

## Glossary

Below are some commonly used terms within both the elections and LUU generally:

<b>Word/phrase</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Activist	A person who campaigns to bring about a certain change
Ballot (also known as a ballot paper)	The official method by which you cast your vote
Campaign statement (also known as a manifesto)	This outlines a candidates' intentions if successfully elected; it outlines what they hope to do, to change, to improve
Candidate	A person who puts themselves forward for election
Candidates' Question Time (also known as Hustings)	An opportunity in which candidates in an election speaks potential voters and answers questions about their intentions for the role if successfully elected
Endorsement	This is a process by which individuals or groups – in this case Clubs, Societies and academic representation groups – decide which candidates they favour and will collectively support
Executive Officers (also known as Student Executive Officers or Sabbatical Officer)	Six elected student representatives who represent the student body at the highest level of the university and union decision making
Governance / Govern	The way an organisation is run / controlled
Inclusive	Involving all groups / open to everyone
Liberation	Free from oppression and limits on thought or behaviour
LUU	Leeds University Union
Mission (statement)	LUU's mission is: Together, we'll make sure we love your time at Leeds.
Nominations	The process by which you can propose or formally enter a candidate into elections
National Union of Students (NUS)	The National Union of Students (NUS) is the national union representing university and college students across the UK; they are one of the world's largest student movements.
Political Engagement Team	A dedicated team of staff at LUU who are there to support everyone involved in the election process
Portfolio	This is used to describe the positions: a portfolio will be "education" or "equality and liberation", relating to the varied duties of the postholder

Representative Organisation	An organisation or group of people who have been chosen to represent a wider group or community, and who can make decisions on their behalf
Returning Officer	They are responsible for the good conduct and administration and has the sole interpretation of the election regulations; as such interpretations cannot subject to challenge in any meetings of the Union.  Supported by a Deputy Returning Officer and Election Officials, staff within LUU that manage the day to day election process
Sabbatical year	Taking a year out of your studies
Slate	Two or more candidates running for different positions within the same election based on a common platform or shared / similar goals or vision; they come together to encourage students to vote for everyone with the same vision
Trustees	People who share ultimate responsibility for governing a charity and directing how it is managed and run
Values	LUU's values are: <b>Empowering:</b> We empower students to have their voice heard, fuel their passions, and grow as leaders and change-makers.  <b>Inclusive:</b> We strive to create an inclusive environment which represents our diverse community, where everyone – no matter their background, course or interests – can be seen, supported and celebrated.  <b>Fun:</b> We bring fun to every student, with a variety of activities and events to suit everyone's personality, availability, and budget
WonkHE	WonkHE provides a platform for debate on the UK's higher education provision; they bring the sector together through expert analysis, debate and insight
<b>Voting terminology</b>	
Quota	This is the number of votes required to run an election outright. For example if there were 100 votes in an election, the outright winner would required 50% plus 1 to ensure they were unbeaten, in this case quota would be 51 votes
Re-Open Nominations (also known as RON or No Suitable Candidate)	Re-open nominations is a position within these elections, it provides the voters with the opportunity to suggest they do not support any of the candidates or their intentions and would prefer to re-open the positions to enable a candidate that might be more suitable to come forwards.

<p>Single Transferable Vote (STV)</p>	<p>The single transferable vote (STV) is a method in which each voter casts a single vote in the form of a ranked ballot; voters have the option to rank candidates, and their vote may be transferred according to alternative preferences if their preferred candidate is eliminated or elected with surplus votes, so that their vote is used to elect someone they prefer over others in the running.</p>
<p>Spoiled votes</p>	<p>These are the votes whereby it has not been possible to indicate a clear preference / preferences; it is a political way of engaging in the elections but demonstrating dissatisfaction with some element of the process – such as the candidates, although Re-Open Nominations provides the same opportunity.</p> <p>In the case of electronic votes, it is difficult to spoil a ballot.</p>
<p>Valid votes</p>	<p>These are the votes that are considered to clearly indicate a preference / preferences.</p> <p>In the case of electronic votes, most votes will be considered valid as it is difficult to spoil a ballot.</p>