

President Elections 2022

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Student Staff Liaison Committees (Exeter) or Student Staff Liaison Groups (Falmouth)

As a Representative SSLC/G you can have a large influence on campus. Endorsing a candidate means that as a student Committee/Group, you believe they would be the best candidate for the role, and your Committee/Group supports what they are standing for (their manifesto). What this means in principle is you can use your public platforms to openly support the candidate. This endorsement process is the perfect chance to get your Committee/Group involved in the running of your Students' Union.

We suggest that you notify the Chair to add this to the agenda or request 5 minutes at the end of the meeting to hold a vote.

Endorsements must take place in SSLC/G owned social media spaces i.e., Facebook pages, and in official means of SSLC/G communication i.e., emails or newsletters. This means no private group chat functionality should be used or setup for the use of endorsement or campaigning.

You may tell students you represent the information that your SSLC/G has voted to endorse X candidate for X position within such private communication spaces, but you must not endorse or campaign on that candidate's behalf within private group chat spaces.

You may write a testimonial or statement from your SSLC/G that the candidate can use in their campaign. This may be useful if your SSLC/G wished to endorse a candidate but does not have any public social media spaces.

Any breach of this information or process, could result in an investigation against the group and candidate. Any SSLC/G endorsing a candidate, should also review the Elections rules found on the SU website

So, what do you need to do?

1. Decide if as a group, you want to consider endorsing any candidates -if you don't, then you can ignore this process.
2. You must not endorse until candidates have been formally announced (Monday 24th February) and you can read all candidate manifestos, which can be found on the Students' Union website.
3. Between the 24th February and 28th February, the endorsing process can occur. You must hold an online democratic meeting with your committee/group to discuss if/who you endorse. This can be done within an SSLC/G meeting. You can only endorse one candidate per position.
4. Only STUDENT representative members of the SSLC/G can take part in the vote. Staff must remain impartial as per our election rules and guidance.
5. There must be a majority agreement of the committee/group. If a candidate(s) is/are part of the committee/group, the decision should be made without the presence or influence of the candidate(s) in question. To vote in a virtual meeting, the candidate/s would need to leave the meeting and a vote should be done verbally or with the hands-up function.
6. Send details of the voting method used and your results to elections@thesu.org.uk including a date, a register list, and the results; you should do this even if you have decided not to endorse anyone as a result of your vote. All information must be sent in by 28th February to be checked, and confirmed by the Elections team.
7. Public announcements of endorsements cannot begin until official campaigning begins, which is the Thursday 24th February at 12 midday, but also until you have a response from the Elections team confirming the above information.
8. Endorsements, as per our Elections Rules, can only use digital means as no physical campaigning is allowed due to lockdown rules.
9. If you have any queries or wish to check anything before publishing / sending, please contact elections@thesu.org.uk