course	Autumn	A full member who is a Postgraduate student on a Research course
	Societies Exec Members (8 elected)	A standard member of the Societies Federation	Autumn	A standard member of the Societies Federation
	Sports Exec Members (8 elected)	A standard member of the Sports Federation	Autumn	A standard member of the Sports Federation
	Welfare Exec Members (6 elected)	A full member	Autumn	A full member
NUS Delegates	Reserved places	A full member who self-defines as a member of the reserved group	Spring	A full member
	Open places	A full member	Spring	A full member
Trustees	Student Trustees	A full member eligible to be a trustee and nominated by the Search and Nominations Committee		A voting member of Student Council
	External Trustees	A non-member of the SU eligible to be a trustee		A member of the Search and Nominations Committee
Student Council	Chair of Council	A full member	Summer	A voting member of the 'Super Council' – Student Council and All Exec Members
	Deputy Chair of Council	A full member	Summer	A voting member of the 'Super Council' – Student Council and All Exec Members

Briefing

1. All candidates will attend the compulsory Candidate Briefing. Candidates who cannot attend must make other arrangements with the Democracy and Development Officer. If candidates do not they will receive a £5 deduction from their deposit.
2. Candidates will be given access to the Union's governing documents, Candidate Regulations and the annual Elections Candidate Guide

Campaigning and Publicity

1. No campaigning is allowed before the published beginning of the campaigning period.
2. Candidates must not claim the support of any recognised SU Club or Society.
3. Candidates cannot claim the support of a current or past SU Club or Society Exec positions or members of University Staff, by reference to that position.
4. Candidates may refer to positions they hold or have held themselves.
5. SU Officers may not use resources available to them as a result of the office they hold to support a candidate or their own campaign.
6. Candidates may not make use of privileges gained through being an employee of the SU or University.
7. Candidates may declare a political affiliation in their candidate manifesto or publicity.
8. No member may promote Re-Open Nominations as a candidate.
9. No member may promote the method of false self-definition of students for the purpose of interfering with an election.
10. No candidate may engage in negative campaigning.
11. No candidate may use excessive external support or campaigners in their campaign (external meaning non-Warwick students).
12. All publicity must be printed by Warwick SU (via reception).
13. All publicity restrictions will be made available to candidates.
14. The display and distribution of publicity off-campus is subject to local council By-laws.
15. Publicity may not be placed over publicity of other candidates or campaigns.
16. No candidate or campaign may misuse existing SU publicity.
17. The production of any campaign videos must be carried out responsibly.
18. Private vehicles may not be used to promote a campaign.
19. No candidate or campaign group may use their personal or University account to promote their candidacy or campaign.

Candidate Question Time

1. The Chair of Council will be given first refusal to Chair the Candidate Question Time.
2. All Candidates for each Sabbatical Position will be given equal opportunity to speak.
3. The format of the Question Time will be decided by the Democracy and Development Officer and Democracy Exec and will be publicised at the candidate briefing.
4. Provisions will be made for members of the SU to put questions to the candidates.
5. The Chair of the Questions Time and Democracy and Development Officer will vet the questions submitted prior to the meeting.
6. A question will not be asked, or will be dismissed at the physical meeting, if:
 - a) it contravenes By-Law 11 Equal Opportunities
 - b) it is personally intimidating or deemed irrelevant
 - c) if that question, or a similar one, has already been asked
 - d) it breaches the Staff Student Protocol .

7. Any candidate unable or unwilling to participate may submit a written statement to be read out on their behalf by the Chair of the Question Time.

Finance

1. The Democracy and Development Officer will ensure an adequate amount of money is available for the use of candidates.
2. Candidates will work within the budget set by the Democracy and Development Officer.
3. All candidates will declare their expenses: both predicted, at the beginning of the elections week, and final, which allows them to be reimbursed.
4. All materials bought, hired or otherwise obtained must be declared when claiming campaign expenses, with the exception of:
 - a) materials used to affix publicity
 - b) pens, pencils, paint and drawing material
 - c) any materials freely obtained and freely available to the opposing candidates or groups.
5. All web hosting, domain costs or other related costs must be declared as expenses.
6. All Candidate Expenses must be submitted by the

deadline

Students with Disabilities

1. The SU recognises that disability comes in many forms and may often prove to be a barrier to a fair election process.
2. Candidates will be encouraged to declare their disability, confidentially, on the nomination form for election
3. The Democracy and Development Officer will conduct a meeting with the candidate and the Welfare and Campaigns Officer or a relevant member of SU Staff to conduct an impact assessment on the elections and campaigns process with relation to the candidate's disability.
4. Any agreed changes to the elections or campaigns process will be circulated to candidates contesting the election.
5. Any changes to the Elections Regulations made as a result of the impact assessment will be approved by the Adjudication Panel.

Student Media

1. Student Media may facilitate the expression of opinions of a candidate or the general student body as long as all candidates are represented equally and fairly.
2. If any Media Society requires clarification on their commentary of the elections period or candidates they are advised to contact the Democracy and Development Officer.
3. Misconduct by Student Media Societies can be reported to the Elections Adjudication Panel.
4. Student Media Societies are held responsible for their actions by an appropriate Sabbatical Officer and the relevant Societies Coordinator(s).