



Student Group Endorsements

Introduction

As a society, sports club, or academic representation group, you can have a large influence on campus. This endorsement process enables you to get involved and have your say in who should run your Students' Union.

Endorsing a candidate means that as a society / sports club / academic representation group, you believe that they would be the best candidate for the role, and your group supports their manifesto. This means that you can use your society / sports club platforms to openly support the candidate. Academic representation group endorsements will be posted on the SMSU platform.

Any breach of this process could result in an investigation against the candidate and/or the student group. If you are unsure about any part of the elections process please approach the Deputy Returning Officer by emailing voice.smsu@stmarys.ac.uk

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The Process

- Decide if you as a group want to consider endorsing any candidates.
- You cannot endorse candidates until they have been announced on the 17th February and you can read all candidate manifestos which can be found on the SMSU website.
- Between the 17th-28th February, the endorsing process occurs. You must hold a democratic meeting online with your committee to discuss if/who you would like to endorse. You can only endorse one candidate per role.
- Only full members of the committee can take part in the vote. Associate members cannot take part in the vote.
- There must be majority agreement of the committee. If a candidate(s) is part of the committee, the decision must be made without presence or influence of that candidate(s).
- A minimum of 2 eligible committee members must be part of the vote, if the result is a draw, the student group cannot endorse. Complete the form via the QR code (top right) to finalise group endorsement process. From the point the form is completed, endorsing can commence.
- You can decide to endorse at any point during digital week and voting week which runs from 12:00 on 17th February - 12:00 (midday) on 28th February.

Got a question? Email us at voice.smsu@stmarys.ac.uk!



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