

University of Melbourne Student Union
2011 ANNUAL ELECTIONS
5 – 9 SEPTEMBER 2011

Report of the Returning Officer

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Process

Appointment

Gavin Ryan was appointed Returning Officer for the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) annual election on Tuesday 19 July 2011. Chris McDermott and Michelle Templeton were subsequently appointed Deputy Returning Officers. All were from the OGL Group, an election company who had been awarded the tender for the UMSU 2011 annual elections.

The Electoral Tribunal was unchanged from 2010, consisting of Chris Penman, Michael Gronow & Saveria Dimasi.

Nominations

Nominations opened on Monday 25 July for the following positions:

- UMSU officebearers, Students Council representatives and all UMSU committees
- National Union of Students (NUS) Delegates
- Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association (VCAMSA) officebearers
- Burnley Student Association officebearers and committee
- Student Representative on the Melbourne University Student Union Limited (MUSUL) Board

In conjunction with this, UMSU advised that a by-election would run concurrently with the annual election process to fill several positions for the remainder of the year.

These positions were:

- UMSU Indigenous Officer
- UMSU Indigenous representative Student Council
- UMSU Indigenous Committee
- UMSU Queer Committee representative
- 2 representatives on UMSU Wom*n's Committee
- Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association (VCAMSA) officebearers
- Burnley Student Association officebearers and committee

The notice of election (with the full list of positions) is in **Appendix 1**. This notice was posted in Union House, on the election website and emailed to all students.

Nominations closed at midday Friday 12 August. A total of 220 nominations were received, compared with 240 nominations in 2010. One nomination was found to be invalid (David Harris from the ticket 'Mr T – Give Your Union Some Nuts' who had

nominated for Wom*n's Committee). All candidates were notified by email of the receipt of their nominations.

The complete list of nominations appears in **Appendix 2**.

At close of nominations several positions were declared provisionally elected as the number of candidates did not exceed the number to be elected. This list is available in **Appendix 3**.

Notice of the ballot draw was publicised and sent to all tickets and candidates. The draw was conducted at 1pm on Thursday 18 August being witnessed by current UMSU officebearer Audrey Irish.

Tickets

Applications for ticket registrations closed at midday on Friday 12 August. Thirteen applications for ticket registrations were received and all were registered successfully. The tickets registered and authorised officers are listed below.

Ticket	Authorising Officer
Activate	David Haidon
ALP Club	Bruno Friedel
Beers Bands BBQs	Luwei (Rex) Zhang
Independent Media	Max Denton
International Students*	Kon Moisisdis
Labor	Archibald Collyer
Left Action*	Phoebe Kelloway
Liberal	Lloyd McGeary
More Activities!	Stephanie Field
Mr. T – Give Your Union Some Nuts	David Harris
Stand Up!	Mark Kettle
Students Against Poverty	Courtney Jon Dixon
Unite	Joshua Anderson

*Two tickets were forced to amend or change their names as a result of being contrary to election regulations.

The first was 'Left Voice' registered by Phoebe Kelloway, a name which included a previously registered ticket name ('Voice') from the last three years. This ticket name was then changed to 'Left Action' (as reflected above).

The second was 'iUnion' registered by Kon Moisisdis. This was signed over to Kon Moisisdis by Lloyd McGeary, registrant of the ticket name 'Fresh + iUnion'. After a dispute was registered by the original registrant of 'iUnion', Jimmy Jin, the Returning Officer ruled that the ownership of this name still resided with Jimmy Jin rather than the registrant of the name 'Fresh + iUnion'. In line with the ruling (which can be found

later in this report in **Appendix 5**), Kon Moisis then changed the name to 'International Students' as reflected in the table above.

Withdrawals

The following candidates withdrew their nominations:

- Han Yan (Left Action) – Nominated for President
- Hans Leung (Unite) – Nominated for International Student Representative – Student Council
- Danielle Weber (Activate) – Nominated for Wom*n's Committee

These were all done before ballot papers had been printed.

Polling

Polling took place during the week of Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September during the following times and at the following locations:

UMSU 2011 Polling Places, dates and times.

	Monday 5th Sept.	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9
Union House (Food Hall)	10am – 5pm	10am – 6.30pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm
Baillieu Library Foyer	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 6.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm
Eastern Precinct Student Centre (E.R.C.)	11.30am – 2.30pm	11.30am – 2.30pm	11.30am – 2.30pm		
VCAM Southbank Campus (Cafeteria)		11am – 3pm	11am – 3pm	11am – 3pm	
Burnley Campus Centre (Cafeteria)				11.30am – 2.30pm	
Centre for Indigenous Education (off Deakin Court)	11.30am – 2.30pm				

In light of the large percentage of voters who vote at the two large polling places (Union House and the Baillieu Library), it was decided to pare back the other polling place to the hours mandated by the election regulations. This meant three hours less at E.R.C and seven hours less at Burnley compared to 2010. Given the low turnout at these sites and high volume at the larger polling booths, the provision of the small booths must be looked at again, and is the subject of a recommendation later in this report.

Turnout for the week was 2939, almost identical to 2010 (2935). Voter turnout by day and location is available in **Appendix 4**.

Voting figures were checked against the total of ballot papers issued, and these figures were then checked against the physical count after the close of polling. All totals reconciled with a miniscule margin of error (with 2920 ballot papers physically counted for each position in the count, compared to 2917 eligible voters being marked off the roll).

Informality was low for all positions and committees (in the order of roughly fifty less informal votes for all officebearer positions compared with 2010) with the exception of the last ballot paper where the total informality for the position listed on that ballot was high. This was most likely due to a combination of its position at the back of the ballot pack, the presence of the Queer committee and Queer representative on Student Council (given the instructions to voters to only take note of these if they identified as queer) and the lack of understanding of the position on MUSUL Board.

This may be rectified by reorganising the ballot papers for next year, with the positions in question being moved closer to the front of the pack.

Storage of Ballot Papers

Blank ballot papers were stored securely off-site prior to being required. Tickets were required to witness seals being applied to ballot boxes, and were required to sign the seals applied every night. Live ballot papers were stored each evening by arrangement with Union security in a secure location in Union House (under alarm and CCTV).

At the count scrutineers were required to cross check all ballot seals as ballot boxes were opened for counting.

Electronic Roll and Provisional Voting

Wireless database access to the electronic roll was used at the two main Parkville polling stations, eliminating the need for a paper roll. MUSUL again provided a set of laptops for use by the poll clerks. The electronic system performed well, barring an occasional short-lived connectivity problem.

Provisional voting was used at ERC, VCA, Burnley and the CIE. All those who voted at these locations were located on the roll. Provisional votes issued to those not found on the roll at the two main polling places totalled 36, with 14 being allowed and 22 being rejected.

Postal Votes

There were two applications for postal votes, and ballot papers were posted to these applicants on Friday 2 September. These ballot papers were returned before the

close of polling and were admitted to the count with the voters then being marked off the roll.

Complaints and Appeals

The major complaints arising out of the election are listed below, outlining the responses made in regard to these. A full list of rulings made in 2011 can be found in **Appendix 5**, and a list of rulings made in previous years that were still in effect for 2011 can be found in **Appendix 6**.

A briefing for all tickets was held every night during election week to run through the events of the day, seek feedback and outline areas the election staff thought problematic and ways to deal with this. Whilst this was helpful, there were still examples of behaviour that had to be dealt with (as outlined below).

On 16 August a complaint was received from a student alleging improper conduct by the Unite ticket. The details of this allegation and my subsequent investigation and action are in **Appendix 7**. This matter was ultimately passed on to the University.

One appeal against the result of the election was lodged with the Electoral Tribunal (see **Appendix 8**). The Tribunal decided it would take no action on the substantive claim of the appeal.

Complainant	Date	Summary	Response
Jimmy Jin	25 Aug	that the ticket name 'iUnion' was unable to be registered by Kon Moisisdis	After reviewing the evidence and discussing the matter with the relevant ticket registrants, I ruled that the name iUnion cannot be registered by Kon Moisisdis. See Ruling 2.
Dominique Ottobre	5 Sept	that Liberal campaigners were misleading voters by imitating 'Stand Up!' campaigners	Liberal campaigners complied with the Returning Officer's ruling that they must clearly identify they are members of the Liberal ticket or campaigning for the Liberal ticket when wearing T-shirts similar in colour to the Stand Up! Ticket. See Ruling 4
Jesse Overton-Skinner and Lloyd McGeary	5 Sept	That claims made in the 'The Truth About Unite' pamphlet are untrue.	The Stand Up! ticket required to make changes to the leaflet as directed in Ruling 6
Devrim van Dijk	5 Sept	Unite ticket members threatened by Stand Up! members	Upon investigation these claims were deemed to have no basis and the complaint was dismissed. However, the appropriate behaviour expected was reinforced to all tickets.
John Harris	5 Sept	Stand Up! campaigner seen	Upon investigation this claim was found to be true and as a Unite campaigner

Complainant	Date	Summary	Response
		campaigning inside exclusion zone	was also caught doing this all tickets were warned that any further examples would result in bans.
Joshua Anderson	5 Sept	That the ticket 'Stand Up!' has breached the ruling made regarding chalk ups	Stand Up! complied with Ruling 8 to change the offending chalkups before the opening of polling on Tues 6 Sept.
Lloyd McGeary	6 Sept	That the content of the 'Members of Unite are Liberals' posters are misleading	Stand Up! complied with Ruling 9 to change these posters.
Isabelle Kingshott	6 Sept	That Unite and Liberal campaigners were engaging in inappropriate behaviour	Upon investigation these claims were deemed to have no basis and the complaint was dismissed.
Joshua Anderson	6 Sept	Activate candidates campaigning for Stand Up!	This conduct was not in breach of the election regulations.
Kon Moisisdis	6 Sept	Stand Up campaigner was present in UMSU with t-shirt clearly visible	Campaigner in question was warned.
Dominique Ottobre	6 Sept	That specific claims made in the Unite' ticket leaflet 'The truth about Stand Up!' were false.	Upon investigation the claim in the leaflet was found to be true and the complaint was dismissed.
Rachael Lim	6 Sept	That the 'Unite' ticket leaflet 'The truth about Stand Up!' contained false claims	Unite complied with Ruling 10 to amend this leaflet.
Clinton Markwell	6 Sept	Stand Up! members engaging in physically blocking Liberal campaigners	Upon investigation, a Stand Up! campaigner was witnessed doing this and given a 1 hour ban.
Mark Kettle	6 Sept	Unacceptable physical behaviour from people associated with the 'More Activities' ticket,	All students who were engaged with the 'More Activities' ticket were advised of Ruling 12, and there were no more reports of untoward behaviour from this group for the remainder of the election.
Noni Sproule	6 Sept	Sexist and intimidating behaviour by a Unite campaigner	After investigating the complaint, all tickets were warned regarding this inappropriate behaviour.
Rachael Lim	7 Sept	Unite secretarial candidate posting untrue statements on	After investigating the complaint, unauthorised material was found on the candidate's Facebook wall. He was

Complainant	Date	Summary	Response
		Facebook	ordered to remove the material and given a 1 hour ban from campaigning..
Rachael Lim, Amy Jenkins	7 Sept	Sexist and intimidating behaviour by a Unite campaigner	The Unite campaigner was banned for one hour and the ticket was warned that further infractions would result in ticket wide bans
Dominique Ottobre & Grace Mugford	7 Sept	Unacceptable behaviour from Unite campaigners	Upon investigation these claims were deemed to have no basis and the complaint was dismissed.
Gemma Ross-McGlynn	8 Sept	Sexual harassment	Upon investigation these claims were deemed to have no basis and the complaint was dismissed.

Counting and Results

Counting began at midday on Friday 10 September, five hours before the close of polling. A lock-up was instituted with scrutineers not being able to communicate with anyone outside the lock-up prior to 5pm. The lock-up went without incident.

The count for most officebearer positions was completed on the Friday night, with the remainder being done on the Saturday. Students' Council and NUS were finished as well on the Saturday, with the other committees being done on subsequent days.

Three candidates (Theresa Tezengi, Bridie Walsh, Stephanie Met) for Activities Committee were withdrawn before the commencement of counting as they were declared ineligible for election because they had already been elected to the maximum allowable number of positions. One candidate (Theresa Tezengi) for Arts Committee was withdrawn from the count for the same reason.

The notice of the provisional declaration of results was then posted in Union House and on the election website. The period for requests for recounts against the results then expired without any being received.

The Notice of Results is attached in **Appendix 9**.

Full details of the multi-member counts are available in **Appendix 10**. Count sheets were also made available electronically to any student who requested them.

Acknowledgements

UMSU elections are no small undertaking, and I (and my staff) would like to thank all those who assisted us in this endeavour. It would be remiss of me not to mention the following specifically:

- The staff of UMSU and Melbourne University Student Union Ltd, especially the Building Services team (and in particular Serge and Steve), the IT crowd at MUSUL, Alex Hammond, Fiona Sanders and Justin Bare.
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- The 2011 Officebearers, in particular the UMSU Secretary, Dominique Ottobre and the Media Officers - Tim Forster, Erin Handley, Elizabeth Redman & Geir O'Rourke.
- All the candidates and campaigners in the 2011 election whose co-operation and participation ensured a strongly contested election free of rancour.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Membership of UMSU must be clarified and adhered to.

Membership of UMSU and who qualifies for inclusion on the electoral roll must be clarified as this continues to be a problem, as outlined in the previous Returning Officer's Reports. The approach taken this year was one of inclusion, as UMSU had admitted all students for membership, not just award students. It then followed that as UMSU were admitting all students for membership, it would not make sense to then disenfranchise these students, and the roll reflected this including all active students (including non-award).

Recommendation 2

The practice of holding by-elections to fill positions unfilled or vacated at the time of annual elections must end.

The practice of holding by-elections concurrent with annual elections to fill positions unfilled or vacated at the time of annual elections for the remaining part of the year seems to make little sense as this generally elicits little interest, has the potential to make the annual election process incredibly complex if contested, and is incompatible with a tendering process if not mentioned in the tender documents (as happened in 2011).

Most student organisations have a variety of mechanisms to fill these positions throughout the year, which are much less formal and more successful. UMSU should look into these options and make changes.

Recommendation 3

Consideration must be given to protecting the role of the UMSU Manager given the sensitivity surrounding election matters and the division of responsibilities.

It has evolved at UMSU that the Manager has responsibility for several election matters (such as dealing with the Electoral Tribunal, contacting complainants and respondents for appeals etc) which can leave them open to potential claims of interference in the election process. As the Returning Officer is responsible for conduct of the election, it makes little sense to involve the Manager of the Student Union in the election process any more than is necessary.

Recommendation 4

A set order of counting be instituted, with the 'Conflict of Position' form being abolished.

Rather than having an unnecessary step in the electoral process of a 'Conflict of position' form, this would then give certainty to all involved in knowing if they nominate for several positions it will always be resolved in the same order. Currently, different students can put in 'Conflict of position' forms which can be completely contrary, putting the Returning Officer in an awkward position.

Officebearer positions should be counted first, then Students' Council, then a set order of the other committees as determined by Students' Council.

Recommendation 5

Outstation polling be changed to reflect the voting patterns which have evolved.

As reflected in the votes cast this year, the trend of outstation polling growing smaller has continued. Consideration must be given to changing the requirements for polling places in election regulation 29, as the two polling places outside of the Baillieu Library & Union House on the Parkville campus took a total of 63 votes out of 2939.

Recommendation 6

Ticket names should be restricted to four words, and should not include the word 'independent'. Campaign material should not contain the term 'independent'.

Ticket names that are overly long mean problems for any ballot paper printed for a multi-member ballot with several tickets. There is currently nothing stopping large or unwieldy ticket names.

There are always heated political discussions as to what constitutes 'independent' and what it is independent of, and to avoid this occurring annually, many different student organisations have election regulations which prohibit the use of this term. This would be advisable at UMSU.

Recommendation 7

Good record keeping and intellectual property rights must be established and maintained.

Aside from a Returning Officers report, currently UMSU keeps sparse election records and does not assert ownership over all information it has engaged its election providers to produce. Consistent with requirements of an incorporated organisation to maintain certain standards in regard to financial and administrative documents, it is recommended that UMSU ensure it is provided with, and retains, good election records. Examples from this year such that, under previous agreements, UMSU was

unable to provide election forms done on its behalf, are indicative of this. Following on from this UMSU must put in place service agreements ensuring its ownership of all documentation produced on its behalf, and information crucial to the future provision of election services (such as previous ticket registrant contact information, which was not provided in 2011). This greatly assists institutional memory when it comes to researching past practice, ensuring continuity and aiding improvement.

Recommendation 8

That election regulation 15.1 be redrafted to reflect its original intention of allowing 300 word statements for officebearer positions and 100 words for all other positions, and that 15.3 be removed and a provision for officebearer candidates to provide their own election photographs inserted.

Given the ability of students to take and send photographs electronically via their mobile phones, it makes little sense to have an extra layer of organisation. Getting students to turn up at the appointed times proved problematic this year and almost all officebearer candidates professed a desire to be able to provide photographs in the same way as they had provided their candidate statements (ie electronically and with their nomination).

Recommendation 9

The timeline set down for the competitive tendering process must be earlier in the year.

In future the timeline for appointing Election Service providers should be as early as possible to ensure good amounts of time for any group appointed to organise and set in train the necessary arrangements. Three working days before nominations are due to open as occurred this year is far from ideal. This is especially true when the only information left by previous election providers is the Returning Officer's report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Notice of Election

University of Melbourne Student Union
2011 ANNUAL ELECTIONS, MONDAY 5 – FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2011

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the Constitution and Electoral Regulations of the University of Melbourne Student Union Inc, as at 12.00pm midday on Monday 25 July 2011, nominations are hereby open for the following positions:

2011 Annual Election

Office Bearer positions:

- President
- Secretary
- Education (Academic Affairs) Officer
- Education (Public Affairs) Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Wom*n's Officer*
- Arts Officer
- Activities Officer
- Queer Officer*
- Environment Officer
- Media Officers
- Clubs and Societies Officer
- Indigenous Officer*

Students' Council:

- Queer Representative*
- Indigenous Representative*
- International Representative*
- Mature Age Representative*
- 14 general members

Committees:

7 members for each of the following Committees:

- Activities Committee
- Arts Committee
- Education Committee
- Environment Committee
- Indigenous Committee*
- Queer Committee*

- Welfare Committee
- Wom*n's Committee*

Melbourne University Student Union Ltd Board:

1 Board member

National Union of Students:

7 Delegate positions

Burnley Student Association*:

- President (Education Coordinator)
- Vice-President (Welfare Coordinator)
- Publications/Media Coordinator
- Facilities Coordinator
- Sports and Recreation Coordinator
- Burnley Student Association Committee - 7 General Committee Members

Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association*:

- Campus Co-ordinator
- Campaigns Co-ordinator
- Queer Student Representative*
- Indigenous Student Representative*
- International Student Representative*
- Wom*n Student Representative*
- Graduate Student Representative*
- Art Student Representative*
- Drama Student Representative*
- Dance Student Representative*
- Film and Television Student Representative*
- Music Student Representative*
- Production Student Representative*
- Musical Theatre Student Representative*

2011 by-elections (to fill these currently unfilled positions for the remainder of 2011)

Office Bearer positions:

- Indigenous Officer*

Committees:

- 7 members of the Indigenous Committee*
- 1 member of the Queer Committee (election not subject to AA)*
- 2 members of the Wom*n's Committee*

Students' Council:

- Indigenous Representative*

Burnley Student Association*:

- President (Education Coordinator)
- Vice-President (Welfare Coordinator)
- Publications/Media Coordinator
- Facilities Coordinator
- Sports and Recreation Coordinator
- 7 General Committee Members

Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association*:

- Queer Student Representative*
- Indigenous Student Representative*
- International Student Representative*
- Wom*n Student Representative*
- Graduate Student Representative*
- Art Student Representative*
- Drama Student Representative*
- Dance Student Representative*
- Musical Theatre Student Representative*

Nominations close at 12.00pm midday on Friday 12 August 2011.

All deadlines are strict and cannot be extended. Candidates are strongly urged to lodge their forms well before deadline. All forms should be delivered personally to the Returning Officer or an election official, with the election office your first point of contact. Where this is not practicable, please contact the Returning Officer to make other arrangements. Do not post forms without prior arrangement, as no responsibility will be taken for late or lost forms under those circumstances. It is not possible to accept faxed or emailed forms.

These elections will be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Electoral Regulations of the University of Melbourne Student Union Ltd. Copies of these documents are available from the election website and **candidates and campaigners are strongly urged to read these documents as they provide the binding rules for this election.**

Polling

Polling will occur from Monday 5 September 2011 to Friday 9 September 2011. **All students are eligible to vote** in the elections, regardless whether they are members of UMSU (notwithstanding specific positions which are to be elected by restricted constituencies).

Polling locations and times will be made available after the close of nominations.

Students may also vote by post. Applications for postal votes close at 5pm on Wednesday 31 August 2011.

Policy Statements

Candidates may also submit with their nominations a policy statement for publication in Farrago and on the election website. Policy statements must not exceed 300 words for

Officebearer positions or 100 words for all other positions. Please provide these electronically.

Candidates who nominate for more than one position should provide different policy statements for each position. Each policy statement must be clearly identified and include the candidate's name and the position for which he/she is standing.

Tickets

If a number of Members of UMSU wish to stand for election on a common platform, one of those Members may apply to register a ticket name with the Returning Officer. The application must contain the signature of at least 15 Members. No Member may sign more than one application and no candidate standing on a ticket may sign an application for a different ticket. A Member must not stand on more than one ticket in the same ballot.

If the proposed name of the ticket includes the name of a club or society affiliated with UMSU or MUSUL, the application must include the terms of a resolution of that club or society approving the use of the name and the signature of the president or secretary of that club or society certifying the passing of the resolution.

If the proposed name of the ticket includes the name of a ticket used in any UMSU election in the past 3 years, the application must include the consent of the person who most recently registered the ticket.

The registration of tickets open and close at the same time as nominations. Ticket registration forms, candidate order forms and conflict of position forms must all be submitted by the close of nominations.

***Restrictions on election**

Any student may nominate for the Melbourne University Student Union Ltd Board. Candidates for all other positions must be UMSU Members.

All UMSU Officer positions, except President and Secretary, may be held individually or by two candidates jointly.

The position of UMSU Media Officers must be held jointly by teams of three or four candidates.

Candidates for Wom*n's Officer, Wom*n's Committee and the Wom*n's representative on VCAM Student Association Council must be women.

For all other committees, the general members of the Students' Council and the BSA Committee, at least half of the members must be women (ignoring remainders), provided sufficient numbers of women nominate. There is no such requirement for NUS delegate positions.

Candidates for Queer Officer, Queer Representative on the Students' Council, Queer Committee and the Queer Representative on VCAM Student Association Council must be queer students. A single candidate for Queer Officer must be a wom*n, and in the case of joint candidates for Queer Officer, at least one must be a wom*n.

Candidates for Indigenous Officer, Indigenous Representative on the Students' Council, Indigenous Committee and Indigenous Representative on the VCAM Student Association Council must be indigenous.

Candidates for International Representative on the Students' Council and on VCAM Student Association Council must be international students.

Candidates for Mature Age Representative on the Students' Council and on VCAM Student Association Council must be mature age students.

Candidates for Graduate Representative on VCAM Student Association Council must be a graduate student.

Candidates for the BSA positions must be students of the Burnley Campus. Candidates for VCAM Student Association Council must be students at the Faculty of the VCA and Music, and candidates for positions representing specific academic units at that Faculty must be students of those academic units.

Contact Details

For all enquiries, forms and other election material, contact the Election Office: Student Resource Room, UMSU Office Area, 1st Floor, Union House (Ph: 03 8344 4835)

Or visit the Election website: <http://union.unimelb.edu.au/elections>

Notices will also be posted on the Student Council noticeboard, first floor, Union House.

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The UMSU election office will be open extensively throughout the election period, and appointments can be made via phone or email should the office be unattended or you cannot attend when it is open.

Gavin Ryan
Returning Officer
25 July 2011

Appendix 2 – List of Accepted Nominations

University of Melbourne Student Union
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List of Accepted Nominations

This is the list of all the accepted nominations after the verification of student details and eligibility.

Officebearer Positions

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
Activities Officer	More Activities!	Jonathan	Webb
Activities Officer	More Activities!	Devrim	Van Dijk
Arts Officer	Activate	Alice	Dawes
Clubs & Societies Officer	More Activities!	Stephanie	Field
Clubs & Societies Officer	More Activities!	Quinn	Oakley
Education Officer (Academic)	Stand Up!	Anna	Morrison
Education Officer (Academic)	Stand Up!	Kara	Hadgraft
Education Officer (Academic)	Unite	Richard James	Willder
Education Officer (Academic)	Unite	Nick	Jarman
Education Officer (Academic)	Liberal	Clinton	Markwell
Education Officer (Public)	Left Voice	Phoebe	Kelloway
Education Officer (Public)	Stand Up!	Ayeesha	Cain
Education Officer (Public)	Stand Up!	Jim	Smith
Education Officer (Public)	Unite	Sam	Keogh
Education Officer (Public)	Unite	Charley	Daniel
Education Officer (Public)	Liberal	Clinton	Markwell
Environment Officer	Activate	Rachel	Deans
Environment Officer	Activate	Ruthie	Hambling
Media Officer	Independent Media	Ella	Dyson
Media Officer	Independent Media	Maxwell William	Denton
Media Officer	Independent Media	Scott	Whinfield
Media Officer	Independent Media	Victoria	Smith
President	Left Voice	Han (Jimmy)	Yan
President	Stand Up!	Mark	Kettle
President	Unite	John	Harris
President	Liberal	Lloyd	McGeary
Queer Officer	Activate	Katelyn	Grimmer
Queer Officer	Activate	Luke	Nicholls
Secretary	Stand Up!	Samuel Mark	Vero
Secretary	Unite	Imran	Zaveer
Secretary	Liberal	Clinton	Markwell
Welfare Officer	Stand Up!	Isabelle	Kingshott
Welfare Officer	Stand Up!	Jiaqi (Kelly)	Song
Welfare Officer	Unite	Brody	Viney
Welfare Officer	Unite	Nicholas	Robinson-Griffith

Welfare Officer	Liberal	Clinton	Markwell
Wom*n's Officer	Activate	Amy	Jenkins
Wom*n's Officer	Activate	Belinda	O'Connor

Students' Council

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
Indigenous Rep Student Council	Activate	Maddee	Clark
Int Students Rep Student Council	Stand Up!	Ying Amy	Chen
Mature Age Rep Student Council	Stand Up!	Dominique	Ottobre
Mature Age Rep Student Council	Unite	Owen	Buttimore
Queer Rep Student Council	Activate	Elise	Cafarella
Queer Rep Student Council	Unite	Galih	Pangestu
Student Council (General)	ALP Club	Bruno	Friedel
Student Council (General)	Left Voice	Daniel	Lopez
Student Council (General)	Left Voice	Phoebe	Kelloway
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Stephen	Smith
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Bridie	Walsh
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Mercedes	Marsh
Student Council (General)	More Activities!	Cassie	Lutzko
Student Council (General)	More Activities!	Patrick	Clearwater
Student Council (General)	Beers Bands BBQs	Lizzie	Eng
Student Council (General)	Activate	Esther	Bohmer
Student Council (General)	Unite	Steven Joseph	Burak
Student Council (General)	Unite	Lachlan	Russell
Student Council (General)	Unite	Joanna	Jellie
Student Council (General)	Unite	Michael	Sabljak
Student Council (General)	Unite	Amanda	Horiniak
Student Council (General)	Unite	Sophie	Norman
Student Council (General)	Labor	Nick	Baum
Student Council (General)	iUnion	Ainesh	Advani
Student Council (General)	Mr.T-Give Your Union Some Nuts	David	Harris
Student Council (General)	Liberal	Clinton	Markwell
Student Council (General)	Liberal	Stuart	Kennedy
Student Council (General)	Students Against Poverty	Theresa	Tezengi
Student Council (General)	Independent Media	Chelsea	Mclver
Student Council (General)	Independent Media	Timothy	Forster
Student Council (General)	Independent Media	Sarina	Murray
Student Council (General)	Independent Media	Erin	Handley
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Jason Tao Ching	Lim
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Xuerui	Ren
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Yiqian (Ada)	Zhang
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Stephanie	Met
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Luke	Rochford
Student Council (General)	Stand Up!	Tom	Penfold
Student Council (General)	Activate	Lewis	Rippon
Student Council (General)	Activate	Madeleine	Egan
Student Council (General)	Activate	David	Haidon

Committees

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
Activities Committee	Stand Up!	Brendan	Faithfull
Activities Committee	Stand Up!	Bridie	Walsh
Activities Committee	Stand Up!	Shuang	Li
Activities Committee	Stand Up!	Stephanie	Met
Activities Committee	Stand Up!	Daniel	Mahoney
Activities Committee	Stand Up!	Declan	McGonigle
Activities Committee	More Activities!	Melinda	Keys
Activities Committee	More Activities!	Alex	Barker
Activities Committee	More Activities!	Joshua	Sugiyanto
Activities Committee	More Activities!	Nicole	Darman
Activities Committee	iUnion	Ainesh	Advani
Activities Committee	Mr.T-Give Your Union Some Nuts	David	Harris
Activities Committee	Students Against Poverty	Theresa	Tezengi
Activities Committee	Liberal	James	Duncan
Activities Committee	Unite	Marie	Kelly
Activities Committee	Unite	Nicole	Jarrel
Activities Committee	Unite	Anita	Donald
Activities Committee	Unite	William	O'Connor
Activities Committee	Unite	Emma	Henderson
Arts Committee	Stand Up!	Alexander	Hewett
Arts Committee	Stand Up!	Louis	Gregory
Arts Committee	Stand Up!	Yuchen Leo	Lu
Arts Committee	Stand Up!	Jamie-Maree	Shipton
Arts Committee	Stand Up!	Chenying	Zhao
Arts Committee	Stand Up!	Brandon	Zubek
Arts Committee	Stand Up!	Xavier	Smith
Arts Committee	Activate	Yvette	Turner
Arts Committee	Activate	Shameeta	Kuhadas
Arts Committee	Activate	Dana	McMillan
Arts Committee	Activate	Erin	Hutchinson
Arts Committee	Unite	Patrick	Crosswell
Arts Committee	Unite	Daniel	Born
Arts Committee	Unite	Nicola	Stevenson
Arts Committee	Unite	Michael	Fee
Arts Committee	Unite	Gemma Felicity	Ross-Mcglynn
Arts Committee	Mr.T-Give Your Union Some Nuts	David	Harris
Arts Committee	Liberal	Dylan	Pedersen
Arts Committee	Students Against Poverty	Theresa	Tezengi
Arts Committee	iUnion	Oscar	Dang
Education Committee	ALP Club	Bruno	Friedel
Education Committee	Stand Up!	Declan	McGonigle
Education Committee	Stand Up!	Dominic	De Bruyn
Education Committee	Stand Up!	Bridie	Walsh
Education Committee	Stand Up!	John	Lister
Education Committee	Stand Up!	Noni Elizabeth	Sproule
Education Committee	Stand Up!	Alexander	Hewett
Education Committee	Beers Bands BBQs	Lizzie	Eng

Education Committee	Mr.T-Give Your Union Some Nuts	David	Harris
Education Committee	Labor	Timothy	Gorton
Education Committee	Unite	Zoe	Efron
Education Committee	Unite	Nicole	Jarrel
Education Committee	Unite	Emma	Henderson
Education Committee	Unite	Michael	Sabljak
Education Committee	Unite	Stephanie	Forrest
Education Committee	Unite	Timothy	Hall
Education Committee	Liberal	Dylan	Pedersen
Education Committee	Students Against Poverty	Theresa	Tezengi
Education Committee	iUnion	Hans	Leung
Environment Committee	Stand Up!	Brandon	Zubek
Environment Committee	Stand Up!	Jialu (Cathy)	Song
Environment Committee	Stand Up!	Tom	Penfold
Environment Committee	Stand Up!	Xavier	Smith
Environment Committee	Stand Up!	Stephen	Smith
Environment Committee	Stand Up!	John	Lister
Environment Committee	Activate	Elisha	Dunphy
Environment Committee	Activate	Tom	Veitch
Environment Committee	Activate	Hannah	Roe
Environment Committee	Activate	Sarah	Williams
Environment Committee	Unite	Daniel	Born
Environment Committee	iUnion	Oscar	Dang
Environment Committee	Activate	Lewis	Rippon
Environment Committee	Liberal	James	Duncan
Environment Committee	Students Against Poverty	Theresa	Tezengi
Environment Committee	Unite	Charles	Everist
Environment Committee	Unite	Dexter	Gillman
Environment Committee	Unite	Richard	Lyons
Environment Committee	Unite	Elise	Brookes
Environment Committee	Unite	Daniel	Born
Queer Committee	Stand Up!	Stephanie	Met
Queer Committee	Stand Up!	Grace	Mugford
Queer Committee	Activate	Taelor	Richards
Queer Committee	Activate	Morgan	Pech
Queer Committee	Activate	Maddee	Clark
Queer Committee	Activate	Louise	Bourchier
Queer Committee	Activate	Elisha	Dunphy
Queer Committee	Activate	Elise	Cafarella
Queer Committee	Activate	Hannah	Roe
Welfare Committee	Stand Up!	Luke	Rochford
Welfare Committee	Stand Up!	Stephen	Smith
Welfare Committee	Stand Up!	Bihan	Zhou(Hermione)
Welfare Committee	Stand Up!	Noni	Sproule
Welfare Committee	Stand Up!	John	Lister
Welfare Committee	Stand Up!	Brandon	Zubek
Welfare Committee	Beers Bands BBQs	Lizzie	Eng
Welfare Committee	Unite	Catherine	Lucas
Welfare Committee	Unite	Marte Jorgine	Hurlen
Welfare Committee	Unite	Galih R.W.	Pangestu

Welfare Committee	Mr.T-Give Your Union Some Nuts	David	Harris
Welfare Committee	Unite	Missy	Henderson
Welfare Committee	Unite	Patrick	Crosswell
Welfare Committee	Unite	Catherine	Lucas
Welfare Committee	Unite	Jacqueline	Wortley
Welfare Committee	iUnion	Benjamin Foo Ngee	Chung
Welfare Committee	Liberal	Chris	Lewis
Welfare Committee	Labor	Mitchell	Robertson
Welfare Committee	Students Against Poverty	Theresa	Tezengi
Wom*n's Committee	Activate	Esther	Bohmer
Wom*n's Committee	Stand Up!	Grace	Mugford
Wom*n's Committee	Stand Up!	Angi	Yu
Wom*n's Committee	Stand Up!	Mercedes	Marsh
Wom*n's Committee	Stand Up!	Lin	Gu
Wom*n's Committee	Stand Up!	Jamie-Maree	Shipton
Wom*n's Committee	Stand Up!	Yini	Song
Wom*n's Committee	Activate	Gabrielle	Dubois
Wom*n's Committee	Activate	Danielle	Weber
Wom*n's Committee	Activate	Holly	Eyles
Wom*n's Committee	Unite	Stephanie	Forrest
Wom*n's Committee	Unite	Nicola	Stevenson
Wom*n's Committee	Unite	Elise	Brookes
Wom*n's Committee	iUnion	Jiun Mei	Chung
Wom*n's Committee	Unite	Catherine	Lucas

Melbourne University Student Union Ltd

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
MU Student Union Ltd Board	Stand Up!	Anna	Morrison
MU Student Union Ltd Board	Unite	Steven Joseph	Burak

National Union of Students

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
NUS Delegate	Left Voice	Katherine	McIntyre
NUS Delegate	Left Voice	Han (Jimmy)	Yan
NUS Delegate	Stand Up!	Rachael	Lim
NUS Delegate	Stand Up!	Noni Elizabeth	Sproule
NUS Delegate	Stand Up!	Alexander	Hewett
NUS Delegate	Stand Up!	Kara	Hadgraft
NUS Delegate	Stand Up!	Isabelle	Kingshott
NUS Delegate	Stand Up!	Ayeesha	Cain
NUS Delegate	Beers Bands BBQs	Evie	Fisher
NUS Delegate	Unite	Charley	Daniel
NUS Delegate	Unite	Charles	Everist
NUS Delegate	Unite	Patrick	Crosswell
NUS Delegate	Unite	Richard	Lyons
NUS Delegate	Unite	Nicole	Jarrel
NUS Delegate	ALP Club	Bruno	Friedel

Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
VCAMSA Campus Coordinator	Stand Up!	Jacob	Battista

There have only been two changes to the provisional list – Davis Harris was declared ineligible for Wom*n’s Committee and Hans Leung withdrew his nomination for International Student Representative – Student Council.

Please let me know if there are any grammatical errors with names.

**Gavin Ryan
Returning Officer
18 August**

Appendix 3 – Candidates Provisionally Elected at Close of Nominations

University of Melbourne Student Union
2011 ANNUAL ELECTIONS, MONDAY 5 – FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2011
List of Provisionally Elected Candidates

This is the list of all the provisionally elected candidates after the verification of student details and eligibility.

Officebearer Positions

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
Activities Officer	More Activities!	Jonathan	Webb
Activities Officer	More Activities!	Devrim	Van Dijk
Arts Officer	Activate	Alice	Dawes
Clubs & Societies Officer	More Activities!	Stephanie	Field
Clubs & Societies Officer	More Activities!	Quinn	Oakley
Environment Officer	Activate	Rachel	Deans
Environment Officer	Activate	Ruthie	Hambling
Media Officer	Independent Media	Ella	Dyson
Media Officer	Independent Media	Maxwell William	Denton
Media Officer	Independent Media	Scott	Whinfield
Media Officer	Independent Media	Victoria	Smith
Queer Officer	Activate	Katelyn	Grimmer
Queer Officer	Activate	Luke	Nicholls
Wom*n's Officer	Activate	Amy	Jenkins
Wom*n's Officer	Activate	Belinda	O'Connor

Students' Council

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
Indigenous Rep Student Council	Activate	Maddee	Clark
Int Students Rep Student Council	Stand Up!	Ying Amy	Chen

Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association

Position	Ticket	First Name	Surname
VCAMSA Campus Coordinator	Stand Up!	Jacob	Battista

Please let me know if there are any grammatical errors with names.

Gavin Ryan
Returning Officer
18 August

Appendix 4 – Tally of Votes Cast

Votes cast by polling place and day

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Union House	341	290	289	343	442
Baillieu Library	179	266	197	221	216
ERC	31	15	16	N/A	N/A
CIE	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
VCAM	N/A	17	21	17	N/A
Burnley	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
SUBTOTAL	552	588	523	582	658
<i>Plus</i> Provisionals allowed	1	2	2	3	6
TOTAL	553	590	525	585	664
<u>CUMULATIVE</u> <u>TOTAL</u>	<u>553</u>	<u>1143</u>	<u>1668</u>	<u>2253</u>	<u>2917</u>
Provisionals not allowed	1	8	5	2	6

Appendix 5 – 2011 Rulings

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ANNUAL STUDENT ELECTION 5 - 9 SEPTEMBER 2011

2011 RULINGS

Ruling 1. CHALKING UP

Chalk ups must:

- be done in easily removable chalk;
- not exceed 3 metres across in any direction;
- be at least 3 metres away from the entrance to any building;
- not be done in any covered area;
- not cover other chalk ups – a metre must be left between different chalk ups.

Chalk ups are done on a 'first in, best dressed' basis.

Ruling 2. Use of the Ticket Name 'iUnion'

Mr Jimmy Jin, authorized officer of the Ticket name iUnion in 2009, has submitted that the ticket name iUnion was unable to be registered as he was the most recent authorized officer.

In response to his concerns, I have made the following ruling:

In line with regulation 21.5, the ticket name 'iUnion' is not allowed to be registered for this election, as ownership of this ticket name still resides with Mr Jimmy Jin and not with the authorized officer of 'Fresh + iUnion'.

The ticket name 'Fresh + iUnion' may be used in its place if consent is gained from the authorized officer of the iUnion ticket, Mr Jimmy Jin. An alternative name must be sought if this not forthcoming.

28th August 2011

Ruling 3. Use of candidate/student photos and logos in election material

Photos of candidates or other students may only be used in election material with the written consent of the student involved. This written consent must be provided to the Returning Officer.

Logos from another group/organisation may not be used without the written consent of that group/organisation. This written consent must be provided to the Returning Officer.

2nd September 2011

Ruling 4. Use of turquoise/blue T-shirts by Liberal ticket campaigners

Liberal ticket campaigners required to clearly identify that they are members of the Liberal ticket or campaigning for the Liberal ticket when wearing turquoise or blue T-shirts (similar in colour to the Stand Up! ticket) by clearly printing the word "Liberal" on the front and back of the t-shirts. This must be in letters filled by a darker colour.

5th September 2011

Ruling 5, Misleading Liberal How To Vote

The Liberal How to Vote must be changed as it contains information from last year's election which may be misleading to voters.

These changes are to the sample Fresh + iUnion HTV, and must make it clear that this is a sample from the 2010 election, also removing the authorization information and Fresh+iUnion logo at the bottom of the page.

This will need to be reauthorized before being distributed.

5th September 2011

Ruling 6, Dispute lodged by Jesse Overton-Skinner and Lloyd McGeary re: "The Truth About Unite" pamphlet

The Stand Up! ticket are required to make the following changes to the leaflet "The Truth About Unite" before it can be handed out again:

They must qualify or delete the statement "Unite's Presidential candidate has had no experience or prior involvement in UMSU."

Dates must be inserted into the quotes found on the back page.

This will need to be reauthorized before being distributed.

5th September 2011

Ruling 7, Dispute lodged by John Harris re; Stand Up! campaigner walking a voter to the election booth

The Stand Up! campaigner in question admitted to the behaviour and was warned that if another instance is found it will lead to her being banned from campaigning for a specified time.

This was also done for the Unite campaigner caught by polling staff walking someone to the polling booth through union house.

5th September 2011

Ruling 8. Stand Up! Chalk Ups

Stand Up! have been found to be in breach of the ruling made regarding chalk ups.

Given some of these chalk-ups were done prior to my ruling I will be satisfied if the chalkups are covered over rather than removed completely.

If there are still Stand Up! chalk ups at the start of polling tomorrow that have not been changed as per my request that still breach my ruling, Stand-Up campaigners will be forced to change these in the presence of my staff immediately.

Stand Up! have been informed that should the University pursue them for cleaning costs the

authorized office and ticket will be held responsible.

5th September 2011

Ruling 9. Stand Up! 'Members of Unite are Liberals' posters

The phrase 'liberal lies' on the Stand Up! 'Members of Unite are Liberals' posters has been deemed to be misleading.

The word 'lie' must be blacked out on current copies or removed on any subsequent copies made.

6th September 2011

Ruling 10. 'The truth about Stand Up!' leaflet

Rachael Lim disputed the assertion that she had not attended half of the University Council meetings as stated in this leaflet.

On subsequent investigation with the University Secretary's office it was confirmed that Rachael (as UMSU president) has only been invited to five meetings this year.

The words 'half of her' must be blacked out on current copies or removed on any subsequent copies made.

6th September 2011

Ruling 11. Stand Up! Postering

Stand Up! have been found to be in breach of the ruling made regarding postering by covering over other tickets posters. The offending articles must be removed and any further breaches will see Stand Up! campaigners accompanied by election staff having to visit every bollard on campus and take down offending posters.

6th September 2011

Ruling 12. Students associated with 'More Activities'

Students associated with the 'More Activities' ticket have been engaging in unacceptable physical behaviour. The students and ticket in question have been warned that any further instances of this behaviour will result in bans for campaigners, the entire ticket and possible disqualification.

This ruling applies equally to all participants in this election, as unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. All participants in this election must respect each other's personal space and that of other students.

6th September 2011

Ruling 13. Blocking and shepherding by campaigners

All students have been warned that physically blocking, jostling, and shepherding students or other campaigners is unacceptable. A campaigner from the Stand-Up! ticket (Isabelle) and a campaigner from the Unite ticket (Michael) are banned from campaigning for one hour at the start of polling on Wednesday 7th for engaging in this behaviour.

I again remind all participants in this election that they must respect each other's personal space and that of other students.

6th September 2011

Ruling 14. Use of recycled paper

All tickets have been requested to provide the Returning Officer with proof that the coloured paper they are using is recycled. This can take the form of a receipt for the paper, providing the packaged paper or its packaging.

Tickets have until the start of polling tomorrow to provide this.

7th September 2011

Ruling 15. Sexist and intimidating behaviour

All tickets have been warned regarding inappropriate behaviour, however there are continuing sporadic reports regarding sexist and intimidating behaviour. Any campaigner engaging in this behaviour will be immediately banned from campaigning.

This penalty will currently apply to the Unite campaigner who engaged in the sexist and demeaning commentary Wednesday afternoon at the Bailleu library. This campaigner must report to the Returning Officer for appropriate punishment. If he does not, the entire Unite ticket will face a ban from campaigning.

7th September 2011

Ruling 16. Adverse weather campaigning areas

Should the weather become completely inclement, previous boundaries for campaigning around polling areas will change.

At the Bailleu library, campaigners will be allowed under the eave, and the line will be at the doors.

At Union House the change will be that campaigning will be allowed in North Court, and a small section of the Union Building around the South Entrance.

When these new boundaries apply will be at the discretion of the Returning Officer and all tickets will be advised. These new boundaries will then stay in place until otherwise directed.

8th September 2011

Appendix 6 – Selected rulings from prior years

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ANNUAL STUDENT ELECTION
5 - 9 SEPTEMBER 2011

SELECTED RULINGS FROM PRIOR YEARS

Please note that we regard the following as standing rulings.

UMSU OFFICE SPACE – Ruling (4) of 2007:

The display of any campaign material for the current UMSU elections within the UMSU office-bearers space, including but not limited to the wearing of campaign T-shirts or badges by persons working in or frequenting that space (whether office-bearers or not, and whether on leave or not), is hereby prohibited until the close of polling.

CAMERAS – Ruling (10) of 2007 (part):

(a) In the light of their extremely widespread use, and their usefulness in substantiating certain claims, it would be unreasonable to ban the use of cameras entirely.

(b) However, the Returning Officer is concerned at the potential that the use of cameras poses for harassment and intimidation, and calls for restraint in their use. All campaigners are urged to respect the privacy and personal space of others, and are directed not to take photographs in circumstances where that could reasonably be regarded as harassment in breach of Regulation 44.5.26 or in breach of Union or University rules and procedures relating to harassment.

POSTERS ON BOLLARDS – Ruling (3) of 2008:

a) Tickets have previously been advised to share poster space on bollards and not to cover the posters of other tickets when there was free space available, nor to blanket bollards with their own posters leaving little or no free space.

b) Unfortunately this advice has not been consistently followed, leading to unnecessary waste of resources and tension between campaigners. This is of particular concern given the evident policy concern of the Regulations to conserve paper.

c) Therefore, effective immediately and for the remainder of the campaign, a limit of six (6) posters per ticket on any one bollard at any time is hereby imposed, by virtue of the Returning Officer's power under Reg. 27.6 to control space allocation.

d) Campaigners are also reminded that pulling down posters belonging to another ticket is prohibited conduct under Reg. 44.5.12, regardless of whether or not they are within the scope of this Ruling, and that the proper remedy for any alleged breach of this or any other Ruling or Regulation is to make a report to the Returning Officer.

INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA – Ruling (3) of 2009:

1. All candidates and campaigners should be aware that all internet communications, other than those that are purely internal to a particular group, can constitute electoral material if they "either explicitly mention, or comment visually, literally or figuratively on the elections, the candidates or the issues involved" (Reg. 28.1).

2. In particular, the fact that access to material on Facebook may be restricted to a person's Facebook friends – which typically number several hundred – does not prevent it from being “produced, displayed or distributed” within the meaning of Reg. 28.1.
3. All election material, including that in electronic form, must be authorised: that is, it must be seen and authorised by the Returning Officer, and a copy placed on the file in the Elections office, before it is displayed or distributed.
4. Facebook pages carrying election comment need to contain the authorisation lines required by Regs. 28.5 and 25.6, and a printed screenshot needs to be placed on the file.
5. Group emails circulating beyond the confines of the particular group also need to contain the authorisation lines, and a copy of the text needs to be placed on the file.
6. Brief and non-controversial updates to electronic media do not need to be separately authorised, but any substantive changes should be drawn to the Returning Officer's attention and a fresh copy added to the file.
7. The making of comments on the pages of political opponents, whether events, groups or individuals, is prohibited.
8. The use of Twitter for election material is prohibited.

CAMPAIGN VIDEOS – Ruling (4) of 2009:

In response to questions that have been raised, the Returning Officer rules that the following guidelines should apply to the production of campaign videos:

1. The script needs to be authorised, and a printed copy must be placed in the authorised material file before the video is released.
2. The Returning Officer needs to be notified as to what format the video will be distributed in, and links or physical copies lodged as appropriate.
3. The closing credits need to include the words "published by [name & student # of someone who takes responsibility for it]" and "authorised by the Returning Officer".
4. Anyone who appears on the video other than as incidental scenery needs to be an eligible campaigner – ie a Melbourne University student and not an office-bearer who has not taken leave – and needs to have given their consent to appear.
5. All videos must otherwise comply with all relevant regulations, such as not being misleading, defamatory, sexist, etc.
6. These guidelines are based on the assumption that videos will be quite short – a maximum of two or three minutes – and will be reviewed if requests are made for longer videos.

Appendix 7 - Complaint alleging an approach by the Unite ticket

Material received from University of Melbourne Medical Students Society (UMMSS) regarding an approach from the ticket 'Unite'

On 16 August I received an email purporting to quote an offer from the 'Unite' ticket of various inducements in return for a candidate to run in UMSU elections from the University of Melbourne Medical Student's Society (UMMSS). This quote purported to have come from an email sent by the President of the UMMSS, Michelle Li.

In response to this I sought further information on the 17 August. I was then sent a copy of an email that purported to be from Michelle Li, President of UMMSS, outlining detail of such an arrangement.

I then contacted Michelle Li the following day (18 August) by phone to discuss whether there had been an approach made. She confirmed to me that there had been an approach by the 'Unite' ticket, however stressed that she was unwilling to discuss the particulars or who had made the approach from the 'Unite' ticket.

On 25 August I wrote to both the authorised officer of the 'Unite' ticket, Joshua Anderson, and the president of the UMMSS, Michelle Li, asking for details of an approach made to UMMSS by the 'Unite' ticket. This was also combined with a phone conversation with Joshua Anderson that day.

Joshua Anderson replied with the following statements by 30 August as requested indicating that his ticket would co-operate with any further details as required:

RE: Medical Students

To whom it may concern,

In the lead up to the close of nominations for the 2011 UMSU student elections, the only correspondence I had with the Medical students was a letter I sent asking them to support our policies.

I made no offer of funding, instead outlining why I think they should endorse our policies.

Regards,

Lloyd McGeary.

RE: Medical Students

To whom it may concern,

In regards to medical students and the 2011 UMSU elections, whilst I have talked with a few members of the med student society being in my final year of medicine with regards to the 2011 UMSU elections, I never made a promise regarding funding arrangements nor did i have any communication outside of ordinary lobbying in regards to student elections.

Regards,

Grant Ross.

RE: Medical Students

To whom it may concern,

In regards to the medical students and the 2011 UMSU elections, the only correspondence I have had with the medical students was with the president of their society and it was in regards to running a candidate on a ticket. Funding arrangement in regards to union funds were never mentioned. In addition, no written correspondence was made as I do not have facebook.

Regards,
Kon Moisisdis.

At this point I had received responses from the 'Unite' ticket that could not be brought into question by any evidence provided, and as such there was no further action to be taken.

After several emails from me to Michelle Li requesting information to no avail, I was then informed by Michelle Li on the 18 September that UMMSS had decided "*not to co-operate with my investigation*" and went on to say "*I understand that all your emails mention the possibility of referring this matter to the University. We would be more than happy to reconsider our position should it become a University investigation.*"

Given the serious nature of the subject matter and the refusal of both Michelle Li and UMMSS to co-operate with my investigation, this matter was forwarded on to the University for their consideration.

Appendix 8 – Appeal against election result

Below is a summary of the appeal lodged with the Electoral Tribunal regarding the election result and Electoral Tribunal's finding. Given the appeal was not upheld, the details of the specific claims made, the Returning Officer's response and correspondence from the Electoral Tribunal have not been included.

We, the undersigned, would like to lodge an appeal against the Returning Officers of the UMSU 2011 Annual Elections, on the grounds outlined below as per rule:

47.2. After the declaration of provisional results, Students may appeal against the result of the election by making a written submission to the Electoral Tribunal within three working days of the declaration of provisional results or within three working days of the recount of an election, whichever is the latter.

We request that, in accordance with the Electoral Regulations:

47.4 If satisfied that there has been a defect in the conduct of the election which has materially affected the result, the tribunal may:

...

47.4.4 Declare that a new poll be conducted.

We write to draw to your attention to serious breaches of UMSU Electoral Regulations and the lack of supervision and scrutiny of the way in which the election was conducted.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Anderson on behalf of the Unite ticket
Lloyd McGeary on behalf of the Liberal ticket
Steph Field on behalf of the More Activities ticket
Kon Moisesides on behalf of the International Students ticket
David Harris on behalf of the Mr T- Give Your Union Some Nuts ticket
Archie Collyer on behalf of the Labor ticket

The UMSU Electoral Tribunal met and considered the complaint lodged by a number of ticket registrants.

The Tribunal resolved to take all materials presented to it, including the written complaint and the Returning Officer's response, into account when appointing the Returning Officer for the UMSU election in 2012.

Appendix 9 – Notice of Provisional Election Results

University of Melbourne Student Union
2011 ANNUAL ELECTIONS, MONDAY 5 – FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2011

2011 Provisional Election Results

President

Lloyd McGeary – <i>Liberal</i>	148 votes
Mark Kettle – <i>Stand Up!</i>	1753 votes
John Harris – <i>Unite</i>	915 votes
Informal votes	104

Mark Kettle was declared provisionally elected.

Secretary

Imran Zaveer - <i>Unite</i>	963 votes
Clinton Markwell – <i>Liberal</i>	157 votes
Samuel Vero - <i>Stand Up!</i>	1661 votes
Informal votes	139

Samuel Vero was declared provisionally elected

Education Officer – Academic

Anna Morrison & Kara Hadgraft – <i>Stand Up!</i>	1789 votes
Clinton Markwell – <i>Liberal</i>	150 votes
Richard Willder & Nick Jarman – <i>Unite</i>	852 votes
Informal votes	129

Anna Morrison & Kara Hadgraft were declared provisionally elected

Education Officer - Public

Ayeesha Cain & Jim Smith – <i>Stand Up!</i>	1636 votes
Sam Keogh & Charley Daniel – <i>Unite</i>	819 votes
Clinton Markwell – <i>Liberal</i>	128 votes
Phoebe Kelloway – <i>Left Action</i>	204
Informal votes	133

Ayeesha Cain & Jim Smith were declared provisionally elected

Welfare Officer

Clinton Markwell – <i>Liberal</i>	168 votes
Isabelle Kingshott & Jiaqi Song – <i>Stand Up!</i>	1735 votes
Brody Viney	

& Nicholas Robinson-Griffith – *Unite* 879 votes
Informal votes 138

Isabelle Kingshott & Jiaqi Song were declared provisionally elected

MUSUL Board

Anna Morrison – *Stand Up!* 980 votes
Steven Burak – *Unite* 456 votes
Informal votes 1484

Anna Morrison was declared provisionally elected

Mature Age Rep UMSU Student Council

Dominique Ottobre – *Stand Up!* 650 votes
Owen Buttimore – *Unite* 276 votes
Informal votes 1994

Dominique Ottobre was declared provisionally elected

Queer Rep UMSU Student Council

Galih Pangestu – *Unite* 313 votes
Elise Cafarella – *Activate* 274 votes
Informal votes 2333

Galih Pangestu was declared provisionally elected.

UMSU Student Council

(in order of election)
Stephen Smith – *Stand Up!*
Steven Burak – *Unite*
Esther Bohmer – *Activate*
Jason Lim – *Stand Up!*
Lachlan Russell – *Unite*
Bridie Walsh – *Stand Up!*
Joanna Jellie – *Unite*
Xuerui Ren – *Stand Up!*
Mercedes Marsh – *Stand Up!*
Yiqian Zhang – *Stand Up!*
Patrick Clearwater – *More Activities!*
Stephanie Met – *Stand Up!*
Erin Handley – *Independent Media*
Michael Sabljak – *Unite*

NUS Delegates

(in order of election)
Rachael Lim - *Stand Up!*
Charley Daniel – *Unite*
Noni Sproule – *Stand Up!*
Charles Everist – *Unite*
Alexander Hewett – *Stand Up!*
Kara Hadgraft – *Stand Up!*
Isabelle Kingshott – *Stand Up!*

Activities Committee*

(in order of election)

Brendan Faithfull - *Stand Up!*

Marie Kelly – *Unite*

Joshua Sugiyanto – *More Activities!*

Shuang Li - *Stand Up!*

Daniel Mahoney - *Stand Up!*

Nicole Jarrel - *Unite*

Anita Donald – *Unite*

** Affirmative action was applied in this ballot count before electing the last two candidates*

Arts Committee

(in order of election)

Alexander Hewett - *Stand Up!*

Gemma Ross-McGlynn – *Unite*

Louis Gregory – *Stand Up!*

Michael Fee – *Unite*

Yuchen Leo Lu – *Stand Up!*

Erin Hutchinson - *Activate*

Jamie-Marie Shipton – *Stand Up!*

Education Committee

(in order of election)

Declan McGonigle - *Stand Up!*

Zoe Efron – *Unite*

Dominic De Bruyn – *Stand Up!*

Nicole Jarrel – *Unite*

Bridie Walsh – *Stand Up!*

John Lister – *Stand Up!*

Hans Leung – *International Students*

Environment Committee*

(in order of election)

Brandon Zubek - *Stand Up!*

Charles Everist – *Unite*

Sarah Williams - *Activate*

Jialu Song – *Stand Up!*

Dexter Gillman – *Unite*

Tom Penfold - *Stand Up!*

Therese Tezengi – *Students Against Poverty*

** Affirmative action was applied in this ballot count before electing the last candidate*

Wom*n's Committee

(in order of election)

Grace Mugford – *Stand Up!*

Catherine Lucas – *Unite*

Esther Bohmer - *Activate*

Anqi Yu – *Stand Up!*

Mercedes Marsh – *Stand Up!*

Lin Gu – *Stand Up!*

Elise Brookes – *Unite*

Welfare Committee

(in order of election)

Luke Rochford - *Stand Up!*

Marte Hurlen – *Unite*

Stephen Smith – *Stand Up!*

Galih Pangestu – *Unite*

Bihan Zhou - *Stand Up!*

Noni Sproule – *Stand Up!*

Therese Tezengi – *Students Against Poverty*

Queer Committee

(in order of election)

Stephanie Met - *Stand Up!*

Taelor Richards – *Activate*

Grace Mugford – *Stand Up!*

Morgan Pech – *Activate*

Maddee Clark – *Activate*

Louise Bouchier – *Activate*

Elisha Dunphy – *Activate*

Appendix 10 – Vote count sheets for multi-member positions

(Not included in electronic version of report, but provided as separate file)