

LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

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Jargon Buster

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CITY
STUDENTS'
UNION

Elections: Jargon Busting

SU	Students' Union
FTOs	Full Time Officers
PTOs	Part Time Officers
PGT	Postgraduate Taught students – e.g. MSc, MA, Masters
PGR	Postgraduate Research students – e.g. PhD, MPhil, Doctoral
Self-Define	Where students can identify as being a part of a certain group, e.g. LGBT, Women, BME or Disabled and it is up to them if they see themselves as part of that group. Disabled, for example, can include physical and mental disabilities. For elections, they can do this via the SU's website - www.citystudents.co.uk/elections/profile
Remit	What the role covers or is included in the role description – e.g. Education covers students' educational experience, with such things as learning, teaching, assessments
Polling Station	Where students are able to vote – they will be able to sign in with their Student ID on a laptop / tablet and vote for all eligible positions
STV	Single Transferrable Voting – the preferential voting system used by the SU where voters can rank candidates in order of preference, meaning the least unpopular candidate is overall elected
RON	Re-open Nominations – an option students can choose while voting where they opt to re-open the election for that position (note RON has to win for this to happen)
NFP	No further preferences – students can select this after they have picked the candidates they want to vote for
NUS	National Union of Students – the SU is affiliated to them, and they are the body who represent students on a national level, and provide the NUS Extra card
Cass	Cass Business School
SASS	School of Arts & Social Sciences
SHS	School of Health Sciences
SMCSE	School of Mathematics, Computer Science & Engineering
Law	City Law School
GTAs	Graduate Teaching Assistants – postgraduate students on research degrees who teach students
VLs	Visiting Lecturers
UCU	Universities and Colleges Union – a Trade Union representing academic staff and professional services staff within the University
USS	The pension scheme currently used for academic staff and professional services staff on Grades 6-9. There are currently strikes happening across 69 institutions who use the scheme due to proposed changes.
Prevent	Prevent is one of four strands of the UK government's counter-terrorism strategy, known as Contest. It was created by the Labour government in 2003 and its remit was widened by the coalition government in 2011. The other strands are: Prepare; Protect; and Pursue.
BME	Black Minority or Ethnic
LGBT	Lesbian Gay Bisexual or Transgender
TIGNC	Transgender Intersex, and Gender Non-Conforming
Safe Space	A place or environment in which a person or category of people can feel confident that they will not be exposed to discrimination, criticism, harassment, or any other emotional or physical harm

NSS	The National Student Survey – a survey taken by all final year Undergraduate students, which contributes to the University’s position within the League Tables (how they are rated against other Universities)
TEF	Teaching Excellence Framework – made up of a number of different scores (include NSS data and DLHE scores) and areas such as whether students are progressing, staying in University and whether they have graduate employment, it is a new UK government model of ranking Universities, awarding them with bronze, silver or gold. City currently has a silver.
Progression	Whether students continue onto the next level/year of their course
Retention	Keeping students at University and on their course, not dropping out
SOCS	Societies
RAG	Raising and Giving – the charity fundraising arm of the SU
Student Groups	Groups that are affiliated to the SU and are student-led, including Societies, Student Media (Northampton Square TV and Carrot Radio) and RAG
Societies Board	The group featuring elected members from Societies, who decide on funding and new societies
RAG Board	The group featuring elected members from RAG Groups, who decide on what RAG will be working on
Governance	Establishment of policies, and continuous monitoring of their proper implementation, by the members of the governing body of an organization. In the Union’s case, this is the Board of Trustees
BOT	The board that supervises the governance of the Students’ Union, which features the 3 Full Time Officers, 2 Student Trustees and 5 External Trustees from outside organisations
BDS	Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (also known as the BDS Movement) is a global campaign promoting various forms of boycott against Israel until it meets what the campaign describes as "[Israel's] obligations under international law", defined as withdrawal from the occupied territories, removal of the separation barrier in the West Bank, full equality for Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, and promotion of the right of return of Palestinian refugees