

Murray Edwards MCR

Election Procedure 2018-19

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The MCR committee propose the following rules for committee elections in the next academic year.

Returning Officer

The Committee shall appoint a returning officer to conduct the election, who may not be a candidate in the election. Ordinarily this will be the current or retiring president.

Rules of the election

All elections shall be conducted by online voting according to the ERS 97 STV rules set by the Electoral Reform Society of Great Britain and Ireland, with the option to re-open nominations for each position, even if only one candidate has stood for any given position.

Timeline of the election

Two elections will be held:

- In Easter term, before the division of term, for President, Vice President and any other open positions
- In Michaelmas term, before the division of term, for all other positions and any other open position

The timeline of the election shall be as follows:

- No fewer than 10 days before the election, the returning officer shall advertise to all members of the MCR by email and by notice posted in the Middle Combination Room the date and rules of the upcoming election and procedure for submitting nominations.
- Nominations for any post on the Committee becoming vacant should be given to the Returning Officer or their delegate and displayed in the Middle Combination Room at least three days before the election;
- Within 48 hours of close of polls, the returning officer shall, with two witnesses who are members of The MCR, advertise the result.

Nominations

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by full members of the MCR and endorsed by the nominee. Self-nominations are not allowed.

Any member of the MCR may be nominated for as many committee positions as she is eligible for.

Where a member nominates for more than one position on the Committee, and wins more than one ballot, the member should inform the Returning Officer which position she intends to accept, and

immediately withdraw from the ballot for any other position. For these positions, the Returning Officer will ensure that voters' next preferences are counted in accordance with the rules of the election.

In the event of any post remaining vacant after the election, the vacancy may be filled by election or co-option or left vacant at the discretion of the Committee.

Canvassing and hustings

Canvassing shall be permitted and hustings are not required but may be organised at the discretion of the Returning Officer.

Complaints

Any complaint concerning malpractices shall be made in writing to the Returning Officer within seven days of the election; the Returning Officer will investigate the complaint and may order a new election if they are satisfied that there have been malpractices.