



UMSU BY-ELECTIONS 2022

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

In accordance with the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) Constitution and Electoral Regulations, at 12:00 pm on Monday 14 March 2022 nominations will open for the following positions:

POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED:

Office Bearers

- **General Secretary**
- **Activities Officer**
- **Welfare Officer**

Committees – Seven (7) Members to be elected for the following committees

- **Indigenous Committee***
- **Burnley Campus Committee***

*See Eligibility to stand criteria as listed in the UMSU Constitution and UMSU Election Regulations as these positions are elected by and from restricted electorates.

Nominations close 12:00pm on Wednesday 23 March 2022.

ELIGIBILITY TO STAND

Any University of Melbourne student may nominate for any position unless otherwise specified, and in the case of an office-bearer they must be a General Member of UMSU under section 6.4 of the UMSU Constitution. There are positions for election as indicated that are elected by and from restricted electorates, with anyone wishing to stand for the Indigenous Committee having to be an indigenous student and anyone wishing to stand for the Burnley Campus Committee having to be a student at the Burnley Campus. Full eligibility criteria is listed in the UMSU Constitution.

Any Office may be held by two or more persons jointly except the positions of President, General Secretary, Media Officer, UMSU International President and the Burnley Campus Co-ordinator.

Pursuant to clause 6.1 of the Electoral Regulations:

- If any officer position other than the Women's Officer position is held jointly, one of the persons holding the position must be a Woman.

RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms for candidates will be available on the UMSU Election webpage found [here](#). Students wishing to nominate for joint office or committee positions must indicate the restricted electorate they are a part of on the nomination form.

Please submit your nomination forms via the google form link [here](#) or via email to: umsureturningofficer@gmail.com

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS

A candidate may withdraw their nomination at any time before the start of counting for their position. The withdrawal form is available on the UMSU election webpage [here](#). Please email your signed withdrawal form to umsureturningofficer@gmail.com. Electronic signatures will be accepted.

TICKET REGISTRATIONS

Applications to register a ticket name must be accompanied with the signatures of 15 UMSU General Members. Tickets that are running candidates for multi-member positions must also submit a form showing the order in which they wish their candidates to appear. Electronic signatures will be accepted.

Ticket registration and candidate order forms must be submitted by close of nominations and are available on the UMSU election webpage [here](#).

POLICY STATEMENTS AND CANDIDATE PHOTOS

Each candidate may submit a statement that must be no more than 300 words for Office Bearers and no more than 100 words for all other positions. Each ticket registrant with an approved ticket may submit a policy statement that must be no more than 1000 words. These statements should be delivered via email to the returning officer email address. If candidates wish to have candidate photos taken, they must arrange for that themselves. Please submit candidate photos and policy statements prior to the close of nominations. A draw for the order of candidate and ticket statements as published on the Election Guide will be held on Monday 28 March.

CONSTITUTION AND ELECTORAL REGULATIONS

All students wishing to nominate for a position should make themselves familiar with UMSU's Constitution and Electoral Regulations as they are the governing documents for this election and set down the rules by which the election operates. Both the UMSU Constitution and Electoral Regulations can be found on the Election webpage [here](#).

VOTING SESSION

Voting will open 10:00 am AEST on Monday 4 April 2021 and close 1:00 pm AEST on Wednesday 6 April 2022. Voting will be conducted via the BigPulse platform, with an individual voting link sent to all eligible voters via their student email at the beginning of the voting session.

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