Nominations Guidelines

The rules of how to nominate a candidate for the Rector’s Election are laid out in Section 2 of the Guidance and Rules, which are available for download from the Rectorial Election webpages – www.abdn.ac.uk/rector. This short guide is designed to be a companion to these.

Step One
Think of a candidate, find at least one friend who is a matriculated student who will also nominate your selection and approach your candidate to see if they are interested. It is up to you to make contact with your candidate and get confirmation that they wish to stand in the election. You will also need them to sign their nomination form so make sure you can get this to them in advance of the deadlines noted on the website The University or Students’ Association will not be able to provide support at this stage.

Step Two
Once your candidate has agreed to being nominated, start collecting signatures from your fellow matriculated students. It is advisable to try and get slightly more than 50 signatures, just in case one of them has proposed or nominated another candidate as no student is permitted to sign more than one form.

Step Three
You need to arrange your compulsory briefing with the University Secretary (or their nominee) to discuss the process of nominating a new rector. You must have your meeting prior to your nomination form being handed in. You can arrange your meeting by contacting Nicholas Edwards, the Acting Academic Registrar’s nominee, on n.edwards@abdn.ac.uk.

Step Four
Congratulations, you have (hopefully) successfully nominated a candidate to be the next Rector! If you are a proposer you will be quite busy throughout the campaign and you will get all your further information at a briefing for nominees on the Friday 27th October 2017, in the Court Room, University Office.

If you have any questions on the process please contact Robyn Crabtree on r.crabtree@abdn.ac.uk.