



## ANY QUESTIONS?

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# HUSTINGS RULES

## Candidate Rules

1. At the beginning, all candidates will be asked to make an opening pitch lasting no longer than 60 seconds. The moderator will interrupt anyone who runs over time.
2. Answers to questions may take no more than 30 seconds. The moderator will interrupt anyone who runs over time.
3. In all cases, the speaking order of candidates has been put together to make sure every candidate is treated fairly and equitably. Please do not speak until you are asked to by the moderator. Please try to speak with clarity because you will not be allowed to repeat if you are not heard.
4. No personal attacks on other candidates, voters, Union staff or University staff are permitted. No candidate may make judgements about the value of another candidate as a prospective officer. This includes any personal attack on incumbent Officers, regardless of whether they are running for election. Any and all criticism must be measured, relevant to the subject at hand, respectful of individuals and constructive. If in doubt, leave it out!
5. Under no circumstances will any commentary that is deemed prejudiced – this includes (but is not necessarily limited to) any criticism on the grounds of race, age, sex or gender identity/expression, pregnancy, maternity or paternity, religious belief, sexual orientation or disability – be permitted.
6. Candidates remain bound by all normal election, Union and University rules as normal.

7. We reserve the right to censure or remove a candidate from the hustings for the persistent or gross violation of these rules. Violation of any of these rules may constitute a disciplinary offence under the election regulations at the discretion of the Deputy Returning Officer's interpretative power (which is in turn subject to review by the Returning Officer). Violation of some of these rules may further constitute a disciplinary offence under The Union's Membership Code of Conduct, or a violation of the terms of use of The Union building.
8. Immediate complaints regarding the conduct of another candidate should be raised at the event with the moderator or the Deputy Returning Officer in a non-disruptive fashion. Formal complaints about the conduct of another candidate or campaigner should be made in writing to the Deputy Returning Officer, Lisa Burton [l.burton@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:l.burton@mmu.ac.uk)

## Audience Rules

1. Please be respectful of all candidates. This is a free and fair election, and everyone deserves their chance to say their piece. Please do not attempt to disrupt any presentation or answers, even in a supportive way!
2. Under no circumstances will any commentary or question that is deemed prejudiced – this includes (but is not necessarily limited to) any criticism on the grounds of race, age, sex or gender identity/expression, pregnancy, maternity or paternity, religious belief, sexual orientation or disability – be permitted.
3. Questions may take no longer than 20 seconds. Please be quick and to the point so we can get through as many as possible! The moderator will interrupt anyone who runs over time.
4. We reserve the right to censure or remove an audience member from the hustings for the persistent or gross violation of these rules. Violation of these rules may constitute a disciplinary offence under the election regulations at the discretion of the Deputy Returning Officer's interpretative power.
5. Audience members remain bound by all normal election, Union and University rules as normal.
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