



UNDEB ABERYSTWYTH

All Student Vote Briefing

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Your ASV Team

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What is an All-Student Vote?

An 'All Student Vote' is a ballot in which all members of Undeb Aberystwyth are entitled to cast a vote. A motion may only be passed by an All Student Vote if at least 500 Ordinary Members cast a vote in the All Student Vote and a simple majority of the votes cast are in favour of the motion.



All Student Vote:

- 13.1 An All Student Vote may be called on any issue by any one of:
- a) a motion passed by a majority of the Trustee Board;
 - b) a majority vote of a Senedd Meeting, Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting
 - c) a secure petition of 250 ordinary members (including student number) submitted to the Chair of Trustees.
- 13.2 Subject to Clause 12.2 and 14.5, a motion may only be passed by an All Student Vote if at least 500 Ordinary Members cast a vote in the All Student Vote and a simple majority of the votes cast are in favour of the motion.
- 13.3 An All Student Vote shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and Schedule 1.4.



Key Dates:

All Student Vote

- **All Student Meeting** - 5pm, Thursday 19th February
- **Deadline for sending voting platform statements (150 words) for ballot to comms for translation:** Monday 23rd February 12pm
- **Campaigning period following appointment of agents:** February 23rd – March 6th
- **Voting Opens** – 10am, Monday 2nd March
- **Voting Closes** – 12pm, Friday 6th March
- **Complaints Deadline** – 1pm, Friday 6th March
- **Results (via website)** – 3pm Friday 6th March

Motion going to vote:

“Should Undeb Aber work with the University to stop selling Costa Coffee products in the University run “Coffi Cwtch” in the Students’ Union building and instead use a Welsh coffee product supplier?”



Campaign Teams

It is possible for each option of an All Student Vote to have a campaign team. If you would like to campaign on any option then there will be a chance to self-organise at the end of this meeting.

Rules and all key information is available online at:
<https://www.abersu.co.uk/changeaber/allstudentvote/>

Each team must choose a named lead. The lead should email Jacob at jaw151@aber.ac.uk



Campaign Statement

Each proposal lead should send a 150-word statement to elestaff@aber.ac.uk by 12pm on Monday 23rd February explaining why students should vote for their proposal. This statement will be visible on the SU voting platform when students cast their votes.



All Student Vote Rules



The Rules – Campaigns Teams

- **Campaigns Team** = Campaigners who actively work to encourage students to vote in favour or against a motion
- **Campaigner** = Someone who would be reasonable thought to be acting in to support or oppose a motion
- **Campaigning** = Work in an organised and active way towards a particular goal; for or against a motion

Agents are responsible for the actions of their campaigners



Publicity on campus

- Do not block or reduce visibility of pedestrians near roads
- Do not block fire exits or doorways
- Posters in the SU are [broadly] fine – do not use selotape
- Leaflets can be left on tables but may be removed
- No staff on duty can wear promotional materials
- If in doubt always ask



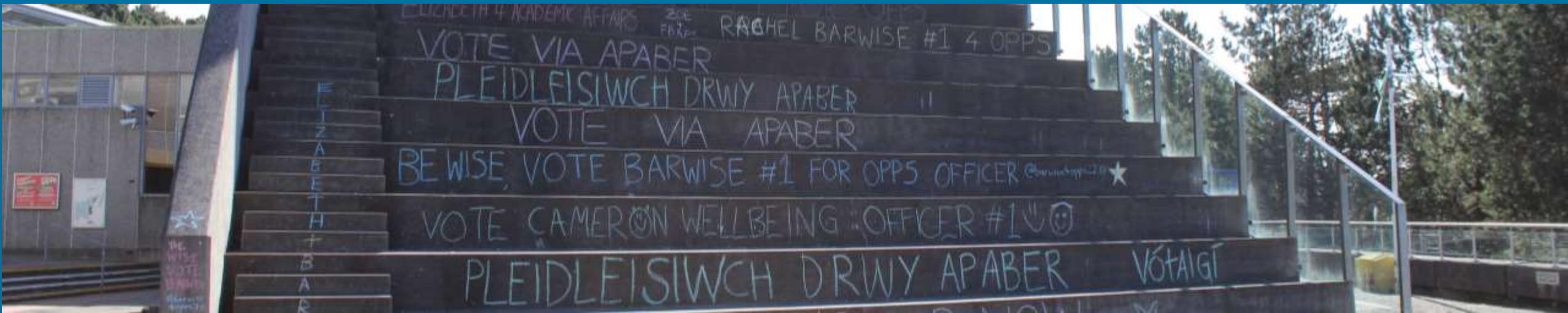
The Rules – What **not** to do

- × Produce offensive or defamatory publicity.
- × Prevent the free and confidential exercise of a vote by voters, including the improper use of devices.
- × Compromise or interfere with the integrity of the election.
- × Cast a vote on another person's behalf



The Rules – What **not** to do

- × **Use University or Students' Union resources** including email lists (except where explicitly permitted by the Deputy Returning Officer).
- × **Deface, tamper or interfere** with another campaign team's publicity.
- × **Bribe** voters or All Student Vote officials.
- × **Threaten or harass** voters or All Student Vote officials.





The Rules – Please note

- Only Students can campaign –
 - No local people, businesses, or activist groups
- Clubs and socs can't endorse
- Full Time Officers must take leave if they wish to campaign during this All-Student Vote



Complaints



Complaints

- Must be submitted using the complaints form on the elections pages of the SU website. We **CANNOT** accept complaints in person.
- If necessary the DRO will investigate to obtain further evidence.
- The RO (NUS Elections Support Service) will rule upon complaints.
- Can't count votes until all complaints and appeals have been dealt with.
- Complaints must be **timely** and in **good faith** – deadline for all complaints is **1pm, 6th March**.



Appeals

- Must be submitted using the appeals form on the elections pages of the SU website. We **CANNOT** accept appeals in person.
- Only the campaign lead or team in receipt of a penalty can appeal.
- Must specifically state the ground on which the appeal is being made.
- Must be submitted no later than 12pm on the day after the RO has ruled on the appeal.
- A panel will be convened including the University Secretary and two independent members.
- The appeals panel's decision is final.
- Can't count votes until all complaints and appeals have been dealt with.



Expenses & Resources

Campaign Expenses – Monies & Receipts

- Each Lead will be able to spend £20
- All receipts submitted by **1pm on Friday 6th** (proforma available on Elections Hub).



Printing Costs

- Free black and white printing from SU – A6, A5, A4 and A3
- Submit requests to union.elections@aber.ac.uk for collection from reception the next working day
- Colour printing to come from agent budget A4 5p / A3 10p
- The cost of printing from non-SU printers should be accounted as follows:
 - 1x A4 Black and White 3p / Colour 5p
 - 1x A3 Black and White 5p / Colour 10p
- Please don't overprint to reduce paper consumption



Online Resources

Remember there are lots of free online resources available:

- Canva – www.canva.com (cannot use a paid society/club account)
- Office 365
- Google Docs/Sheets/Slides/Forms





Translation

- Translation is available to both proposals via the Union's translation service.
- Translation of 150 word statement will be prioritised.
- We will also translate a reasonable wording amount for a poster/flyer
- If you would like to request translation please email your text to union.elections@aber.ac.uk noting the total word count of your request.
- Top-tip... keep it short and concise for a quicker turnaround!
- **Deadline – 12pm Monday 23rd February**



Campaigner Wellbeing



Self care is crucial

- Make sure you get 7-8 hours sleep a night.
- Plan rewards and times to switch off from the campaign.
- Complete urgent work before voting opens so that you can prioritise your campaign during voting week.
- Plan to win but be prepared to lose – plan post campaign.
- Know and prioritise your individual needs