# NaSTA PCA – Technical Innovation: UniTV's Candidate Question Time

One of our greatest technical moments of the year was our Candidate Question Time live stream. Using a BlackMagic ATEM that none of us had particularly used before proved to be difficult as it presented itself with a number of complications. In addition to the hardware itself being new to us, it was pretty poorly documented online, and researching how it worked proved to be a challenge. Going from limited knowledge of live production and both the hardware & software used, to create the final product that we created is an achievement we're all proud of.

With a very small team of people, we all pulled together to ensure that the cogs that needed to turn, turned. We had, in the end, every candidate running for every student union position participate. This involved creating over 30 unique VTs for each candidate; these were filmed and edited by a team of 3. Working with only 3 functional microphones, time sensitive transitions, and a room full of candidates, we managed to run the event smoothly, with no complications. Encountering one candidate that appaered to show up and disappear, and a handful dropping out half an hour before, our team kept themselves composed, adapted to the situation and worked efficiently. We also collaborated with our Univerity's radio outlet in order to provide an alternative commentary, which took a more comedic approach.

The set up and execution required hard work, and long hours over a number of weeks from such a small team, with limited live production experience. This sort of dedication and innovation for our society reflects well when in previous years this type of event would have been organised by at least 10-15 individuals. This is the type of innovation we try to carry to all of our projects, working harder to maintain a standard we have set for ourselves.