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Graduate Union Electoral Scheme 2015-16

The following details the Graduate Union's plans for the conduct of Sabbatical Officer and Executive Committee elections, and Student Trustee nominations and appointments.

Sabbatical Officer Elections

A by-election was held in Michaelmas Term to elect a President, due to an irregular vacancy following the resignation of the President-elect before they took up office. The ballot took place between the November 23 and November 25, with the full results confirmed and published on November 26.

The conduct of the Lent 2016 sabbatical officer elections will be conducted in accordance with the Election Rules passed by Council.

The schedule of the election will be as follows:

Monday 15 February- Nominations Open

Tuesday 23 February- Nominations Close

Monday 29 February- Online voting opens

Wednesday 2 March- Online voting closes

Thursday 3 March- Full results confirmed and published

Executive Committee Election

Due to the interregnum experienced between July and December 2015, no Executive Committee election was held in Michaelmas Term, as would usually occur. In consultation with the Junior Proctor, we are treating the most recent elected Executive Committee as still holding office until another election can be held.

Elections to the Executive Committee will take place in Easter Term. Nominations will open on Thursday 28 April, closing on Thursday 5 May. Online voting will open on Monday 9 May, and will be

open for 24 hours. In accordance with Schedule E.7, an Elections Committee will be convened by GU Council before the opening of nominations.

The term of office for those elected to positions on the Executive Committee in this election will run until the end of the calendar year. There will then be another election in Michaelmas Term, to elect the Executive Committee for the full calendar year of 2017.

Student Trustee Nominations and Appointments

Clause 55 of the Constitution states that up to 2 student trustees shall be nominated for appointment by the Executive Committee, and appointed by a two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at GU Council.

Two candidates will be selected and put forward by the Executive Committee, and Council will vote on their appointment at the next opportunity. If appointed, they will serve for both the academic year 16-17, and the transitional period up until then (in line with Clause 57 of the Constitution).