

Ruling (5) of the Returning Officer – electronic polling system

For the avoidance of doubt, the Returning Officer rules:

1. A postal vote may be completed only by the individual to whom it is addressed.
Campaigners may not campaign to or be in the presence of students, whether or not on or off campus, who are in the process of voting, including retrieving their electronic postal vote from their email inbox.
2. A postal vote purported to be cast by someone who has not been sent one is invalid and will not be counted.
3. No student may complete a postal vote while physically on any campus during that campus's polling hours. Any such purported votes will be segregated for investigation.
4. An attendance vote may be made only on a device approved by the Returning Officer, only when that device is configured in the way approved by the Returning Officer, only at a polling place, and only after completing formalities prescribed by a polling clerk.
5. Any purported attendance vote will not be valid and will not be counted if it is:
 1. Cast outside a polling place, or
 2. Cast on a device other than those approved by the Returning Officer, or
 3. Cast on an approved device where the configuration has been altered such that the configuration is no longer approved by the Returning Officer.
6. Any candidate or campaigner who becomes aware of such an invalid vote, or a method for casting such invalid votes, must notify the Returning Officer immediately.

Stephen Luntz
Returning Officer

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