

# St Cuthbert's Society JCR

## Article 1 Method II Election Rules



### 1. Method II Election Rules

#### 1.1. Eligibility to Run in a Method II Election

- 1.1.1. You are eligible to run for a Method II position if you meet the following criteria:
- 1) You are a Full Member of St Cuthbert's Society Junior Common Room (JCR), and will be for the duration of the term of office of the position you are running for.
- 1.1.2. Should winning the election result in you holding a Method I and a Method II position simultaneously, or more than two JCR positions (Method II, II, or III) simultaneously, a resignation from previous position(s) causing the conflict shall be automatic upon success.
- 1.1.2.1. A person may, however, hold the position of Senior Freshers' Week Rep at the same time as another position during the Easter Term following their election.
- 1.1.2.2. The position of Volunteer Librarian shall be an exception to this.

#### 1.2. Applying for a Method II Position and Meeting Procedure

##### 1.2.1. Application and Election Materials

- 1.2.1.1. To run in the election, candidates must nominate themselves to the SRO at any point prior to the hustings.
- 1.2.1.2. No other materials may be used in a Method II Election.

##### 1.2.2. Hustings for Method II Positions

- 1.2.2.1. Hustings shall be held in a JCR Meeting.
- 1.2.2.2. All candidates for Method II positions may hust for a maximum of one minute, unless the SRO deems otherwise for accessibility reasons. The new length of hust shall be at the SRO's discretion.
- 1.2.2.3. During their hustings, candidates are forbidden from:
- 1) Offering any bribes or exchange of value for votes,
  - 2) Personally attacking a current or previous JCR Member,
  - 3) Campaigning for Reopen Nominations,

- 4) Associating or affiliating with any member of Governance Committee, the Executive Committee, or the incumbent, and
  - 5) Any action or phrase that the SRO deems as negative campaigning.
- 1.2.2.4. If a candidate is running in absentia, the candidate's speech will be read by a member of Governance Committee.
- 1.2.2.5. There shall be an opportunity for candidates to be asked questions by meeting attendees on their hustings, manifestos, and any other relevant topic after all the candidates have husted.
- 1.2.2.5.1. Questions must not be aimed at a specific candidate, and must be answerable by all candidates.
  - 1.2.2.5.2. Any questions deemed inappropriate shall be declined by the SRO.
  - 1.2.2.5.3. If a candidate is running in absentia, no questions shall be asked to any candidate in that election.
  - 1.2.2.5.4. Candidates shall give their answers in alphabetical order by surname. For each successive question, the order shall shift up by one (i.e. first respondent becomes last respondent, second respondent becomes first etc.)

### **1.2.3. Campaigning**

- 1.2.3.1. Campaigning is only permitted via word of mouth (canvassing) from up to 24 hours before the husting takes place.

## **1.3. Voting Procedure**

- 1.3.1. After hustings and questions have concluded all candidates will be taken out of the room by a member of Governance Committee.
- 1.3.2. Attendees of the JCR Meeting shall be asked to close their eyes and vote for their preferred candidate(s) by raising their hand.
- 1.3.3. Attendees shall be given the option to Reopen Nominations and to abstain.
- 1.3.4. Votes shall be counted by the SRO and the JCR Chair.
- 1.3.5. The result of the election shall be declared by the SRO immediately after the conclusion of voting.