

Returning Officers Report
By the DPCS

The timetable for this years elections was as follows:

15/02/2011	Nominations opened, a total of 22 candidates stood and reached the minimum number of seconders
28/02/2011	Nominations closed
1/03/2011	Initial candidates meeting held. Manifestos received by the RO and Felix
3/03/2011	Hustings in 568
8/03/2011	Voting open
12/03/2011	Voting closed

Throughout the election period all official complaints have centred around illegal or non-compliant postering but no candidates have felt this seriously compromised their campaign. There are no outstanding complaints which allows the results to be announced as a Council item on 14/03/2011.

No candidates deposits will be withheld though some candidates should be aware that they have come very close to being fined for non-compliance with postering rules. However, we recognise the difficulties associated with communicating postering rules to agents and as long as the situation is quickly resolved accept contraventions as a good faith effort to campaign.

A Deputy President (Education) candidate's manifesto was misprinted in Felix, however this was rectified by having the correct version printed in the next issue.

The overhaul of rules regarding ballot boxes will be discussed at the 14/3/2011 Council but has gone broadly smoothly. Candidates understand that actively influencing someone in the process of voting is not allowed and only one comment has been made to this effect.

Finally, I would reiterate the need to seek permission before putting posters on departmental/Faculty poster boards.