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Election Notification-02

The Students' Council Election, 2019 – Candidature Establishment Meet shall take place on 8 November 2019 at the Derozio Hall from 1:30 pm

Format of the students' Council Election 2019 Candidature Establishment Discussion

It is customary for the candidates contesting for the posts of President, VP, GS, AGS, and GCR Secretary to engage in an intellectual process of establishing the rationale of their candidatures in a certain post. The topics discussed in this process are often the most controversial and poignant issues related to the welfare and development of the university, while this process is not constitutionally mandated, it is to be considered a de facto election process. The discussions are often targeted mainly at undecided voters, those who usually are not partial to either political ideology.

Candidates are to establish themselves as the right choices for a particular post after the student groups have nominated their candidates and sent their names to the CP of the Students' council and the Dean of Students of the University. The Candidates meet in a large hall before an audience of citizens. The formats of the discussion might vary, with chosen questions posed from members of the audience at the discretion of the moderator(s). It would be an open forum discussion conducted under the supervision of the academic staff.

The process can take place by the candidates standing behind their podiums, or in conference tables with the moderator on the other side as deemed fit. Depending on the agreed format, either the moderator or an audience member can be the one to ask questions. Typically there are no opening statements, just closing statements. The time frame would be 5+2 minutes. Discussion for each post may take place during different times on the same day or various days as required.

A coin toss determines who gets to speak first and each candidate will get alternate turns. Once a candidate starts to speak he/she has 5 minutes to talk. After this, the opposing candidate has around 5 minutes too to respond and rebut her/his arguments. At the moderator's discretion, the discussion may be extended by 30 seconds per candidate. Each candidate would have 2 minutes for the closing statements in turn.

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