

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE STUDENT UNION (UMSU) ANNUAL ELECTION

7-11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Count update

Polling closed at 5pm Friday and BigPulse, the electronic voting provider, have made a preliminary count.

This document contains first preferences and, where necessary, a distribution of preferences for single-member positions.

We have not yet done a full preference distribution for multi-member positions because:

- For some positions, UMSU's affirmative action rules may come into effect.
- We are aware in the past small differences between BigPulse's algorithm and the method set out in the Electoral Regulation have contributed to some uncertainty in the results. We are reviewing all close exclusions to ensure we stand by the results we release.

Please note that candidates provisionally elected unopposed are not listed here.

We are still considering complaints made during the week to determine whether to refer any matters to the Tribunal. A final decision on this will not be made until the count assurance process described above is completed, and a provisional declaration of results is made.

President

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

General Secretary

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

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	

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	

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	

Women's Officer

	First preferences	Distribution
Keerthi Ruddraramker 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	

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	

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	

Queer Officer

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

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	

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	

Indigenous Officer

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

Disabilities Officer

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

People of Colour Officer

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

Students' Council Graduate Representative

	First preferences	
Kanishka Saini (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	363	
Deveshi Sharma (Together for UMSU)	288	
Xianglong Lin	32	
Rui Cao	29	

Students' Council Indigenous Representative

	First preferences	
Dallmyn Kelly (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	18	
Neve Ringk	13	

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	

Students' Council Queer Representative

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

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	

Students' Council Students with Disabilities Representative

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

Voting Students' Council representative elected by Southbank Students

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

Students' Council – General representative

Initial quota: 184.9

	Primary votes
Isabella McRae McLeod (Together for UMSU)	1095
Kashyap Sreekumar (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	909
Reema Ababneh (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	462
Zeinab Jishi (Independent Media)	173
Percival Taylor (Progress)	61
Joshua Solomon (Better)	50
Sakshi Sharma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	17
Yasmeen Atieh (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	15
Kaashvi Shah (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	11
Radman Amel Monirian (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	10

Alex Gwynn (Together for UMSU)	9
Rui Cao	9
Vinnie Yan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Evelyn Yang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Omra Saber (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	7
Nicholas Koppelman	7
Shriyans Maddikunta (Together for UMSU)	7
Yifan (Roger) Cao (Together for UMSU)	6
Samuel Licciardino (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Rhea Sankar (Together for UMSU)	6
Benjamin Freeburn-Riebeling (Together for UMSU)	6
Shirley Tang (Together for UMSU)	5
Aakanksha Bagal (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	5
Jake Proctor (Together for UMSU)	4
Mansi Sharma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	4
Emily Macfarlane (Independent Media)	4
Elli Paulding (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	4
Anandi Ganguly (Independent Media)	4
Anjali Manoj (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	3
Pablo Paskos (Together for UMSU)	3
Tasmiya Haque (Together for UMSU)	3
Natasha Thilakasiri	3
Anuki Pandithakoralege (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	3
Lachie Owen (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	3
Guhika Sachdev (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	3
Harasis Kaur (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	3
Ryunosuke Himeda (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2
Kriti Malani (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2
Sophie Conlan (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	2
Claudia Acuna Kuroiwa (Together for UMSU)	2
John McClure (Progress)	2
Vedangi Khanna (Progress)	2
Rose Earp (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	1
Eliza Grace (Together for UMSU)	1

Fergus Sinnott (Independent Media)	1
Benjamin Shaw (Independent Media)	1
Ana Yadav (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1
Junae Won (Independent Media)	1
Phoebe Irish (Independent Media)	1
Nikolai Zarubin (Progress)	1
Darshita Kasliwal (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	1
Emily McCrohon (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	1
Oskar Martin (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0
William Main (Progress)	0
Lewis Regan (Progress)	0
Matthew Wakefield (Progress)	0
Caitlin Spizzirri (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0
Sam Rathnaweera (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0
Saharsh Jain (Together for UMSU)	0
Syakira Azzah Kamila Setiananda (Independent Media)	0
Harvey Golonka	0
Hannah Roseman-Gannon (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0
Ella Duane (Together for UMSU)	0
Declan Carlton Mark Chan (Independent Media)	0
Sebastian Glassel (Progress)	0
Thea Niall (Together for UMSU)	0
Menno Brandt (Progress)	0
Ferenz Pineda (Progress)	0
Zoe Warren (Progress)	0
Lachlan Eliau (Progress)	0
Bella Beiraghi (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0

Activities Committee

Initial quota: 351.8

	Primary votes
Edward Iager (Together for UMSU)	1494
Niam Airey (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1183
Jordan Maxwell Lin	19

Rui Cao	14
Jacob Pastore (Together for UMSU)	13
Richella Louis	13
Lina Li (Together for UMSU)	12
Aarika Sharma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	9
Maira Ahuja (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	9
Frank Ngo (Together for UMSU)	8
Eason Wang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Shani Dhariwal (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Rachel Tran (Together for UMSU)	7
Vanshika Chhikara (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Shivank Thakur (Together for UMSU)	5
Eliza Grace (Together for UMSU)	4
Sophie Chew (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2

Creative Arts Committee

Initial quota: 347.9

	Primary votes
Pablo Paskos (Together for UMSU)	1044
Mehrak Mizan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1003
Emma Guthrie (Independent Artists Co-operative)	626
Chelsea Brooke Wiramanaden (Independent Artists Co-operative)	13
Dion Lim	9
Bhavy Batra (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Mansis Kaur (Together for UMSU)	8
Mark Zhang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Ansh Jindal (Together for UMSU)	7
Ivan Sokolov (Independent Artists Co-operative)	7
Advika Panchagnula (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	7
Manya Agrawal (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Anannya (Ana) Sircar (Together for UMSU)	6
Pooja Srinivasan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Saskia Lynzaat (Independent Artists Co-operative)	6
Freya Hosking (Together for UMSU)	5

Dikshita malhotra	5
Gabriel Moore (Independent Artists Co-operative)	4
Camilla Hong (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	3
Phaidon Dickinson (Together for UMSU)	2
Gurmehak Boparai (Together for UMSU)	0

Disabilities Committee

Initial quota: 61.3

	Primary votes
Lachie Templeman-Hughes (Together for UMSU)	249
Dharm Saraswat (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	179
Nija Kharangar (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	12
Kenway Sheridan (Together for UMSU)	10
Shweta Bhat (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	10
Isabella Li (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Nyssa Gupta (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Darcy Conquest (Together for UMSU)	5
Kartik Waghela (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	3
Rajash Kuderu (Together for UMSU)	3
Alex Gwynn (Together for UMSU)	3
Aniksha Kathare (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2
Frances Varghese (Together for UMSU)	1
Abraham Arnaud (Together for UMSU)	1

Education Committee

Initial quota: 358.8

	Primary votes
Joey Vun (Together for UMSU)	1246
Ryo Oguchi (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	947
Bambarawana Liyanagamage Nesandi Naadithya (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	531
Bella Beiraghi (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	22
Benjamin Freeburn-Riebeling (Together for UMSU)	16
Dhanvi Sharma	14
Rui Cao	14

M Warid Abdullah (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	12
Jasmine Zhang (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	8
Jiya Dhama (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	7
Mecca Setiawan (Together for UMSU)	7
Camila Echevarria Burnie (Together for UMSU)	7
Dennis Leung (Together for UMSU)	6
Dian Fu (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Khushi Valecha (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Sophie Conlan (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	6
Eliza Grace (Together for UMSU)	5
Yasmeen Atieh (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	4
Linda LI (Together for UMSU)	2
Ayaana Kumar (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2
Yuta Nojiri (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1
William Roumeliotis (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	1
Caitlin Spizzirri (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0

Environment Committee

Initial quota: 379.6

	Primary votes
Flynn Slater (Together for UMSU)	1203
Lola Bowers (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	886
Bella Beiraghi (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	530
Shahana Seyar (INDEPENDENT STUDENTS 4 SUSTAINABILITY)	307
Samuel Licciardino (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	14
Kiyong Shin (Together for UMSU)	11
Thea Barnard (Together for UMSU)	11
Eren Olmez (INDEPENDENT STUDENTS 4 SUSTAINABILITY)	9
Sara Rajpurohit (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Vidhi Totla (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Oliver Baitch (Together for UMSU)	7
Sam Rathnaweera (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	7
Yasmeen Atieh (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	6
Zara Zakir (Together for UMSU)	5

Nashia Nazim (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	5
Ariana Gu (Together for UMSU)	4
Jones Chueh (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	4
Dean Moutzikis (Together for UMSU)	4
Nathan Rodic (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	3
Tanishka Bijlani (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2
Hannah Roseman-Gannon (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	2
Lachie Owen (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	1
Tom Palmer (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0

People of Colour Committee

Initial quota: 140.3

	Primary votes
Tasmiya Haque (Together for UMSU)	568
Muhammad Fardeen (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	450
Ishan Vaykole (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	20
Zahra Halela (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	18
Riya Arora (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	12
Tjipo Morgan (Together for UMSU)	11
Kavya Brahmbhatt (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	9
Wenhan Ju (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Hayley Kendi Njagi (Together for UMSU)	7
Qichen Wang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	5
Mecca Setiawan (Together for UMSU)	5
Ayah Elmustapha (Together for UMSU)	5
Salia Nimley (Together for UMSU)	3
Krithika Briet (Together for UMSU)	1

Queer Committee

Initial quota: 132.6

	Primary votes
Jay Huang (Together for UMSU)	630
Aryan Lalit Kalpande (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	337
Kathryn McInerney Sotomayor (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	24
Kenway Sheridan (Together for UMSU)	20

Isabella Li (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	12
Wren Baird (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	11
Natalie Ryan (Together for UMSU)	6
Sen Palaniyappan (Together for UMSU)	5
Willow Kecskes-Judd (Together for UMSU)	4
Ted Kelly (Together for UMSU)	4
Beatrix Hiep (Together for UMSU)	4
Naduli Nimsandee Kudagama (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2
Wilber Willmott (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	2
Karolyne (Yiiwen) Kan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	0

Welfare Committee

Initial quota: 348.0

	Primary votes
Max Zhang (Together for UMSU)	1434
Aidan O'Reilly (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1223
Rui Cao	27
Anushka Pravin Dongare (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	18
Angela Clark (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	17
Aulia Sarah Andraina (Together for UMSU)	13
Ruby Barlow (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	11
Harold Avinesh (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	9
Loh Ting Fang (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Thea Niall (Together for UMSU)	6
Dimple Rana (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Du Wang (Together for UMSU)	4
Charlie Russell (Together for UMSU)	4
Ling Hao (Together for UMSU)	3
Victoria Pan (Together for UMSU)	3

Women's Committee

Initial quota: 193.4

	Primary votes
Qing (Alissa) Chen (Together for UMSU)	784
Niamh Clarke (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	624

Mishka Joshi (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	21
Mikayla Savundranayagam (Together for UMSU)	20
Akshita Sharma	16
Keiyona Shankar (Together for UMSU)	14
Zahra Batoory (Together for UMSU)	11
Erling Xu (Together for UMSU)	10
Lia Handa	9
Phoebe Adams (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Rui Cao	7
Yagmur Eda Yildiz (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	5
Avni Panjwani (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	5
Eisya Syifaa (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	5
Priya Singh (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	4
Minh Ha (Together for UMSU)	3
Frances Varghese (Together for UMSU)	1

Southbank Students Committee

Initial quota: 20.0

	Primary votes
Hadyn Collier (Independents for Southbank)	102
Kathryn McInerney Sotomayor (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	31
Juniper Salt (Independents for Southbank)	6
Mackenzie Hawkins (Independents for Southbank)	4
Natasha McBain (Independents for Southbank)	4
Miranda Zabel (Independents for Southbank)	3
Tirion Luff-White (Independents for Southbank)	3
Aidan O'Shaughnessy (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	3
Zoriana Krupa (Independents for Southbank)	2
Gia Srivastava (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1
Rohit Sharma (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1
Prerana Shetty (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	0
Madhuri Talim (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	0
Niyathi Premarajan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	0

National Union of Students delegate

Initial quota: 346.4

	Primary votes
Melo Nicholson (Together for UMSU)	1183
Daniel Motika (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	914
Aidan Hawe (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	462
Joshua Solomon (Better)	61
Percival Taylor (Progress)	60
Corbin Afanasyev (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	14
Isabella McRae McLeod (Together for UMSU)	12
Gobi Jegarajasingham	10
Amaya Castro Williams (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	8
Kashyap Sreekumar (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	8
Toby Putland (Together for UMSU)	7
Vinnie Yan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	6
Char Palmer (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	5
Frances Varghese (Together for UMSU)	4
Pippa Jackson (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	3
James Duncan (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	3
Bella Beiraghi (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	3
Khoa Nguyen Bao Le (Together for UMSU)	2
Heather Maltby (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	2
Jake Proctor (Together for UMSU)	1
Holly Kalns (COMMUNITY FOR UMSU)	1
Lachie Power (Together for UMSU)	1
Ada Pascoe (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	1
Reema Ababneh (Socialist Action - Free Palestine)	0

Stephen Luntz
Returning Officer
Above Quota Elections
12 September 2026

