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Proposal to discontinue pre-term reports for Gymkhana Executives

Pre-term reports for the Gymkhana executives were introduced as a practice from the last year. The idea of the reports was that both the executive as well as the general body should have an idea of the initiatives and ideas that are planned for the coming year. The idea behind the having the reports is truly very important, and goes a long way in improving the accountability of the executives. It is very much needed that we as a Gymkhana have an idea of what we want to do or achieve in the next year, and hence a document that enlists the vision and initiatives planned by the executive is of utmost importance.

However, I believe that the manifesto of the candidate is one document that is a very well made collection of the same. Any good manifesto would clearly outline all of the above requirements and is made with quite some thought by the candidates contesting. Hence, I do not see the need for a separate report at the start of the tenure of a Gymkhana Executive.

The Senate must however understand that the report is something that the executive submits during his/her tenure and hence is a document that they can be held accountable to. To overcome this flaw, I believe the Senate may pass a decision clearly stating that the manifesto a candidate submits at the time of his/her election can also be used as a document to hold them accountable to. Personally, when a candidate campaigns, he/she comes in contact with a huge number of students, and the document that he presents to, and is questioned against by the entire general body should be the one he is held accountable to, rather than a report presented in the Senate.