

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE STUDENT UNION (UMSU) ANNUAL ELECTION 7TH–11TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

Declaration of results

This document contains first preferences and, where necessary, a distribution of preferences for single-member positions, all of which have been declared.

For multi-member positions it contains just the declaration. A full distribution of preferences is available here: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=1357259UR6xVHFRwQkGXeB23vVF>

The Electoral Tribunal met on 23 September 2026 to consider a referral by the Returning Officer and two appeals against the result of the election. The Tribunal disqualified three nominations; those disqualifications are incorporated in the results below and the link above.

President

	First preferences	
Lottie Jenkins (Together for UMSU)	1954	
Daniel Motika (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1544	
Harrison Kemp (Progress)	287	

Lottie Jenkins declared elected.

General Secretary

	First preferences	Distribution
Khush Shah (Together for UMSU)	1806	1906
Corbin Afanasyev (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1640	1662
Percival Taylor (Progress)	259	

Khush Shah declared elected.

Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Pranay Maheta and Rachel Fysh (Together for UMSU)	1830	1906
Satvik Gulati and Yashesvi Verma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1611	1662
Nikolai Zarubin (Progress)	251	

Pranay Maheta and Rachel Fysh declared elected.

Education (Public Affairs) Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Minh Ha and Toby Putland (Together for UMSU)	1741	1813
Aidan Hawe (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1685	1727
Rui Cao	204	

Minh Ha and Toby Putland declared elected.

Welfare Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Mysha Siddiqui and Yun Yi Chan (Together for UMSU)	1818	1871
Holly Kalns and Martyn Cherian (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1637	1692
Jamie Edwards (Progress)	200	

Mysha Siddiqui and Yun Yi Chan declared elected.

Women's Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Keerthi Ruddramker and Melo Nicholson (Together for UMSU)	815	871
Naya Ikram and Yuqi Ma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	749	779
Elizabeth Sheezel (Progress)	99	
Lia Handa	63	

Keerthi Ruddramker and Melo Nicholson declared elected.

Creative Arts Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Jinrui (Jimmy) Guo and Prishita Shethia (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1452	1582
Manhar Arora and Noelle Liang (Together for UMSU)	1382	1766
Felicity Bayne (Independent Artists Co-operative)	675	
William Main (Progress)	123	

Manhar Arora and Noelle Liang declared elected.

Activities Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Nathan Van Langenberg and Yanyan Zhang (Together for UMSU)	1719	1782
Shifa Ikram (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1425	1449
Lewis Regan (Progress)	208	230
Jinyu Guo	87	
Michelle Zhu	78	
Rui Cao	63	

Nathan Van Langenberg and Yanyan Zhang declared elected.

Queer Officer

	First preferences	
Mabel Shelley and Ronglin Hou (Together for UMSU)	714	
Nandi Rathore and Vibha Amit (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	452	

Mabel Shelley and Ronglin Hou declared elected.

Environment Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Amaya Castro Williams (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1633	1747
David Dieperink and Millie Mountford (Together for UMSU)	1405	1691
Eren Olmez and Shahana Seyar (INDEPENDENT STUDENTS 4 SUSTAINABILITY)	609	

Amaya Castro Williams declared elected.

Media Officer

Lachlan Carroll, Saria Ratnam, Taylah Xuereb and Thomas Weir-Alarcon declared elected unopposed.

Clubs & Societies Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Leon Nguyen van Tri and Meiqi Liu (Together for UMSU)	1704	1833
Alexander Hams (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1520	1579
John McClure (Progress)	198	
Rui Cao	179	

Leon Nguyen van Tri and Meiqi Liu declared elected.

Indigenous Officer

	First preferences	
Claire Trainor (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	19	
Cate Fardon (Together for UMSU)	14	

Claire Trainor declared elected.

Disabilities Officer

	First preferences	
Angela Ranasinghe and Julia Gunther (Together for UMSU)	297	
Aahna Kamboj and Clarissa Sothy (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	216	

Angela Ranasinghe and Julia Gunther declared elected.

People of Colour Officer

	First preferences	
Lushy Chinganya and Yasmin Saab (Together for UMSU)	679	
Leon Lu and Muntaha Amreen (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	518	

Lushy Chinganya and Yasmin Saab declared elected.

Students' Council Graduate Representative

	First preferences	
Kanishka Saini (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	363	
Deveshi Sharma (Together for UMSU)	288	
Xianglong Lin	32	

Rui Cao	29	
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Kanishka Saini declared elected.

Students' Council Indigenous Representative

	First preferences	
Dallmyn Kelly (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	18	
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Dallmyn Kelly declared elected.

Students' Council International Students' Representative

	First preferences	
Yichen Yang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	546	
Patricia (Trisha) Teoh (Together for UMSU)	363	
Xianglong Lin	56	
Raiesa Khutel	36	
Ryan Mishra	24	
Rui Cao	16	
Félix Michel	14	
Dion Lim	13	
Thao Nguyen (Sunny) Tran	12	

Yichen Yang declared elected.

Students' Council Queer Representative

	First preferences	
Natalie Ryan (Together for UMSU)	634	
Char Palmer (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	356	
Alejandro Lara Allende	84	

Natalie Ryan declared elected.

Students' Council Students of Colour Representative

	First preferences	Distribution
Joey Vun (Together for UMSU)	554	584
Suren Muthusamy Lalitha (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	483	503
Akshita Sharma	78	

Joey Vun declared elected.

Students' Council Students with Disabilities Representative

	First preferences	
Lachie Templeman-Hughes (Together for UMSU)	277	
Ruoming Wang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	189	

Lachie Templeman-Hughes declared elected.

Voting Students' Council representative elected by Southbank Students

	First preferences	
Matteo Rafael Bonson (Independents for Southbank)	144	
Tom Palmer (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	28	

Matteo Rafael Bonson declared elected.

Southbank Students Campus Co-ordinator

Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis and Leyla Boz declared elected unopposed.

Southbank Activities Officer

Reuben Strentz declared elected unopposed.

Southbank Education Officer

Mia Christiansen declared elected unopposed.

Burnley Campus Co-ordinator

Rebecca Gray declared elected unopposed.

Students' Council – General representative

The following are declared elected:

1. Isabella McRae McLeod (Together for UMSU)
2. Kashyap Sreekumar (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Reema Ababneh (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)
4. Jake Proctor (Together for UMSU)
5. Vinnie Yan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
6. Anjali Manoj (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)
7. Yifan (Roger) Cao (Together for UMSU)
8. Ryunosuke Himeda (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
9. Pablo Paskos (Together for UMSU)

10. Radman Amel Monirian (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
11. Shirley Tang (Together for UMSU)
- *Affirmative action applied*
12. Tasmiya Haque (Together for UMSU)
13. Zeinab Jishi (Independent Media)
14. Mansi Sharma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
15. Yasmeen Atieh (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)

Disabilities Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Lachie Templeman-Hughes (Together for UMSU)
2. Dharm Saraswat (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Kenway Sheridan (Together for UMSU)
- *Affirmative action applied*
4. Frances Varghese (Together for UMSU)
5. Isabella Li (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
6. Alex Gwynn (Together for UMSU)
7. Nyssa Gupta (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)

People of Colour Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Tasmiya Haque (Together for UMSU)
2. Muhammad Fardeen (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Tjipo Morgan (Together for UMSU)
4. Qichen Wang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
5. Hayley Kendi Njagi (Together for UMSU)
6. Wenhan Ju (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
7. Salia Nimley (Together for UMSU)

Queer Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Jay Huang (Together for UMSU)

2. Aryan Lalit Kalpande (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Willow Kecskes-Judd (Together for UMSU)
4. Kathryn McInerney Sotomayor (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
5. Ted Kelly (Together for UMSU)
6. Natalie Ryan (Together for UMSU)
- *Affirmative action applied*
7. Beatrix Hiep (Together for UMSU)

Women's Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Qing (Alissa) Chen (Together for UMSU)
2. Niamh Clarke (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Keiyona Shankar (Together for UMSU)
4. Phoebe Adams (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
5. Zahra Batoory (Together for UMSU)
6. Yagmur Eda Yildiz (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
7. Erling Xu (Together for UMSU)

Burnley Students Committee

The following are declared elected:

- Nina Middleton
- Rory Crofts

Five vacancies remain.

Southbank Students Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Hadyn Collier (Independents for Southbank)
2. Kathryn McInerney Sotomayor (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Juniper Salt (Independents for Southbank)
4. Mackenzie Hawkins (Independents for Southbank)
5. Miranda Zabel (Independents for Southbank)
6. Natasha McBain (Independents for Southbank)

7. Tirion Luff-White (Independents for Southbank)

Indigenous Committee

The following are declared elected unopposed:

- Fenella Collins
- Dallmyn Kelly (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)

Activities Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Edward Iager (Together for UMSU)
2. Niam Airey (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Frank Ngo (Together for UMSU)
- *Affirmative action applied*
4. Rachel Tran (Together for UMSU)
5. Aarika Sharma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
6. Eliza Grace (Together for UMSU)
7. Shani Dhariwal (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)

Creative Arts Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Pablo Paskos (Together for UMSU)
2. Mehrak Mizan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Emma Guthrie (Independent Artists Co-operative)
4. Ansh Jindal (Together for UMSU)
- *Affirmative action applied*
5. Freya Hosking (Together for UMSU)
6. Manya Agrawal (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
7. Pooja Srinivasan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)

Education Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Joey Vun (Together for UMSU)
2. Ryo Oguchi (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)

3. Bambarawana Liyanagamage Nesandi Naadithya (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)
4. Benjamin Freeburn-Riebeling (Together for UMSU)
5. M Warid Abdullah (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
6. Linda LI (Together for UMSU)
7. Jiya Dhama (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)

Environment Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Flynn Slater (Together for UMSU)
2. Lola Bowers (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Bella Beiraghi (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)
4. Ariana Gu (Together for UMSU)
5. Samuel Licciardino (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
6. Oliver Baitch (Together for UMSU)
7. Shahana Seyar (INDEPENDENT STUDENTS 4 SUSTAINABILITY)

Welfare Committee

The following are declared elected:

1. Max Zhang (Together for UMSU)
2. Aidan O'Reilly (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Ling Hao (Together for UMSU)
4. Angela Clark (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
5. Aulia Sarah Andraina (Together for UMSU)
6. Ruby Barlow (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
7. Du Wang (Together for UMSU)

National Union of Students delegate

The following are declared elected:

1. Melo Nicholson (Together for UMSU)
2. Holly Kalns (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
3. Aidan Hawe (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)
4. Toby Putland (Together for UMSU)

5. James Duncan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)
6. Jake Proctor (Together for UMSU)
7. Char Palmer (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)

Burnley Students Committee (byelection for remainder of 2026)

No nominations received.

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