

Election Dates Proposal

The following dates have been proposed for the SUSU Autumn, Leadership, and Summer elections taking place in the 2024/2025 academic year.

Autumn Elections (Course Reps, Senators, and any roles not filled in 23/24 Leadership/Summer Elections)

- Nominations: Monday 23rd Sep – Wednesday 9th Oct
- Campaigning: Thursday 10th Oct – Thursday 17th Oct
- Voting: Tuesday 15th Oct – Thursday 17th Oct

These dates are effectively the same as the dates for the 23/24 academic year – there is little to no room for change around these dates as they need to fall between Freshers' week and the first SSLCs of the academic year. The only notable change is that the voting period has been moved to Tuesday-Thursday rather than Wednesday-Friday, following a successful trial of this style voting period in the 23/24 Leadership elections. This shortens the campaign period from 8 days to 7.

Leadership Elections (Sabbatical Officer, Faculty Officer, Senator, and Trustee Roles)

- Nominations: Monday 27th Jan – Friday 21st Feb
 - Candidate Briefing: Tuesday 25th Feb
 - Candidate Announcement: Friday 28th Feb (AM)
- Campaigning: Friday 28th Feb – Thursday 13th March
- Voting: Tuesday 11th March – Thursday 13th March
 - Election Night Live: Thursday 13th March

These dates follow the pattern of the 23/24 academic year, in which the campaign period was significantly shortened following candidate feedback that it was too protracted, and the nomination period was moved later so as not to coincide with the January assessment period. While these changes were broadly successful, they increased pressure during the period between the close of nominations and the candidate announcement.

As such, the close of nominations and start of campaigning have been brought forward so that the candidate briefing and candidate announcement are no longer separated by a weekend. This has slightly shortened the nominations period and slightly lengthened the campaign period but should ensure the election is run more smoothly.

Summer Elections (School/Department Presidents, Student Officers, roles not filled in 24/25 Leadership elections)

- Nominations: Monday 28th April – Thursday 8th May
- Campaigning: Friday 9th May – Thursday 15th May
- Voting: Tuesday 13th May – Thursday 15th May

The 24/25 summer term is shorter than usual, requiring these elections to be pushed back a week to avoid coinciding with the Easter break. The voting period for these elections has been moved to Tuesday-Thursday and the close of nominations moved to Thursday so campaign period retains same number of working days.