

Memorandum

Subject: University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) By-election – Returning Officer’s Report

To: Mr Michael Gronow, UMSU Electoral Tribunal
Mr Chris Penman, UMSU Electoral Tribunal
Ms Saveria Di Masi, UMSU Electoral Tribunal

Cc: Ms Lydia Bevege, Secretary, UMSU
Mr Lowan Sist, CEO, MU Student Union Ltd
Ms Janet White, University Secretary, University of Melbourne

From: Justin Baré, Returning Officer, UMSU

Date: March 19, 2010

Clause 48 of the UMSU Election Regulation requires the submission of a written report by the Returning Officer that details the conduct of the election and provides provisional results to be considered by the Electoral Tribunal.

Appointment

On February 23, 2010 Justin Baré, UMSU Manager, was appointed by the UMSU Electoral Tribunal as Returning Officer to conduct a by-election.

Notice of Election

The by-election related to the following vacant positions:

- Indigenous Student Representative on UMSU Student’s Council;
- Members of the UMSU Indigenous Committee x 6; and,

- The following vacancies on the Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association (VCAMSA) Council:

- Campaigns Co-ordinator

- One representative elected by and from each of the following constituencies:
 - Queer Students (who is also an ex-officio and non-voting member of the Queer Committee);
 - Indigenous Students, (who is also an ex-officio and non-voting member of the Indigenous Committee);
 - International Students;
 - Graduate Students; and

- One representative each of the following academic units of the Faculty of the VCA and Music, elected by and from students of those academic units:
 - Art;
 - Drama;
 - Dance;
 - Film and Television;
 - Production;

Initial Notice of the by-election (Attachment A) was given by UMSU on February 26. The notice was displayed on the Student Union website and notice boards in Union House. On March 1 the Centre for Indigenous Education (CIE) distributed the notice via email to all students registered with the CIE. On March 3 the Faculty of the VCA and Music distributed the notice via email to all students enrolled in that faculty.

Notice of the election appeared in issue two of *Farrago*.

Opening and Closing of Nominations

As detailed in the notice of elections Nominations opened on Monday March 8 at 9.00 am.

Nominations closed at 12.00 pm on Wednesday March 17.

The following nominations were received:

Indigenous Representative – UMSU Students' Council

Kyle Dadleh

Indigenous Committee

1. Kyle Dadleh
2. Jarrah Jones

Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association Council

Campaigns Co-ordinator

Anna van Veldhuisen (VCAMP)

Queer Student Representative

Alexander Larielle (VCAMP)

Drama Representative

Tom Barton (VCAMP)

Dance Representative

Louis Matthews (VCAMP)

Production Representative

Jacob Battista (VCAMP)

Fine Art Representative

Johanna Reilly (VCAMP)

Ticket Registration

Applications for Ticket Registration closed at 12 pm Wednesday March 18 and one application was received. This application met criteria set out in the Electoral Regulations. The following ticket is registered:

VCAMP - Ticket Registrant is Shane Woon.

Nominee Eligibility

On Wednesday March 17 Mr Chris Heelan, Director, Centre for Indigenous Education, provided advice that all nominees met the eligibility requirement set out in the UMSU Regulations – Clause 8.1.5.

On March 19 Ms Christine Holmes, Acting Student Centre Manager, Faculty of the VCA and Music, advised that all nominees were enrolled as students in the Faculty and in disciplines relevant to their nomination.

Provisional Declaration

Subject to Clause 17 of the UMSU Election Regulations these results were declared provisionally and displayed on the Student Union website and noticeboards in Union House on Friday March 19 (Attachment B).

As all nominations were received unopposed and all eligibility requirements were met all candidates were provisionally declared elected.

Prohibited Conduct

There have been no instances of prohibited conduct as described by Clause 43 of the UMSU Election Regulations.

Correspondence and Appeals

There has been no formal correspondence with the Returning Officer in relation to the process of the election or the provisional declaration of the election.

Recommendations

1. That the Electoral Tribunal declare, from a date determined by the Tribunal, the UMSU By-election as follows:

Indigenous Representative – Students' Council

Kyle Dadleh

Indigenous Committee

Kyle Dadleh
Jarrah Jones

Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association Council

Campaigns Co-ordinator

Anna van Veldhuisen (VCAMP)

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Drama Representative

Tom Barton (VCAMP)

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Production Representative

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Fine Art Representative

Johanna Reilly (VCAMP)

Justin Baré

Returning Officer
University of Melbourne Student Union Inc

Attachment A



UMSU By-Election

A by-election will be held for the following positions:

Students' Council

- One Indigenous student representative

The Indigenous student representative must be an Indigenous Student, as evidenced by a roll kept at the Centre for Indigenous Education.

Indigenous Department

- Six (6) members of the Indigenous Committee

The voting members of the Indigenous Committee must be Indigenous Students, as evidenced by a roll kept at the Centre for Indigenous Education.

VCA & Music Student Association (VCAMSA)

The following vacancies on the VCAMSA Council, to be elected by and from students enrolled in the Faculty of VCA and Music:

- Campaigns Co-ordinator

One representative elected by and from each of the following constituencies:

- Queer Students (who is also an ex-officio and non-voting member of the Queer Committee);
- Indigenous Students, (who is also an ex-officio and non-voting member of the Indigenous Committee);
- International Students;
- Graduate Students

One representative each of the following academic units of the Faculty of the VCA and Music, elected by and from students of those academic units:

- Art;
- Drama;
- Dance;
- Film and Television;
- Production;

Voting

Polling will open at 9.00am on Monday March 29 and close on Wednesday March 31 at 12.00 pm.

Polling for vacancies in the Indigenous Department and for the Indigenous Student Representative on the VCAMSA Council will occur in the Centre for Indigenous Education.

Polling for all vacancies on the VCAMSA Council will take place on the Southbank Campus.

Nominations

Nominations will open on Monday March 8 at 9.00 am. Nominations will not be accepted prior to this time.

Nominations and Ticket Registration close on Wednesday March 17 at 12.00 pm.

Copies of the UMSU Electoral Regulations and Constitution and Nomination and Ticket Registration forms are available from the UMSU Office on Level 1 of Union House and at www.union.unimelb.edu.au/elections

Returning Officer

Justin Baré is the Returning Officer for this by-election and can be contacted on 8344 9988 or at returningofficer@union.unimelb.edu.au

Justin Baré

Returning Officer

Provisional Declaration of Poll – UMSU By-election

Indigenous Representative – Students’ Council

Kyle Dadleh (unopposed)

Indigenous Committee

Kyle Dadleh (unopposed)

Jarraah Jones (unopposed)

Victorian College of the Arts and Music Student Association Council

Campaigns Co-ordinator

Anna van Veldhuisen (VCAMP) (unopposed)

Queer Student Representative

Alexander Larielle (VCAMP) (unopposed)

Drama Representative

Tom Barton (VCAMP) (unopposed)

Dance Representative

Louis Matthews (VCAMP) (unopposed)

Production Representative

Jacob Battista (VCAMP) (unopposed)

Fine Art Representative

Johanna Reilly (VCAMP) (unopposed)

These results are provisional, and are only effective once the poll is formally declared.

For further information please contact the UMSU Returning Officer on 8344 9988 or returningofficer@union.unimelb.edu.au

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