

University of Melbourne Annual Student Election

7 – 11 September 2015

## Report of the Returning Officer



Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd

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# Summary

## **Appointment**

Haydn Steel of Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd was appointed Returning Officer for the University of Melbourne Student Union Annual Student Election on Wednesday 24 June 2015. Stephen Luntz and Charles Richardson, also of AQE, were appointed Deputy Returning Officers.

The Electoral Tribunal at the time of the appointment consisted of Mr Michael Gronow, Ms Saveria Dimasi and Ms Kylie Gould.

## **Nominations**

Nominations opened on 12 midday on Monday 27 July for positions on the following bodies:

- University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU), including office-bearers, Students' Council and all committees
- Delegation to the National Union of Students (NUS)
- Victorian College of the Arts Student Association
- Burnley Student Association
- Student representative on MU Student Union Ltd Board

Nominations closed at 12 midday on Friday 14th August. A total of 315 nominations were received, compared with 427 in 2014 331 in 2013 and 313 in 2012. One nomination was found to be invalid. All candidates were notified by e-mail of the receipt of their nominations.

*Farrago* in conjunction with the Returning Officer again provided a photographer to attend on several occasions to take photos of candidates in a standard format for publication with their policy statements.

The complete list of nominees appears on page 16, in ballot paper order where applicable. The draw for ballot paper positions was conducted on Monday 17 August, witnessed by scrutineers from the various tickets.

## **Tickets**

Applications for ticket registration also closed at 12 midday on Friday 14th August. An information session for prospective tickets was held on Wednesday 5 August to inform organisers of the requirements.

16 applications were received, of which 15 were found to be eligible compared with 17 in 2014. The 16<sup>th</sup> Ticket was rejected as the application was not received by the Returning Officer until 12:29 on Friday 14 August and was rejected for being out of time.

The following tickets were therefore registered, with the indicated students as authorising officers:

CREATE	(Charles Cartney)
More Activities!	(Patrick Clearwater)
Stand Up!	(James Bashford)
Activate	(Alston Chu)
Independent Media	(Caleb Triscari)
Students for Palestine	(Jamiel Sabbagh)
The Biggest Blackest Ticket	(Tyson Holloway-Clark)
Openmedia.com.au	(Justin Chua)
More Beer!	(Nic Finger)
Liberal	(Michael Sadljak)
F*CK TONY ABBOTT	(Jeremy Gibson)
Universal	(Paulvinder Singh)
Smokers Rights	(Rafael Tudehope)
Students Against Abbott	(Ezgi Bridger)
Left Focus	(Jade Eckhaus)

### **Withdrawals**

There were no withdrawals in 2015.

### **Polling**

Polling took place during the week of Monday 7 September to Friday 11 September, at the following times and locations:

	<b>Monday 7th Sept.</b>	<b>Tuesday 8th Sept.</b>	<b>Wednesday 9th Sept.</b>	<b>Thursday 10th Sept.</b>	<b>Friday 11th Sept.</b>
Union House (The Lounge, formerly North Dining Room)	10.00am – 5.00pm	10.00am – 6.30pm	10.00am – 5.00pm	10.00am – 5.00pm	10.00am – 5.00pm
Baillieu Library Foyer	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 6.15pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm
Southern Precinct FBE Building	11.00am – 3.00pm	12.00pm – 5.00pm	11.00am – 3.00pm	11.00am – 3.00pm	11.00am – 3.00pm
VCA Southbank Campus (Cafeteria)		11.00am – 3.00pm	11.00am – 3.00pm	11.00am – 3.00pm	
Burnley Campus (Student Lounge)		11.00am – 2.00pm	12.00pm – 3.00pm		

The major change to polling was the removal of the requirement to have a polling station near 757 Swanson Street.

Since there were no contested elections for any Indigenous positions, the polling station at Murrup Barak (Centre for Indigenous Education) was not required.

### **Turnout**

Turnout for the week was 2,883 - down some 24.4% on the 3,812 of 2014. Voting figures from the polling registers were checked each evening against the total of ballot papers issued, and both were checked against the physical count after the close of polling. All totals reconciled within acceptable margins of error.

While it is impossible to give a definitive reason for the decline in votes it is the opinion of the Returning Officer that there were three probable major contributing factors in 2015 which were;

1. Most of the week suffered inclement weather and it was remarked by many that the campus seemed quiet in general;
2. Anecdotally fewer students came to campus on Thursday 10 September because of the tram strike which made it difficult for some students get to campus; and
3. The campaign this year was in comparison to previous years very quiet. Many campaigners, particularly campaigners with previous experience in Student elections described it as the quietest they had ever seen at the University. It is the experience of the Returning Officer that vigorous campaigning helps turnout.

The shift in voting numbers from Union House to Baillieu, remarked upon in recent reports, has continued, with the Baillieu this year recording a higher turnout than the Union on every day.

The table on page 26 summarises the turnout at all polling stations.

### **Storage of Ballot Papers**

By arrangement with the University, stocks of ballot papers were stored in a secure location in the Raymond Priestly Building upon receipt from the printers, and live ballot papers from the Parkville polling stations were stored in the same location each evening.

Ballot papers for the VCA and Burley polling places were stored securely by AQE staff, then returned to Parkville on Thursday and Friday.

### **Electronic Roll and Provisional Voting**

In 2015 MU Student Union Ltd, IT department developed a new electronic roll since the demise of the old Lotus Notes based system. The new system worked extremely well and the Returning Officer would like to thank David Witteveen and his team for their efforts - they are greatly appreciated.

The only issue experienced with the roll can be attributed to the sometimes patchy university WiFi converge particularly the poor reception in Union House

### **Postal Votes**

Applications for postal votes closed at 5pm on Wednesday 2 September. One application was received by this deadline. Ballot papers were posted to the applicant. The ballot papers were duly returned by close of polls on Friday 11 September, the voter was checked off the roll and their votes were admitted to the count.

## **Complaints and Appeals**

Perhaps the biggest change from previous years was the lack of complaints and rulings. In the course of the election the Returning Officer issued only 2 Rulings; both were in relation to the same issue. The rulings are contained in the appendix.

Because of the serious nature of the matters contained in ruling 1 & 1a the Returning Officer referred that conduct to the Election Tribunal which met on 23 September 2015 and the minutes of that meeting appear as an Appendix to this report.

All other complaints tended to be on a minor nature or were not substantiated. There were the usual allegations that some individuals on tickets were making misleading statements or in engaging in harassing tactics.

With the exception of the matter contained in rulings 1 & 1a the only punishment issued were as follows;

1. One campaigner from both Stand Up! and Create were banned for 1 hour each for wearing campaign t shirts in North Court;
2. One Stand Up! campaigner picked at random was banned for 1 hour for unauthorised on line campaigning by the ticket
3. One Create campaigner was banned from approximately 4pm on Thursday 10 September to 11am 11 September for interfering with the material of another ticket, the ban was extended to 12pm when the campaigner was found in his campaign t-shirt by the returning officer at 10:55am.

The vast majority of campaigners acted in a positive manner and within the letter and spirit of the regulations. This resulted in the best-behaved election for many years.

### **Ruling (1) of the Returning Officer**

In relation to a complaint lodged by Patrick Dollard against the Left Focus ticket that the Left Focus ticket had been producing material on the VCA department printer, the Returning Officer rules as follows:

1. Following the complaint, the Returning Officer requested the IT department to conduct an audit of the VCA department printer;
2. The audit revealed that a substantial volume of recent printing was clearly identified by document names as Left Focus electoral material, in breach of Regulation 44.5.18;
3. The Returning Officer regards this as a particularly serious breach of the Regulations, given that it appears to involve elected members of the ticket abusing their position of trust for electoral advantage;
4. Accordingly the Left Focus ticket is banned from campaigning for the remainder of today, Tuesday;
5. Due to the serious nature of the matter, in accordance with Regulation 44.8. The Returning Officer has contacted the Electoral Tribunal with a view to meeting as soon as possible to consider the possibility of further penalties.

Haydn Steel  
Returning Officer  
9.8.15

## **Ruling (1A) of the Returning Officer**

In relation to Ruling 1 issued by the Returning Officer at 2:15pm today it was the hope of the Returning Officer that the Election Tribunal could meet as soon as possible to consider further action. It has become clear from correspondence received from two members of the election tribunal that neither was at work today and it is very unlikely that the tribunal will meet before the opening of the polls on Wednesday 9 September 2015.

In this circumstance the Returning Officer considers that penalty issued earlier today is not adequate in the light of the breaches of the Regulations and intends to issue further penalties while a meeting of the Election Tribunal is organised.

The Returning Officer rules as follows:

1. All Left Focus material that was authorised for printing is now un-authorized. Left Focus is able submit material for authorisation that is substantially similar to their original material, but it must be easily distinguishable from their original material.
2. The Ticket registrant of Left Focus has informed the Returning officer that the printing on the VCA department printer was carried by Mr. Jamiel Sabbagh. The Returning Office does not make a finding that Mr. Sabbagh was solely responsible for the printing.
3. While Mr. Sabbagh is the ticket registrant and sole candidate for Students for Palestine he has been campaigning on behalf of Left Focus. Consequently he is prohibited from any form of campaigning for the remainder of the election and his conduct is referred to the Election Tribunal under regulation 44.8.
4. Left Focus has submitted to the Returning Officer that Mr. Sabbagh was solely responsible for the breach. However Left Focus as a collective were the benefactors of the breach and therefore must suffer some consequences as a collective.
5. Further while Left Focus contends that Mr. Sabbagh acted alone, they concede that the printing was charged to the account of Mr Van Rudd who is the incumbent VCA Campus Co-ordinator and has been provisionally elected unopposed to that position for 2016. The Ticket organiser further concedes that Mr. Rudd's printing account is regularly accessed by multiple members of Left Focus.
6. All of the Left Focus VCA candidates have been provisionally elected unopposed. The Returning Officer regards this as an aggravating factor that resources reserved for the use of VCA students are being used by Left Focus to bolster their campaign on the university's other campuses. As the breach occurred at the VCA, Left Focus is prohibited from campaigning at the VCA or its immediate surroundings for the remainder of the election, and all of the Left Focus candidates from the VCA - namely Teresa Hsieh, Tim Van Roon, ThienNguyen, Gaelen Dickson, Jordan White, Nicholas Kyriacou, Nicholas Pearce, James Crafti, Jessica Heath and Van Rudd - are prohibited from campaigning for the remainder of the election.
7. It has been submitted to the Returning Officer by other tickets in the election that the breach of the regulations is a serious breach of the Regulations and as such the whole of Left Focus should be prohibited from campaigning for the remainder of the election.
8. It is the opinion of the Returning Officer that to prohibit the whole Left Focus ticket from campaigning for the rest of the election at this stage of the election would so damage their electoral prospects as to amount to a disqualification of the ticket.
9. It is clear from the regulation 4 that the Returning Officer does not have the power to disqualify a person or Ticket and that only the Election Tribunal has that power under regulation 46.2.5 or 47.4. While the Returning Officer accepts that disqualification of all Left Focus candidates is in range in terms of penalty, the Returning Officer will not in effect act in manner as to exercise a power that has been received for the Election Tribunal.

10. This matter as a whole is referred to the Election Tribunal under regulation 44.8.

Haydn Steel  
Returning Officer  
9:15pm 9.8.15



## **Lockup and Counting**

Counting began at midday on Friday 11 September, five hours before the close of polling. A lockup was again instituted, in which scrutineers were permitted to observe the early counting but not to leave or communicate with outside prior to 5pm. The lockup proceeded smoothly and without incident.

Counting proceeded well with the results of most single member positions being known on Friday night and all single member positions were known by Saturday night.

The committees were steadily counted over the course of the next few days with some tight results for the final spots; the final committee results being the Activities Committee were known by the afternoon of 15 September.

Because the Conduct in ruling 1 & 1a was referred to the Election Tribunal, the Returning Officer elected not to formally declare results until after that meeting. Formal declaration was posted on the UMSU Notice Board and website. There were no appeals of the results within the appeals period.

Full details of the count for each position appear in the Appendix. In addition, the count for President is broken down by day and by polling station.

The total valid vote of 2883 represents approximately 6.75% of eligible voters down from 8% last year.

## **Clubs & Societies Committee**

The Clubs & Societies Committee is elected separately by the Clubs & Societies Council rather than by students at large. For a second year, the management of that election was included as part of the contract for the UMSU Annual Election.

The Clubs & Societies Council met on Wednesday 7 October: Deputy Returning Officers Charles Richardson and AQE staff member Rebekah Saltmarsh attended the meeting and supervised the process of nominations, policy statements and voting, and counted the ballot immediately afterwards, in the presence of scrutineers.

The following were declared elected (in order of election):

Gulsara Kaplun  
Kayley Cuzzubbo  
Jacinta Cooper  
Julianna Rozek  
Nicholas Hynes  
Alexander Tashevski-Beckwith  
Angela Keyte

Details of the count are included with other Committee ballots in the Appendix.

# Recommendations

## **1. Opportunity to streamline nomination process by removing the requirement for a signature on nomination.**

Every year there is a significant amount of time required to process nominations.

With nominations closing at midday on a Friday, it is understandable that students are eager to find out who has nominated for the election. As the matters currently stand, the majority of tickets hand in their paper work on the Friday morning with some leaving it to the last few minutes.

It takes several hours to record, process and check the nominations (this year it took three people more than 20 work hours to process the nominations).

This task is made particularly difficult because most forms are hand written and are often very difficult to read

This leads not only to a large delays but increasingly the Returning Officer is forced to make a guess at the correct spelling of names and unfortunate errors are sometimes made.

The Returning Officer is always looking for ways to make the administration of the election simpler and more efficient. With this in mind the Returning Officer explored the option of moving the process to an electronic system of nominations. The Returning Officer was prevented from doing this by regulation 13.2. *“All nominations must be signed by the Student nominating for the relevant position.”*

The Returning Officer is of the belief that an electronic system would be easier to use, save time and be more accurate, as well as enabling students not on campus to run in the elections.

The requirement for a signature was no doubt placed in the regulations in order to ensure that students are knowingly nominating for the position. In the opinion of the Returning Officer signatures do not achieve this goal. Most nominations are brought in on mass by ticket organizers with the Returning Officer never meeting the vast majority of Candidates prior to election week.

Further, as the Returning Officer does not have a sample of every students' signature there is nothing to compare the signatures to. ‘

The Returning Officer sees a need to ensure that students are not accidentally nominated without their knowledge and believes this can be achieved in a different and more secure way than a signature.

Every student of the University is provided an email account and it is a condition of enrollment that students check their UniMelb Email account at least twice a week.<sup>1</sup> The Returning Officer can make

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/992/~/-/university-student-email](http://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/992/~/-/university-student-email)

an electronic nomination system automatically generate an email to the students' UniMelb email account to confirm their nomination.

The Returning Officer sees a number of clear advantages for an electronic system of nominations.

At this year's Swinburne Student Association annual election the Returning Officer was able to introduce a system of online nominations. The processing of nominations at Swinburne this year took the Returning Officer less than 20 minutes in comparison to more than 20 work hours at UMSU with no errors.

While Swinburne election is significantly smaller than UMSU's the electronic system made the task very simple and much quicker.

UMSU now has three distinct campuses - Parkville the VCA and Burnley. An electronic system of nomination would eliminate the need for candidates from campuses other than Parkville to make a trip to a campus they have no other reason to attend to hand in a nomination form.

The Returning Officer recommends that regulation 13.2 is replaced with the following *"All nominations must contain the Students' University of Melbourne student email address and the Returning Officer must acknowledge all nominations by email as soon as practical"*

## **2. Tickets with only one candidate**

Commonly referred to a 'feeder ticket' – these tickets are registered with the allegation being made that they feature a name that will be appealing to a section of the student community, which 'feeds' vote preferences to a major ticket for council and committee positions.

While it is possible that a single person ticket could be the registrant not as a 'front ticket' to a major group it is not the experience of the Returning Officer that this is the case.

The practise of running 'front' or 'feeder' tickets so common that this year, one potential registrant asked DRO Stephen Luntz for the form to register a feeder ticket.

While every booth has a group ticket statement booklet placed in it, the Returning Officer would be very surprised if more than a tiny number of students actually read the document and many voters cast a ballot not realising that they will, in effect, be supporting a major ticket through preferences.

A reduction in the number of artificial or "feeder" tickets is a worthy goal, and for the future it would be desirable for the Regulations to address this matter, perhaps by providing that some minimum number of candidates should be required in order to register a ticket or a regulation that prevents the registrant or candidate on a ticket campaigning for another ticket.

## **3. "Independent"**

Previous reports have raised concerns about the use of the word "independent" in election material and particularly in a long-standing ticket name. Some campuses ban entirely such uses of the word.

The Returning Officer is of the view that claims to "independence" should be strictly scrutinised, and that if, for example, a ticket issues material endorsing partisan candidates for officer positions or

directs preferences to partisan tickets on Students' Council, it cannot reasonably claim to be "independent".

Further, Independents are generally understood to not be linked to a group or party. When candidates are selected by a preselection, the argument that the candidates are truly independent is undermined by the fact that they owe their place on the ballot to a group of preselectors.

Unfortunately, ticket names have to be approved well before evidence about such partisan activity can come to light.

It is recommended that the Regulations should be reviewed so as to address this issue.

## Notice of Election

### University of Melbourne Annual Student Election

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Notice is hereby given that nominations opened at 12 midday on Monday 27 July, for the 2015 University of Melbourne Annual Student Election.

Positions to be filled at the election include:

- Office-bearers, committees and Students' Council of the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU), including the Burnley Student Department and the Victorian College of the Arts Department
- A student representative on the board of MU Student Union Ltd (*to be confirmed*)
- Delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS)
- Several vacant positions to be filled by by-election for the remainder of 2015

A complete list of positions appears at the end of this notice.

#### **Nominations close at 12 midday on Friday 14th August.**

Polling will take place from Monday 7th September until Friday 11th September (inclusive). **All students are eligible to vote.** A detailed schedule of polling times and locations will be posted after close of nominations. Students may also vote by post – applications for postal votes close at 5pm on Wednesday 2nd September.

**Tickets:** Any fifteen (15) students may register a ticket to run in the election by filling in the appropriate form. Applications for Ticket Registration open and close at the same time as nominations. It is not necessary to be on a ticket to run in the election.

Tickets that are running candidates for multi-member positions should also submit a form showing the order in which they wish their candidates to appear. Candidates running for positions that cannot be held concurrently should submit a form showing which positions they wish to hold in case of a conflict.

Ticket registration forms, candidate order forms and conflict of position forms must all be submitted by close of nominations. All forms are available from the Returning Officer or can be downloaded from the election website (see below).

**Policy speeches:** Candidates may also, with their nominations, submit policy statements for publication in *Farrago* and on the election website. Policy statements must not exceed 300 words for UMSU office-bearer positions or 100 words for all other positions. A photo session for office-bearer candidates will be organized after close of nominations.

Please note that **all deadlines are strict** and cannot be extended. Candidates are strongly urged to lodge their forms well before the deadlines. All forms should be delivered personally to the Returning Officer or an authorised electoral official. (The Election Office will be open extensively throughout the election period, and appointments can be made by phone or email.) 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.

#### **Contact Details**

For all enquiries, forms and other election material, contact the Election Office: Old computer centre, fourth floor Union House; Phone: 03 8344 2438.

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

Returning Officer: Haydn Steel (Ph:0401 421 480)

Deputy Returning Officer: Stephen Luntz (Ph: 0438 667 787)

Email: [ReturningOfficer@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ReturningOfficer@union.unimelb.edu.au)

Mailing address: UMSU Returning Officer, c/o Above Quota Elections, PO Box 2157, Fitzroy, VIC 3065

Notices will also be posted on the Students' Council notice board, first floor, Union House.

## **Positions for Election**

### **UMSU Annual Election**

Office Bearers:

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

Students' Council:

- One representative of each of the following restricted constituencies:
  - Queer students
  - Indigenous students
  - International students
  - Graduate students
  - Students with disabilities
- Fifteen (15) general members elected by all students

Seven (7) members on each of the following Committees:

- Activities Committee
- Creative Arts Committee
- Disabilities Committee
- Education Committee
- Environment Committee
- Indigenous Committee
- Queer Committee
- Welfare Committee
- Wom\*n's Committee

Burnley Student Department:

- Campus Coordinator
- Seven (7) general Committee members

Victorian College of the Arts Department:

- Campus Co-ordinator

- Campaigns Co-ordinator
- Activities and Events Co-ordinator
- Seven (7) general Committee members

### **National Union of Students**

Seven (7) Delegates to the National Conference of the National Union of Students Inc., in accordance with the rules of NUS

### **Melbourne University Student Union Limited Board**

We are awaiting confirmation that a student is to be elected to MUSUL Board as in past years. If this occurs nominations will close at the same time as for all other positions, and the election will be held in conjunction with the UMSU elections.

### **By-Elections**

#### **Nominations are open for the following positions for the remainder of 2015**

- Indigenous representative on Students' Council
- Burnley Campus Coordinator
- Burnley General Committee

### **Restrictions on election**

Any student may nominate for any position unless otherwise specified below.

The position of Media Officers must be held jointly by teams of three or four candidates. All other officer positions, except for President and General Secretary, may be held either individually or by two candidates jointly. Candidates who are running as a team should each fill out a nomination form and submit them stapled together, with a single policy statement.

Candidates for Wom\*n's Officer and Wom\*n's Committee must be women. For all other committees, including the Burnley and VCA Committees and the general members of Students' Council (but not the NUS delegation), at least half of the members (ignoring remainders) must be women, provided there are sufficient female candidates.

Candidates for Queer Officer, Queer Representative on Students' Council and Queer Committee must be Queer students. (See Regulation 32.4 for further detail.) A single candidate for Queer Officer must be a woman or trans\*; in the case of joint candidates for Queer Officer, at least one of them must be a woman or trans\*.

Candidates for Indigenous Officer, Indigenous Representative on Students' Council and Indigenous Committee must be Indigenous students.

Candidates for Disabilities Officer, Disabilities Committee and the Disability Representative on Students' Council must be students with disabilities. Candidates for International Representative on Students' Council must be International students. Candidates for Graduate Representative on Students' Council must be Graduate students.

Candidates for the Burnley positions must be enrolled at the Burnley campus. Candidates for the VCA positions must be students of the Faculty of the VCA and Music.

No person can stand for election if they are employed half-time or more by UMSU, the University, MU Student Union Ltd or related bodies, or any combination thereof. In the case of the University Council position that includes any casual employment with the University. No person can stand for an office-bearer position if they have already served two terms of office as an office-bearer.

For further information on eligibility to stand and to vote in the election, please consult the Election Regulations, available at the UMSU Office and on the election website. Copies of the Regulations can also be obtained at the Election Office, where further enquiries are welcome.

Haydn Steel

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# Full Nominations

## University of Melbourne Annual Student Election

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### NOMINATIONS (IN BALLOT PAPER ORDER)

<b>President</b>	Nic	Finger	More Beer!
	Paulvinder	Sangha	Universal
	Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
	James	Baker	Stand Up!
	Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
	Grace	Middleton	Create
	Hersha	Kadkol	Left Focus
<b>General Secretary</b>	James	Bashford	Stand Up!
	Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
	Andrew	O'Shea	Create
	Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
<b>Activities</b>	Megan	Pollock	More Activities!
	Itsi	Weinstock	More Activities!
	Frances	Lewis	Left Focus
	Lia	Vassiliadis	Left Focus
<b>Clubs &amp; Societies</b>	Yasmine	Luu	More Activities!
	Ryan	Davey	More Activities!
	Peter	Chronas	Left Focus
	Nicolas	Chahin Atallah	Left Focus
<b>Creative Arts Officer</b>	Alexander	Maher	Create
	Tilly	Taggart	Create
	Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
	Jeanette	Tong	Activate
	Joshua	Lynzaat	Activate

<b>Ed Academic Affairs</b>	Tom	Crowley	Stand Up!
	Paul	Sakkal	Stand Up!
	Brendan	Tam	Create
	Alexandra	Murrell	Create
	Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
	Samuel	Wallace	Left Focus
	Jonny	Kidane	Left Focus
	Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
<b>Queer</b>	Irina	Hochwald-Jones	Left Focus
	Laurence	Lim	Left Focus
	Frances Connors		Activate
	Lotus Ye		Activate
<b>Indigenous</b>	Tyson	Holloway-Clarke	The Biggest Blackest Ticket
	Emily Kate	James	The Biggest Blackest Ticket
<b>Ed Public Affairs</b>	Toby	Wooldridge	Create
	Stephanie	Trajcevska	Create
	Akira	Boardman	Stand Up!
	Dominic	Cernaz	Stand Up!
	Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
	Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
	Anneke	D'emanuele	Left Focus
	Alec	Gunn	Left Focus
<b>Environment Officer</b>	Jade	Eckhaus	Left Focus
	Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
	Anisa	Rogers	Activate
	Zachary	Power	Activate
	Charles	Gerrand	Create
	Michael	Horner	Create
	Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
<b>Media Officers</b>	Justin	Chua	openmedia.com.au
	Deniz	Tuncer	openmedia.com.au
	Azri Johari	Zakaria	openmedia.com.au
	Reza	Abbassi	openmedia.com.au
	Caleb	Triscari	Independent Media
	Danielle	Bagnato	Independent Media
	Sebastian	Dodds	Independent Media
	Baya	Ou Yang	Independent Media

<b>Welfare</b>	Xinyao Joy	Wu	Universal
	Daisy	Eales	Create
	Nikhil	Sachdev	Create
	Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
	Audrey	Whybrow	Left Focus
	Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
	Sarah	Xia	Stand Up!
	Yan	Zhuang	Stand Up!
<b>Wom*n Officer</b>	Kim	Doyle	Left Focus
	Rumeysa	Cerrah	Create
	Hien Thuc	Nguyen	Stand Up!
	Adriana	Mells	Stand Up!
	Kathrin	Bartha	Left Focus
<b>Disabilities Officer</b>	Christian	Tsoutsouvas	Activate
	Jess	Kapuscinski-Evans	Activate
<b>MUSUL Board</b>	Toby	Wooldridge	Create
	Stephen	Smith	Stand Up!

## Students Council

### General Representatives on Students Council.

Liam	Leyden	More Activities!
Hayden	Michaelides	More Activities!
Gulsara	Kaplun	More Activities!
Daniel	Sango	More Activities!
Braden	Moore	More Activities!
Elizabeth	Nicholson	Activate
Luke	Byrnes	Activate
Andrea	Bozic	Activate
Ryan	Mitchell	Activate
Nazanin	Moghaddam	Activate
Martin	Kaminsky	Create
Callum	O'dowd	Create
Daniel	Dawood	Create
Xavier	Boffa	Create
Marcus	Sultani	Create
Andrew	O'Shea	Create
Jamiel	Sabbagh	Students for Palestine
Nic	Finger	More Beer!
Ella	Shi	Independent Media
Billie	Egan	Independent Media
Monica	Sesito	Independent Media
Thea	Stephenson	Independent Media
Rachael	O'Reilly	Independent Media
Harvey	Duckett	Independent Media
Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
Jeremy	Gibson	F*CK TONY ABBOTT
Zexin	Hu	Universal
Rebekah	Drake	Universal
Ruiqi	Liu	Universal
Millicent	Austin-Andrews	Stand Up!
Tamara	Hunt	Stand Up!
Reanna	Clark	Stand Up!
Simon	Frankland	Stand Up!
Adam	Wojcik	Stand Up!
Darcy	Thornton	Stand Up!
Brittany	Bertram	Stand Up!
Rebecca	Sheahan	Stand Up!
Destan	Dikbas	Stand Up!

Lachlan	Blain	Stand Up!
Hana	Dalton	Stand Up!
Joshua	Rose	Stand Up!
Anneke	D'emanuele	Left Focus
Kathrin	Bartha	Left Focus
Jonny	Kidane	Left Focus
Peter	Chronas	Left Focus
Samuel	Wallace	Left Focus
Ezgi	Bridger	Students Against Abbott

**Graduate Representative on Students Council.**

Kelly	Smith	Stand Up!
Elizabeth	Biggs	Create

**International Representative on Students Council.**

Shengkun	Cui	Universal
Shujie	Su	Create
Xuelan	Tang	More Activities!

**Indigenous Representative on Students Council.**

Wunambi	Connor	The Biggest Blackest Ticket
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**Disabilities Representative on Students Council.**

Cassandra	Prigg	Stand Up!
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**Queer Representative on Students Council.**

Harry	Adam	Stand Up!
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**Queer Committee**

Astrid Mayne	Mayne	Activate
Sebastian	Barakat	Activate
Will	Parker	Activate
Eleanor	McMurtry	Stand Up!
Lee	Winter	Stand Up!
Adam Gerard	Wojcik	Stand Up!
Shanley	Price	Stand Up!
Lloyd	Rouse	Stand Up!
Ivan	Xie	Stand Up!

**Indigenous Committee**

Wunambi	Connor	The Biggest Blackest Ticket
Alexandra	Hohoi	The Biggest Blackest Ticket
Chris	Navarrete	The Biggest Blackest Ticket
Cameron	Mcbroom	The Biggest Blackest Ticket
Marley	Holloway-Clarke	The Biggest Blackest Ticket

**Creative Arts  
Committee**

Nicholas	Fulton	Craate
Michael	Horner	Create
Toby	Wooldridge	Create
Daniel	Dawood	Create
Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
Thomas	Fitzgerald	More Activities!
Sarah	Pemberton	Activate
Kim	Ho	Activate
Harriet	Wallace-Mead	Activate
Clancy	Moore	Activate
Guy	Coward	Stand Up!
Sara	Pascoe	Stand Up!

**Activities Committee.**

Clint	Morris	More Beer!
Daniel	Dawood	Create
Nicholas	Lamanna	Create
Nathan	Bachetti	Create
Luke	Corcoran	Create
Marcus	Sultani	Create
Matthew	Simkiss	More Activities!
Annabelle	Clancy	More Activities!
Louisa	Ellis	More Activities!
Carmen	Wardle	More Activities!
Chloe	Ye	More Activities!
Maddy	Trinh	More Activities!
Rachel	Withers	More Activities!
Claudia	Lombard	Stand Up!
Matthew	Lagamba	Stand Up!
Madison	Mooney	Activate
Michael	Sabljak	Liberal

**Disabilities Committee**

Alston	Chu	Activate
Cheryllyn	Chong	Activate
Tamara	Hogan	Activate
Lee	Winter	Stand Up!
Cassandra	Prigg	Stand Up!
Pat	Dollard	Stand Up!
Aisling	Acton	Stand Up!

**Education Committee**

Stylianos	Nikias	Create
Benjamin	Zerbe	Create
Elizabeth	Biggs	Create
Martin	Kaminsky	Create
Dominic	Raff	Create
Samuel	McKeon	Create
Anneke	D'emanuele	Left Focus
Kathrin	Bartha	Left Focus
Jonny	Kidane	Left Focus
Peter	Chronas	Left Focus
Samuel	Wallace	Left Focus
Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
Timmy	Dunn	More Activities!
Corey	McCabe	More Activities!
Daniel	Sullivan	Activate
Nicklaus	Mahony	Activate
Samuel	Dariol	Activate
Roger	Samuel	Stand Up!
Amelia Katherine	Saward	Stand Up!
Rebecca	Sheahan	Stand Up!
Jarrod Wayne	Allen	Stand Up!
Joshua	Pedersen	Stand Up!
Allison	Ballantyne	Stand Up!

**Environment Committee.**

Nathan	Bachetti	Create
Charles	Gerrand	Create
Siddharth	Gupta	Create
Brendan	Tam	Create
Michael	Scott	Create
Rumeysa	Cerrah	Create
Lachlan	Blain	Stand Up!
Claudia	Lombard	Stand Up!
Aaron	Bhat	Stand Up!
Sachi	Florance	Stand Up!
Tamara	Hunt	Stand Up!
Elizabeth Nicholson	Nicholson	Activate
Luke Byrnes	Byrnes	Activate
Kate	Denver-Stevenson	Activate
Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
Anneke	D'emanuele	Left Focus
Lia	Vassiliadis	Left Focus
Audrey	Whybrow	Left Focus
Kim	Doyle	Left Focus
Hersha	Kadkol	Left Focus
Kim	Doyle	Left Focus

**Welfare Committee**

Rafael	Tudehope	Smokers Rights'
Marlo	Zambelli	More Activities!
Sarah	Peters	More Activities!
Andrea	Bozi	Activate
Natalia	Agus	Activate
William	Ross	Activate
Zengyuan	Zhang	Universal
Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
Destan	Dikbas	Stand Up!
Isa	Pendragon	Stand Up!
Kimberly	Chian	Stand Up!
Teresa	Gornall	Stand Up!
Jennifer	Fong	Stand Up!
Darcy	Thornton	Stand Up!
Shujie	Su	Create
Callum	O'Dowd	Create
Nicholas	Lamanna	Create
Rumeysa	Cerrah	Create



Nicholas	Fulton	Create
Grace	Middleton	Create

**Wom\*n's Committee**

Elizabeth	Biggs	Create
Stephanie	Trajceuska	Create
Rumeysa	Cerrah	Create
Alexandra	Murrell	Create
Daisy	Eales	Create
Grace	Middleton	Create
Aisling	Acton	Stand up!
Caley	McPherson	Stand up!
Yen	Jing Ni	Stand up!
Teresa	Gornall	Stand Up!
Amelia	Saward	Stand up!
Tamara	Hunt	Stand up!
Astrid	Mayne	Activate
Cheryllyn	Chong	Activate
Elizabeth	Nicholson	Activate

**VCA Committee**

Teresa	Hsieh	Left Focus
Tim	Van Roon	Left Focus
Thien	Nguyen	Left Focus
Gaelen	Dickson	Left Focus
Jordan	White	Left Focus
Nicholas	Kyriacou	Left Focus
Nicholas	Pearce	Left Focus

**VCA Campaigns Co-Ordinator**

James	Crafti	Left Focus
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**VCA Activities and Events**

Jessica	Heath	Left Focus
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**VCA Campus Co-Ordinator**

Van	Rudd	Left Focus
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**Campus Co-ordinator, Burnley Student Department**

Thomas	Fairman
Sarah	Carles
Eranthos	Beretta

**Burnley Student Department Committee**

Thomas	Fairman
Sarah	Carles
Eranthos	Beretta
Jessica	Peeler
Amy	Bonshek

Nicholas	Schaffer
Andrea	Pianella
Dean	Schrieke
Dan	"Bledwich" Brown
Tess	Giesen

**Delegation to the National Union of Students.**

Ezgi	Bridger	Students Against Abbott
Patrick	Dollard	Activate
Sarah	Xia	Stand Up!
Lloyd	Rouse	Stand Up!
Millicent	Austin-Andrews	Stand Up!
Jarrold	Allen	Stand Up!
James	Bashford	Stand Up!
Hana	Dalton	Stand Up!
Akira	Boardman	More Activities!
Jeremy	Gibson	F*CK TONY ABBOTT
Rebekah	Drake	Universal
Grace	Middleton	Create
Nikhil	Sachdev	Create
Brendan	Tam	Create
Toby	Wooldridge	Create
Xavier	Boffa	Create
Michael	Scott	Create
Jamiel	Sabbagh	Students for Palestine
Michael	Sabljak	Liberal
Lia	Vassiliadis	Left Focus
Anneke	D'emanuele	Left Focus
Audrey	Whybrow	Left Focus
Hersha	Kadkol	Left Focus
Jade	Eckhaus	Left Focus

# Turnout

	Monday 7 September	Tuesday 8 September	Wednesday 9 September	Thursday 10 September	Friday 11 September	Total for week
<b>Baillieu Library</b>	280	271	254	244	283	1,327
<b>Union House</b>	223	227	176	185	272	1079
<b>FBE</b>	47	81	87	43	89	347
<b>VCA</b>		57	11	27		95
<b>Burnley</b>		20	5			10
<b>Postal</b>					1	1
<b>Total</b>	550	656	533	499	645	2883
<b>2013</b>	629	860	674	744	905	3812

# Results

## University of Melbourne Annual Student Election

### 7th – 11th September 2015

#### FULL DECLARATION OF RESULTS

**President**

James Baker (Stand Up!)

**General Secretary**

James Bashford

**Education Officer (Academic Affairs)**

Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal (Stand Up!)

**Education Officer (Public Affairs)**

Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz (Stand Up!)

**Wom\*n's Officer**

Hien Thuc Nguyen & Adriana Mells (Stand Up!)

**Activities Officer**

Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock (More Activities!)

**Clubs & Societies Officer**

Yasmine Luu & Ryan Davey (More Activities!)

**Queer Officer**

Frances Connors & Lotus Ye (Activate)

**Creative Arts Officer**

Jeanette Tong & Joshua Lynzaat Activate

**Environment Officer.**

Anisa Rogers & Zachary Power (Activate)

**Disabilities Officer**

Christian Tsoutsouvas & Jess Kapuscinski-Evan Activate

**Indigenous Officer**

Tyson Holloway-Clarke & Emily Kate James The Biggest Blackest Ticket

**Media Officers**

Caleb Triscari, Danielle Bagnato, Sebastian Dodds & Baya Ou Yang (Independent Media)

**Welfare Officer**

Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang (Stand Up!)

**International Representative on Students Council**

Xuelan Tang (More Activities!)

**Graduate Representative on Students Council**

Kelly Smith (Stand Up!)

**Indigenous Representative on Students Council**

Wunambi Connor (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)

**Disabilities Representative on Students Council**

Cassandra Prigg (Stand Up!)

**Queer Representative on Students Council**

Harry Adam (Stand Up!)

**General Representatives on Students Council**

Millicent Austin-Andrews (Stand Up!)

Liam Leyden (More Activities!)

Elizabeth Nicholson (Activate)

Martin Kaminsky (Create)

Anneke D'emanuele (Left Focus)

Tamara Hunt (Stand Up!)

Hayden Michaelides (More Activities!)

Reanna Clark (Stand Up!)

Gulsara Kaplun (More Activities!)

Simon Frankland (Stand Up!)

Adam Wojcik (Stand Up!)

Daniel Sango (More Activities!)

Ella Shi (Independent Media)

Darcy Thornton (Stand Up!)

Luke Byrnes (Activate)

**Queer Committee in order of election.**

Eleanor McMurtry (Stand Up!)

Astrid Mayne (Activate)

Lee Winter (Stand Up!)

Sebastian Barakat (Activate)

Adam Gerard Wojcik (Stand Up!)

Shanley Price (Stand Up!)

Lloyd Rouse (Stand Up!)

**Wom\*n's committee in order of election.**

Aisling Acton (Stand up!)

Astrid Mayne (Activate)

Elizabeth Biggs (Create)

Caley McPherson (Stand up!)

Yen Jing Ni (Stand up!)

Teresa Gornall (Stand Up!)

Amelia Seward (Stand up!)

**Welfare Committee in order of election**

Destan Dikbas (Stand Up!)  
Marlo Zambelli (More Activities)  
Andrea Bozi (Activate)  
Isa Pendragon (Stand Up!)  
Kimberly Chian (Stand Up!)  
Shujie Su (Create)  
Sarah Peters (More Activities)

**Education Committee**

Roger Samuel (Stand Up!)  
Timmy Dunn (More Activities!)  
Amelia Katherine Saward (Stand Up!)  
Rebecca Sheahan (Stand Up!)  
Daniel Sullivan (Activate)  
Stylianios Nikias (Create)  
Kathrin Bartha (Left Focus)

**Creative Arts Committee**

Guy Coward (Stand Up!)  
Thomas Fitzgerald (More Activities!)  
Nicholas Fulton (Create)  
Sarah Pemberton (Activate)  
Sara Pascoe (Stand Up!)  
Kim Ho (Activate)  
Harriet Wallace-Mead (Activate)

**Environment Committee**

Lachlan Blain (Stand Up!)  
Elizabeth Nicholson (Activate)  
Anneke D'emanuele (Left Focus)  
Nathan Bachetti (Create)  
Claudia Lombard (Stand Up!)  
Aaron Bhat (Stand Up!)  
Sachi Florance (Stand Up!)

**Activities Committee.**

Matthew Simkiss (More Activities!)  
Claudia Lombard (Stand Up!)  
Annabelle Clancy (More Activities!)  
Matthew Lagamba (Stand Up!)  
Louisa Ellis (More Activities!)  
Daniel Dawood (Create)  
Madison Mooney (Activate)

**Disabilities Committee.**

Alston Chu Activate  
Cheryllyn Chong Activate  
Tamara Hogan Activate  
Lee Winter Stand Up!  
Cassandra Prigg Stand Up!  
Pat Dollard Stand Up!  
Aisling Acton Stand Up!

**Indigenous Committee.**

Wunambi Connor The Biggest Blackest Ticket

Alexandra Hohoi The Biggest Blackest Ticket

**VCA campus committee.**

Teresa Hsieh Left Focus

Tim Van Roon Left Focus

Thien Nguyen Left Focus

Gaelen Dickson Left Focus

Jordan White Left Focus

Nicholas Kyriacou Left Focus

Nicholas Pearce Left Focus

**VCA Campaigns Co-Ordinator**

James Crafti Left Focus

**VCA Activities and Events**

Jessica Heath Left Focus

**VCA Campus Co-Ordinator**

Van Rudd Left Focus

**Burnley Campus Co-Ordinator.**

Eranthos Beretta

**Burnley Committee**

Tess Giesen

Dean Schrieke

Jessica Peeler

Dan "Bledwich" Brown

Amy Bonshek

Sarah Carles

Andrea Pianella

**National Union of Students Delegates**

Sarah Xia (Stand Up)

Akira Boardman (More Activities)

Lloyd Rouse (Stand Up)

Millicent Austin-Andrews (Stand Up)

Grace Middleton (Create)

Patrick Dollard (Activate)

Lisa Vassiliadis (Left Focus)

**M U Student Union Board**

Stephen Smith (Stand Up!)