

Inter-Candidate Debate Process

Definitions

- **Chairperson:**
An academic or administrative staff member designated by the relevant Head of institution or regional campus.
- **Speaker:**
A candidate designated by their list to represent them during the debate.
- **General public:**
Students from the relevant institution, and **only** from that institution, who attend the debate.
- **Debate duration:**
The total duration of the debate. It should not exceed forty minutes.

Debate Process

- The Chairperson announces the beginning of the session, introduces the speakers and explains the debate rules.
- Speakers present their electoral program to the general public in turn and in alphabetical order. Each speaker shall not exceed five minutes, or they shall be interrupted by the Chairperson, who will call on the next speaker or move forward.
- Speakers will then debate with each other for a maximum of 10 minutes, without any intervention from the Chairman or the general public.
- The remaining time will be devoted to answering questions from the general public. These questions, sent in private chat to the Chairperson, will be read by the Chairperson in the order received. If a question seems contentious, the Chairperson may decide not to read it after conferring with the speakers. Each speaker will have a maximum of two minutes to answer each question asked.

Debate Rules

- Each list wishing to participate in the debate will choose one speaker.
- The debate will be ended forty minutes after the beginning of the session even if all the received questions have not been read.
- Only students from the relevant institution will be allowed to participate in the debate.
- No oral interventions from the general public will be accepted, otherwise the debate will be halted immediately.

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