

## Election Rules & PubPol WG

### **General comments:**

1. Add clearer gradations of complaints - different levels of offences.
  1. Smearing – agreement that punishments for this should be greater.
2. Closing the feedback loop to the complainant
  1. Especially where complaints are about more than one thing (e.g. several posters - not clear which needs actioning).
3. Clarifying grounds for disqualification
4. 1-1 conversations with staff - process to review manifestos
5. Improving frequency of responses from DROs
6. Not removing others' posters difficult to enforce

### **Candidates Pack/Major election rules:**

1. General rules
  1. Specify rules about spamming, i.e. individually messaging people and inviting people.
2. Remove hashtag rule from paper publicity. Don't make it an offence that can be complained about.
3. Union College Logo – Logo's should be restricted in pictures as students may be led to believe candidates are already in roles they are not in which may influence people.
4. Clear guidance on endorsements
  1. declaring COIs
5. Clarifying print shop cost (and more general costs and access to all students)
6. False manifestos
  1. Introduce a rule to the candidates pack about manifesto points that if enforced would be illegal, breach College rules, policies and codes or Union bye-laws, regulations, policies or constitution or GDPR.
  2. Should the Union intervene? "false beyond a reasonable doubt"
  3. Should candidates be able to amend stuff?
  4. Fact checking? Union/Felix?
  5. Responses to manifestos?
  6. Creates a poor precedence if manifestos are vetted beforehand.
7. Being nasty about students from other departments etc.
  1. Candidate code of conduct
8. Clarify full time roles (T+Cs)
9. Simplify explanation of voting system
10. Explain seconders better - Getting rid of seconders would not be ideal as it creates a threshold for candidates. The need for a seconder needs to be clear.
11. Strike point 11 from "rules for leadership elections"
  1. Don't police URLs

Publicity policy:

- Rethink the role of the president in this policy
  - Consider putting it in someone's Job Description to review
- A. These rules should apply to ICU centrally – policy should be written in such a way that Union can and should follow. All staff, especially the marketing team should be made aware of this.
- a. Make standing of Felix clear
- B. (1) is super vague
- C.
- a. Reword (1f) on dirty language – relate to Code of Conduct
  - b. Remove reference to Watson (1o)
  - c. (4b) remove from this policy (guest list point should be preserved)
  - d. (4d) remove this
- D. Remove (1b) due to changes to that space
- a. Complete list – maybe by referring to some existing list