

Guidelines for Socs and Sports Club Endorsement Process

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1. Who they can/can't

Student Groups (Societies & Sports Clubs can endorse certain elected roles in the Spring Elections 2021. These include Full-Time Officers, Part-Time Officers & Faculty Reps.

For Full-Time Officers (FTOs) & Faculty Reps, these endorsements are not required to be requested by the candidates first. However, it is advisable to meet with all candidates to find out their points.

Part-Time Officers (PTOs) *endorsements must first be requested by the candidate*. They can approach the clubs and socs first via email/social media communication.

It is up to the student group to decide which positions they want to endorse, but whichever they do, they are encouraged to ask all candidates running for that position to meet with them

The student group can decide how they want to endorse the candidate, either as an interview, informal meeting or attending one of the SUs democratic events, but the decision must be done under these criteria:

- The candidate demonstrates they are ensuring the representation of the best interests of the society/sports club.
- It is not because they are simply your friends or that they are known to you.
- The manifesto points benefit the society/sports club
- The candidate will make a positive change to Warwick SU & University

2. How they endorse (Exec voting)

The Student group's exec should facilitate a meeting to minute the decision on who to endorse.

The exec can decide on how they consult with their members about who to endorse. They can select the following:

- you can setup an all-members vote (simple majority)
- or can decide as an exec (simple majority)

Any meeting around endorsements must be recorded and circulated to democracy@warwicksu.com

- For PTO requests, please provide evidence (screenshots, emails etc) of the candidate requesting the club/soc endorsement
- If you want to endorse a PTO candidate, you should first contact the candidate and if they approve please provide that evidence (screenshots, emails etc) to democracy@warwicksu.com

As a committee member, if the decision was to endorse x candidate, then you can promote that candidate via your own social media pages.

You cannot use your position as exec member to promote other candidates if an endorsement by your student group has already been made.

You can independently promote other candidates through social media, but you cannot use your position in the student group if they have already picked a candidate to endorse.

E.g. you cannot say 'I am social sec of X society and I endorse X for Societies Officer' if your society is endorsing a different candidate.

3. Marketing

When promoting the candidate, do include reasons why (such as manifesto point or experiences with the candidate) in your promotion.

- No negative campaigning on other candidates, you are simply endorsing a candidate not slagging others off!
- You can't promote until democracy@warwicksu.com has given the exec a confirmation email to promote once the endorsement email has been submitted
- Promoting can officially begin 22/02/21 (subject to approval)

Do take the time in promoting our other democratic activities (like Question Time!) to view the candidates and support them or even use that to inform you on the decision you want to take for who to endorse.

Any issues or queries, contact democracy@warwicksu.com