



By-Law: Elections Committee

This By-Law describes the remit of the elections committee at the GSA.

1. Introduction

1.1. Interpretation

This By-Law shall be subject at all times to the provisions of the Articles and shall be read in conjunction therewith.

1.2. Alterations of the By-Law

These By-Laws shall be amended from time to time by Association Council by a two-thirds majority.

2. Purpose

The Elections Committee are responsible for advising and leading in the area of elections, for the GSA. Members of the Committee may not stand in the GSA Elections in the same academic year nor endorse or support any candidate. The Elections Committee will:

- 2.1. Advise and lead the elections area of the GSA
- 2.2. Run events and activities to increase candidate and voter turn-out and engagement
- 2.3. Make decisions on the structure and process of elections
- 2.4. Support in the delivery of questions to candidates
- 2.5. Support in creating marketing materials
- 2.6. Attend relevant training and meetings.

3. Positions

The Elections Committee shall consist of:

3.1. Chair

This role oversees the work of the elections and plays a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth running of elections. They work closely and advise the Deputy Returning Officer on all election matters.

3.2. Deputy Chair

The Deputy Chair supports the Chair in their work and deputises for them if needed. They work closely with the Chair to make sure that the elections are successful.

3.3. Secretary

The Secretary supports the committee with any administrative needs as well as supporting other committee members with the organisation of any events or activities for elections.

3.4. Communications Officer

This role helps support the marketing of elections and implementing ways to get students informed and involved with elections. They work closely with the GSA Communications and Design Coordinator.

3.5. Wellbeing Officer

The focus of this role is to suggest and help implement strategies to support candidates during the election period. They are also responsible for creating plans to ensure that the elections represent the diverse postgraduate student population at the University of York.

3.6. Returning Officer

The role of the Returning Officer is detailed in the By-Law Elections Rules and Regulations.

3.7. Deputy Returning Officer, GSA Representation and Democracy Coordinator

The role of the Deputy Returning Officer is detailed in the By-Law Election Rules and Regulations.

3.8. GSA Communications and Design Coordinator

The GSA Communications Coordinator oversees the marketing of elections.

4. Appointment Process

- 4.1. The Elections Committee shall be appointed to their respective positions at the start of each academic year through an interview process conducted by the GSA.