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# Summary

## Appointment

Jaimie Adam of Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd was appointed Returning Officer for the University of Melbourne Annual Student Election on Tuesday 9 July 2013. Charles Richardson, Haydn Steel and Stephen Luntz, also of AQE, were appointed Deputy Returning Officers.

The Electoral Tribunal consisted of Mr Chris Penman, Mr Michael Gronow and Ms Saveria Dimasi. This was unchanged from 2012.

## Nominations

Nominations opened on Monday 22 July for positions on the following bodies:

- Office-bearers, committees and Students' Council of the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU)
- Office-bearers and committee of the Burnley Students Association (BSA)
- Members of the Victorian College of the Arts Student Association (VCASA) Council
- Student representative (for a two-year term) on the board of MU Student Union Ltd
- Delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS)
- A by-election to fill certain casual vacancies on UMSU and VCASA until the end of 2013

The notice of election is included. This notice was posted in Union House and on the elections website, and a version was also e-mailed to all students.

Nominations closed at midday on Friday 9 August. A total of 331 nominations were received, compared with 313 in 2012 and 220 in 2011. Eight nominations were withdrawn prior to the ballot papers going to print. Seven nominations were found to be invalid. All candidates were notified by e-mail of the receipt of their nominations. It was particularly pleasing to see nominations and some contests for the Indigenous positions and the Burnley Student Association positions, which have often been unfilled in previous years.

*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 is included, in ballot paper order where applicable. The draw for ballot paper positions was conducted on Monday 12 August, witnessed by scrutineers from the various tickets.

## Tickets

Applications for ticket registration also closed at 12 midday on Friday 9 August. An information session for prospective tickets was subsequently held to inform organisers of the requirements.

Eleven applications were received, all of which were found to be eligible. The following tickets were therefore registered, with the indicated students as authorising officers:

<u>Ticket Name</u>	<u>Authorising Officer</u>
Activate	Dorothy Meng
Buy Back the Bar	Mark Kettle
Change.	Patrick Dollard
F*ck the Cuts	Jade Eckhaus
Independent Media	Zoe Efron
Liberal	Michael Sabljak
More Activities!	Daniel Hanna
No Crime to Seek Asylum	Jimmy Yan
Stand Up!	Declan McGonigle
Students Against Abbott!	Isabelle Kingshott
Voice	Blake Mooney

## Polling

Polling took place during the week of Monday 2 September to Friday 6 September, at the following times and locations:

	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Union House (Food Hall)	10am – 5pm	10am – 6.30pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm
Baillieu Library Foyer	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 6.15pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm	10.30am – 4.30pm
Murrup Barak	11.30am – 3.30pm				
Southern Precinct ICT Building	11am – 3pm	12pm – 5pm	11am – 3pm	11am – 3pm	11am – 3pm
VCAM Southbank Campus (Cafeteria)		11am – 3pm	11am – 3pm	11am – 3pm	
Burnley Campus Centre (Cafeteria)			11am – 2pm	12pm – 3pm	

This notice was also e-mailed to all students. There were five notable changes to polling times and locations compared to 2012:

(a) The polling station south of Grattan Street, on the ground floor of the ICT building, was open for five days, whereas it had been closed on the Friday in 2012. This location was again very successful, with the polling station taking 464 votes up from approximately 350 votes in 2012.

(b) The polling station in Union House was relocated in 2012 a short distance from the centre of the Food Hall to the south-eastern corner, in the site formerly occupied by the bike shop. This year it had to be relocated again, as a new commercial tenant had taken the previous space. The move to the Lounge (previously known as the Members' Lounge and the North Dining Room) proved successful with high turnout, short queuing times and minimal disruption as only half the Lounge area was occupied by the polling booth.

(c) Polling at the Burnley campus was conducted on Wednesday and Thursday rather than Tuesday and Wednesday as it had been in 2012. This was based on advice from Burnley staff that turnout would be maximised on those days. The 28 votes taken were up from the 7 votes taken in 2012.

(d) Given the contested elections for Indigenous positions, the polling station at Murrup Barak (Centre for Indigenous Education) was reinstated.

(e) A polling station in the Eastern Precinct of campus, at 757 Swanston Street, had been planned, scheduled and announced. Unfortunately, permission to use the space was withdrawn at late notice. Although a University Buildings manager was able to offer an alternative venue it was decided, in consultation with the tickets, that the venue did not meet our needs either in respect to location or traffic flow. Thus, the polling booth was abandoned.

Turnout for the week was 3,783 voters, an increase of about 12% on 2012 and 28% on 2011. 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.

The shift in voting numbers from Union House to the Baillieu Library, remarked upon in the 2010 and 2012 reports, continued this year. The Baillieu actually recorded a higher turnout than the Union for the week for the first time on record.

A table summary of the turnout at all polling stations is included.

### **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. It is felt that the additional level of security offered by the Raymond Priestly location easily justifies the extra effort.

Ballot papers for the VCAM polling station were stored locally each evening in a secure location by arrangement with Property and Campus Services, and were then returned to Parkville by AQE staff on Thursday afternoon.

Burnley votes were secured by AQE staff and returned to Parkville on Friday.

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

Wireless database access to the electronic roll was used at the three major Parkville polling stations, and also at VCA, eliminating the need for a paper roll. MU Student Union Ltd again loaned AQE a set of laptops for use by poll clerks. The electronic system performed reasonably well, with tolerable interruptions. Nevertheless loss of connection on one or all computers occurred more frequently than in the past, and any further increase could cause serious problems. This may require attention in future.

Provisional votes were therefore only required at Burnley and Murrup Barak (votes from there were merged with other provisionals before counting, due to privacy concerns), and for voters at the main stations who could not be found on the roll. Of the total of 80 provisional votes received, 57 were accepted and 23 were reserved for further advice from Student Administration. Following that advice, a further four votes were accepted and the other 19 rejected.

## **Postal Votes**

Applications for postal votes closed at 5pm on Wednesday 28 August. A total of four applications were received by this deadline. Ballot papers were posted to the four applicants on Thursday 29 August.

By close of polls on Friday 6 September, three sets of ballot papers had been returned. These voters were checked off the roll and their votes were admitted to the count.

## **Complaints and Appeals**

A number of complaints, both formal and informal, were made to the Returning Officer during the election period by candidates and other interested parties. A table summarising the written complaints that were received is included.

Only one written ruling was made by the Returning Officer in response to complaints and other issues. It appears in the Rulings section, and was also posted in Union House and on the elections website. In addition, a selection of standing rulings from past years was again published.

No appeals were lodged.

## **Lockup and Counting**

Counting began at midday on Friday 6 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. One or more Directors of AQE remained in the lockup at all times, which proceeded smoothly and without incident.

Due to the increased turnout and the inability to conduct the count on Saturday 7 September (Federal Election day) it was not possible to complete the counting as quickly as in some previous years. Nonetheless, most of the results were clear on the Friday night. The full provisional declaration of results was issued on Friday 13 September. This notice is included, and was also posted in Union House and on the elections website.

No recounts were conducted.

The period for appeals against the results or requests for recounts expired three working days later, on Wednesday 18 September. No appeals were received.

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 3,749 represents approximately 8.39% of eligible voters.

## **Acknowledgements**

The annual student elections are a major logistical undertaking, and the Returning Officer would again like to acknowledge with gratitude the assistance received from a great many people. The following are particularly deserving of mention:

- Deputy Returning Officers Charles Richardson, Stephen Luntz, and Haydn Steel, and all the staff of Above Quota Elections

- The staff of UMSU and MU Student Union Ltd, especially Justin Baré, Goldie Pergl, Fiona Sanders, Trevor White, Evie Bicos, Paul Durrant, the IT team, the editors of *Farrago* and the Building Services team
- Sarah Calder (Student Systems), Steve Halliwell (University Secretary's Department), University Communications, the Baillieu Library staff and University Student Systems
- Bek for graphic design and Rob for printing
- Australia Post, for the mailbags
- All the candidates and campaigners for their cooperation.

# Recommendations

## 1. Self-identification

Regulation 9.1.2 requires that “Polling clerks must give ballot papers for [Queer Officer, Queer Committee and Queer Representative on Students’ Council] to all Students, with a verbal instruction that any Student who identifies as queer can vote for these positions.” However, the proportion of voters who vote for these positions far exceeds any plausible estimate of the proportion of Queer students. This year 62% of voters cast formal votes for Queer Committee.

It is impossible to say how much of this is due to ignorance of the requirement (due to failure to read, listen to or understand the instructions), ignorance of what it means or wilful disobedience of the rules. But in any case it means that the voice of those for whom the Constitution has chosen to make special provision is being diluted by those who have no such claim.

For Queer students, the Constitution requires that self-identification be the only test, but it would still be possible to amend the Regulations to ensure that voters are given some indication of what the term “Queer” is supposed to mean. It would also be possible for the Returning Officer to have the Queer positions printed on a separate ballot paper or set of ballot papers, to emphasise their distinctive nature. Both measures should be considered, and the process of Constitutional review should also consider whether self-identification and separate representation are still appropriate or desirable.

It is recommended that consideration be given to this matter.

## 2. Social media

The provisions of Regulation 28 for authorisation of election material were drafted well before the advent of Facebook and other social media. The requirement that each item of publicity be authorised by the Returning Officer before distribution is at best difficult and time-consuming when it comes to these media, and at worst utterly ridiculous. Ruling (2) from 2012 attempts to minimise the problem, but it did not prevent a number of disputes and a good deal of angst about the subject once again.

It is recommended that Regulation 28 be redrafted to allow the Returning Officer to dispense with the requirement of prior authorisation for broad classes of material such as postings on social media, provided they otherwise conform to the Regulations.

## 3. Term of Returning Officer

The appointment of a Returning Officer for the annual elections is typically made in about the middle of July. For an election in early September, in which nominations remain open for three weeks and close three weeks prior to polling, this results in quite a tight timeline in which the preparatory work for the opening of nominations is often rushed. For example, it is impossible for the notice calling for nominations to appear in *Farrago* (as contemplated by Regulation 12.2.4)

because the copy deadlines for the relevant issue have already passed by the time the Returning Officer is able to begin work.

It is noted that on some other campuses there has been a recent tendency to appoint a Returning Officer on a two- or three-year contract. While it is felt that this is an undesirable move, there is certainly something to be said for having a Returning Officer in place during the year, rather than only just prior to the election. Section 116.1 (a) of the Constitution allows for a Returning Officer to be appointed for a calendar year. This would not only allow for better preparation of the annual election, but would have the further advantage of a Returning Officer being available during the year to run by-elections, to possibly run some internal elections in UMSU, and to advise on election-related issues as they arise. From a business point of view, it would also allow the Returning Officer and his or her firm to schedule their work better, allowing for the provision of better value for money.

It is recommended that the Electoral Tribunal test the market by calling for expressions of interest for the appointment of a Returning Officer for calendar year 2014.

#### **4. MUOSS**

It is the opinion of the Returning Officer that as the Melbourne University Overseas Students Service (MUOSS) is now covered by the UMSU Constitution a review of its electoral procedures is due. Specifically, there should be no reason why the UMSU Electoral Regulations do not apply to MUOSS elections.



# Notice of Election

## Notice of Election

### University of Melbourne Annual Student Election

2 - 6 September 2013

Notice is hereby given that nominations open at 12 midday on Monday 22 July, for the 2013 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)
- Office-bearers and committee of the Burnley Students Association (BSA)
- Members of the Victorian College of the Arts Student Association (VCASA) Council
- Student representative (for a two-year term) on the board of MU Student Union Ltd
- Delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS)
- A by-election to fill certain casual vacancies on UMSU and VCASA until the end of 2013

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

#### **Nominations close at 12 midday on Friday 9 August.**

Polling will take place from Monday 2 September until Friday 6 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 28 August.

**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: Student Resource Room, UMSU Office Area, first floor Union House; Phone: 03 8344 4835.  
Or visit the Election website: <http://union.unimelb.edu.au/elections>

Returning Officer: Jaimie Adam (Ph: 04 3073 4043)

Deputy Returning Officer: Charles Richardson (Ph: 03 8060 6597)

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
- 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:

- Queer Representative
- Indigenous Representative
- International Representative
- Graduate Representative
- Fourteen (14) general members elected by all students

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

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

Burnley Student Association:

- Campus Coordinator

- Seven (7) general Committee members

Victorian College of the Arts Student Association:

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

### **MU Student Union Ltd.**

One (1) student member of the board of MU Student Union Ltd.

*Note: This position is for a two-year term, to run until 31 December 2015. The person elected will need to remain a student for the whole of the term.*

### **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

### **UMSU / VCASA By-Election**

To fill casual vacancies for terms ending 31 December 2013:

- Clubs and Societies Officer
- VCASA Campus Co-ordinator
- Disabilities Officer
- Disabilities Committee (seven (7) positions)
- Creative Arts Committee (one (1) position)
- VCASA Campaigns Co-ordinator
- VCASA Queer Representative
- VCASA Indigenous Representative
- VCASA International Representative
- VCASA Art Representative
- VCASA Drama Representative
- VCASA Film & TV Representative
- VCASA Music Representative
- VCASA Musical Theatre Representative
- VCASA Production Representative

### **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 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 BSA and VCASA 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, Queer Committee and the VCASA Queer Representative by-election must be Queer students. A single candidate for Queer Officer must be a woman; in the case of joint candidates for Queer Officer, at least one of them must be a woman.

Candidates for Indigenous Officer, Indigenous Representative on Students' Council, Indigenous Committee and the VCASA Indigenous Representative by-election must be Indigenous students.

Candidates for Disabilities Officer and Disabilities Committee must be students with disabilities. Candidates for International Representative on Students' Council and the VCASA International Representative by-election must be International students. Candidates for Graduate Representative on Students' Council must be Graduate students.

Candidates for the BSA positions must be Burnley students. Candidates for VCASA Council must be students at the Southbank campus, and candidates for positions representing specific academic units in the VCASA by-elections must be students of those academic units.

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. 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.

Jaimie Adam  
Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd  
Returning Officer

19 July 2013

# Nominations

## UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ANNUAL STUDENT ELECTION 2 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2013

### NOMINATIONS (IN BALLOT PAPER ORDER)

#### **President**

Michael Sabljak (Liberal)  
Patrick Clearwater (More Activities!)  
Declan McGonigle (Stand Up!)  
Ulya Niami Efrina Jamson (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Jennifer McKechnie (No Crime to Seek Asylum)

#### **Secretary**

Charlie Cartney (Liberal)  
Stephen Smith (More Activities!)  
Christopher McIntyre (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Samuel Donnelly (Stand Up!)  
Wais Yaqubi (No Crime to Seek Asylum)

#### **Education (Academic Affairs) Officer**

Ruby Healer (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Jeremy Ratcliffe & William Moisis (Change.)  
Nicki Jarrel (Liberal)  
Adam Galvin & Hana Dalton (Stand Up!)

#### **Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

Charles Everist (Liberal)  
Charles Shenton & Patrick Dollard (Change.)  
Jade Eckhaus (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Annalivia Carli Hannan & Ella Fabry (Stand Up!)  
Jimmy Yan & Samuel Dariol (No Crime to Seek Asylum)

#### **Welfare Officer**

Sophia Liu & Xinyi (Kinsey) Li (Stand Up!)  
James Lenehan (Change.)  
James Duncan (Liberal)  
Denis Rogatyuk (F\*ck the Cuts)

#### **Wom\*n's Officer**

Gemma Sibley-Lewis (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Caroline Ridler & Stephanie Kilpatrick (Activate)  
Heloise Assefpour-Dezfuly (Liberal)

#### **Creative Arts Officer**

Elsher Keir & Hannah Roe (Activate)  
*Provisionally elected unopposed*

#### **Activities Officer**

Justin Chua  
Huan Evans & Keegan Barker (More Activities!)

#### **Queer Officer**

Jeremy Gibson & Phoebe Kelloway (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Sam Templeton & Dorothy Meng (Activate)

#### **Environment Officer**

Lewis Rippon & Lauren Englefield (Activate)  
Alexa Thompson & Hanna McCreath (Change.)  
Frances Lewis & Sadia Schneider (F\*ck the Cuts)

#### **Media Officers**

Zoe Efron, Kevin Hawkins, Michelle See-Tho & Sean Watson (Independent Media)  
*Provisionally elected unopposed*

#### **Clubs & Societies Officer**

Justin Chua  
Tom Walker & Rachel Withers (More Activities!)  
Steph Price (F\*ck the Cuts)

#### **Indigenous Officer**

Blake Mooney (Voice)  
Kyle Webb & Maddee Clark

#### **Disabilities Officer**

Sarina Murray & Jess Kapuscinski-Evans  
(Activate)  
Emma Dook (F\*ck the Cuts)

**Students' Council General Representatives**

Justin Chua [ungrouped]  
Independent Media:  
Simon Farley  
Charlotte Salusinszky  
Sally Whyte  
Maddison Connaughton  
Stand Up!:  
Eleanor Ryan  
Ke Meng (Jessica)  
James Bashford  
Yufan Deng (Joe)  
Claire Gray-Strarcevic  
Weiqing (Joanne) Zuo  
Lindsey Motteram  
Feifei Liao  
Michaelean O'Donnell  
Tamsin Buchan  
More Activities!:  
Thomas Hayes  
Julijana Todorovic  
Sophie Sheahan  
Joanna Jellie  
Vicky Tang  
Activate:  
Daniel Sullivan  
Belinda O'Connor  
Katie Grimmer  
Taelor Richards  
Buy Back the Bar:  
Mark Kettle  
Liberal:  
James Samartzis  
Dylan Pedersen  
Michael Sabljak  
Change.:  
Matthew Thomas  
Sebastian Reinehr  
Jeremy Ratcliffe  
Hanna McCreath  
Victoria Saint Erme Cardew  
Samuel Van Den Nieuwenhof  
Students Against Abbott!:  
Isabelle Kingshott  
F\*ck the Cuts:  
Ruby Healer  
Jeremy Gibson  
Chris McIntyre  
Steph Price  
Jade Eckhaus  
No Crime to Seek Asylum:  
Jimmy Yan  
Jennifer McKechnie  
Giselle Newton

Wais Yaqubi  
Justine Rudock  
Cath Edwards

**Queer Representative on Students' Council**

Luke Nicholls (Activate)  
Tristan Beale (Change.)  
Phoebe Kelloway (F\*ck the Cuts)

**Indigenous Representative on Students' Council**

Monique Blaszczyk (Change.)  
Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Voice)

**International Representative on Students' Council**

Ulya Niami Efrina Jamson (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Weiqi Nie (Stand Up!)  
John Tang Yan Zhang (More Activities!)

**Graduate Representative on Students' Council**

Paul King (Change.)  
Melinda Keys (More Activities!)  
Jim Smith (Stand Up!)

**Activities Committee**

Justin Chua [ungrouped]  
More Activities!:  
Alex McCutchan  
Sarah Cook  
Hayden Burch  
Jenny Wang  
Andrew Soulsby  
Buy Back the Bar:  
Mark Kettle  
Students Against Abbott!:  
Isabelle Kingshott  
Liberal:  
Nicholas Warland  
Rafael Tudehope  
Stand Up!:  
Yongtai Ma  
Michaelean O'Donnell  
Zezheng Wang  
Rika Eringa  
Jack Kilbride  
Steven Connolly

**Creative Arts Committee**

Change.:  
Samuel Van Den Nieuwenhof  
Nicholas Langford  
Brigitte Svendsen  
Victoria Saint Erme Cardew  
Thomas Goodchild  
Jessica Phillips  
Stand Up!:  
Caitlin Phillips

Yaxing Cui  
Stephanie Peters  
Yuhan (Sherry) Yin  
Zoe Moorman  
Jack Kilbride

More Activities!:

Tom Fitzgerald  
Sam Tolomei

Students Against Abbott!:

Isabelle Kingshott

Activate:

Christa Jonathan  
Joe Scott

Vivien Truong

Daniel Jones

Isabella Vadiveloo

Lana Nguyen

Clancy Moore

Liberal:

Jack Cairns

Andrew O'Shea

Elise Brookes

**Education Committee**

Students Against Abbott!:

Isabelle Kingshott

Buy Back the Bar:

Mark Kettle

Stand Up!:

David Coates

Ezgi Bridger

Aisling Grey

Xingyi (Ally) Gu

Eleanor Ryan

Jack Kilbride

Liberal:

Megan Saker

Raphael Gleedman

Change.:

Patrick Dollard

Jeremy Ratcliffe

Isabella Borshoff

Conor Serong

Paul King

James Denholm

**Environment Committee**

Liberal:

Helena West

Oliver Thomas

Stand Up!:

Steven Connolly

Tamsin Buchan

Shanley Price

Yiying Wu

Jo Steinle

Catherine Murphy

Activate:

Chloe Sinclair

Alexandra Mraz

Daniel Sullivan

Noah Beecher Kelk

Jack Gable

Change.:

Hanna McCreath

Alexa Thompson

Liam Stanton Nuttall

Rose Hewetson

Hugh Edwards

Miles Horton

Students Against Abbott!:

Isabelle Kingshott

**Indigenous Committee**

Voice:

Alara Hood

Eloise Bentley

Robert Lean

Tyson Holloway-Clarke

Emily James

Amba-Rose Atkinson

Sarah Yeowart

Change.:

Monique Blaszczyk

**Queer Committee**

Stand Up!:

Lloyd Rouse

Mary-Lou Wilde

Shanley Price

Chris Chroureemootoo

Scout Boxall

Melanie Tassos

Students Against Abbott!:

Isabelle Kingshott

Change.:

Tristan Beale

Daniel Belluzzo

Andrea Bozic

Activate:

Thisanka Siripala

Katie Grimmer

Javed De Costa

Kathryn Yan

Samuel Dent

Khor Wern Cher

**Welfare Committee**

Liberal:

James Radford

James Duncan

Change.:

Rose Hewetson

Hugh Edwards

James Lenehan

Alex Horton  
Andrew Beyer  
Miles Horton  
Students Against Abbott!:  
Isabelle Kingshott  
Stand Up!:  
Rebekah Drake  
Katie Parrott  
Tianyi (Andy) Lin  
Caitlin Phillips  
John Allworth  
James Bashford

**Wom\*n's Committee**

Stand Up!:  
Zoe Moorman  
Meera Fernandes  
Rika Eringa  
Mallory Notting  
Elizabeth Irvin  
Louise Spence  
Liberal:  
Elise Brookes  
Megan Saker  
Activate:  
Hoi-Fei Mok  
Kathryn Yan  
Rebekah Robertson  
Lee Lai  
Belinda O'Connor  
Elizabeth Nicholson  
Students Against Abbott!:  
Isabelle Kingshott  
Change.:  
Victoria Saint Erme Cardew  
Hanna McCreath  
Christie Anna Ozorio  
Renee Black  
Georgina Baker  
Molly Voss

**Disabilities Committee**

Activate:  
Lily Cloutang-Crompton  
Cara Greenham Hancock  
Luke Nicholls  
Change.:  
Sebastian Reinehr  
Stand Up!:  
Amy Jenkins  
*All provisionally elected unopposed*

**Burnley Campus Coordinator**

Jeremy Finkelstein  
Mathew Keyzer

**Burnley General Committee**

Mathew Keyzer

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**MU Student Union Ltd. Board**

Charles Kemp (Change.)  
Anthony D'Angelo (Liberal)  
Justin Chua  
Shi (Saskia) Zhe (Stand Up!)

**National Union of Students Delegates**

Change.:  
Patrick Dollard  
Mathew Thomas  
Jeremy Ratcliffe  
William Moisis  
Stand Up!:  
Ezgi Bridger  
Amy Jenkins  
Xiao Cheng (Jack)  
Adam Galvin  
Qimeng (Cindy) Zhou  
Stephanie Kilpatrick  
John Allworth  
More Activities!:  
Thomas Hayes  
Buy Back the Bar:  
Mark Kettle  
F\*ck the Cuts:  
Jade Eckhaus  
James Crafti  
Ruby Healer  
Chris McIntyre  
Jeremy Gibson  
Students Against Abbott!:  
Isabelle Kingshott  
Liberal:  
Patrick Crosswell  
Nicki Jarrel

**VCA Campus Co-ordinator**

Miriam Hamel-Green (Activate)  
James Crafti (F\*ck the Cuts)

**VCA Activities and Events Co-ordinator**  
NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

**VCA General Committee**

Stand Up!:  
June Helen Lam  
Olivia Koh  
Activate:  
Yanira Plaza Cruz  
Lee Lai  
Kendal McQuire  
F\*ck the Cuts:  
Melanie Lazarow  
Van Rudd  
Anke Maclean  
Sam Bennett



Kate Rogers

**Clubs & Societies Officer By-Election**

Melinda Keys & Tom Walker (More Activities!)

Steph Price (F\*ck the Cuts)

Justin Chua

**VCA Campus Co-ordinator By-Election**

James Crafti (F\*ck the Cuts)

**Disabilities Officer By-Election**

Jess Kapuscinski-Evans & Sarina Murray

(Activate)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**Disabilities Committee By-Election**

Activate:

Lily Cloutang-Crompton

Cara Greenham Hancock

Luke Nicholls

*All provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA Campaigns Co-ordinator By-election**

Van Rudd (F\*ck the Cuts)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA Queer Representative By-Election**

NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

**VCA Indigenous Representative By-Election**

Baden Hitchcock (Voice)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA International Representative By-Election**

NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

**VCA Art Representative By-Election**

Melanie Lazarow (F\*ck the Cuts)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA Drama Representative By-Election**

Rebekah Robertson (F\*ck the Cuts)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA Film & TV Representative By-Election**

Kate Rogers (F\*ck the Cuts)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA Music Representative By-Election**

Rachel M Sztanski (F\*ck the Cuts)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA Musical Theatre Representative By-Election**

Sam Bennett (F\*ck the Cuts)

*Provisionally elected unopposed*

**VCA Production Representative By-Election**

NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

13 August 2013

Jaimie Adam

Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd

Returning Officer

# Turnout

	Union House	Murrup Barak	Baillieu Library	ICT	VCAM	Burnley	Postals	Total	2012	2011
<b>Monday 2 September</b>	185	4	264	111				564	567	554
<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>	262		370	108	55			795	766	598
<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>	267		285	99	46	14		711	566	530
<b>Thursday 5 September</b>	318		291	62	57	14		742	707	587
<b>Friday 6 September</b>	495		389	84			3	971	764	670
<b>Total for week</b>	1,527	4	1,599	464	158	28		3,783	3,370	2,939

**Note:** This table records raw turnout, and therefore includes the 19 provisional votes that were not ultimately admitted to the count, plus a small number of voters who abandoned or discarded their ballot papers. The total valid vote was 3,749.

## UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ANNUAL STUDENT ELECTION 2 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2013

### FULL PROVISIONAL DECLARATION OF RESULTS

All counting has now been completed. The following are provisionally declared elected:

**President**

Declan McGonigle (Stand Up!)

**Secretary**

Samuel Donnelly (Stand Up!)

**Education (Academic Affairs) Officer**

Adam Galvin & Hana Dalton (Stand Up!)

**Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

Annalivia Carli Hannan & Ella Fabry (Stand Up!)

**Welfare Officer**

Sophia Liu & Xinyi (Kinsey) Li (Stand Up!)

**Wom\*n's Officer**

Caroline Ridler & Stephanie Kilpatrick (Activate)

**Creative Arts Officer**

Elsher Keir & Hannah Roe (Activate)

[Unopposed]

**Activities Officer**

Huan Evans & Keegan Barker (More Activities!)

**Queer Officer**

Sam Templeton & Dorothy Meng (Activate)

**Environment Officer**

Alexa Thompson & Hanna McCreath (Change.)

**Media Officers**

Zoe Efron, Kevin Hawkins, Michelle See-Tho & Sean Watson (Independent Media)

[Unopposed]

**Clubs & Societies Officer**

Tom Walker & Rachel Withers (More Activities!)

**Indigenous Officer**

Kyle Webb & Maddee Clark

**Disabilities Officer**

Sarina Murray & Jess Kapuscinski-Evans (Activate)

**Students' Council General Representatives  
(in order of election)**

Eleanor Ryan (Stand Up!)

Thomas Hayes (More Activities!)

Matthew Thomas (Change.)

Daniel Sullivan (Activate)

Ke Meng (Jessica) (Stand Up!)

Julijana Todorovic (More Activities!)

James Bashford (Stand Up!)

Yufan Deng (Joe) (Stand Up!)

Claire Gray-Strarcevic (Stand Up!)

Weiqing (Joanne) Zuo (Stand Up!)

Ruby Healer (F\*ck the Cuts)

Lindsey Motteram (Stand Up!)

Sebastian Reinehr (Change.)

Simon Farley (Independent Media)

**Queer Representative on Students' Council**

Luke Nicholls (Activate)

**Indigenous Representative on Students'  
Council**

Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Voice)

**International Representative on Students' Council**

Weiqi Nie (Stand Up!)

**Graduate Representative on Students' Council**

Jim Smith (Stand Up!)

**Activities Committee (in order of election)**

Yongtai Ma (Stand Up!)

Alex McCutchan (More Activities!)

Michaellean O'Donnell (Stand Up!)

Sarah Cook (More Activities!)

Ze Zheng Wang (Stand Up!)

Rika Eringa (Stand Up!)

Hayden Burch (More Activities!)

**Creative Arts Committee (in order of election)**

Caitlin Phillips (Stand Up!)

Tom Fitzgerald (More Activities!)

Christa Jonathan (Activate)

Yaxing Cui (Stand Up!)

Stephanie Peters (Stand Up!)

Samuel Van Den Nieuwenhof (Change.)

Yuhan (Sherry) Yin (Stand Up!)

**Education Committee (in order of election)**

David Coates (Stand Up!)

Patrick Dollard (Change.)

Ezgi Bridger (Stand Up!)

Aisling Grey (Stand Up!)

Xingyi (Ally) Gu (Stand Up!)

Eleanor Ryan (Stand Up!)

Jeremy Ratcliffe (Change.)

**Environment Committee (in order of election)**

Steven Connolly (Stand Up!)

Liam Stanton Nuttall (Change.)

Chloe Sinclair (Activate)

Tamsin Buchan (Stand Up!)

Shanley Price (Stand Up!)

Yiying Wu (Stand Up!)

Rose Hewetson (Change.)

**Indigenous Committee (in order of election)**

Alara Hood (Voice)

Monique Blaszczyk (Change.)

Eloise Bentley (Voice)

Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Voice)

Robert Lean (Voice)

Emily James (Voice)

Amba-Rose Atkinson (Voice)

**Queer Committee (in order of election)**

Lloyd Rouse (Stand Up!)

Tristan Beale (Change.)

Thisanka Siripala (Activate)

Mary-Lou Wilde (Stand Up!)

Shanley Price (Stand Up!)

Chris Choureemootoo (Stand Up!)

Scout Boxall (Stand Up!)

**Welfare Committee (in order of election)**

Rebekah Drake (Stand Up!)

Rose Hewetson (Change.)

Katie Parrott (Stand Up!)

Tianyi (Andy) Lin (Stand Up!)

Caitlin Phillips (Stand Up!)

John Allworth (Stand Up!)

Hugh Edwards (Change.)

**Wom\*n's Committee (in order of election)**

Zoe Moorman (Stand Up!)

Hoi-Fei Mok (Activate)

Victoria Saint Erme Cardew (Change.)

Meera Fernandes (Stand Up!)

Rika Eringa (Stand Up!)

Mallory Notting (Stand Up!)

Elizabeth Irvin (Stand Up!)

**Disabilities Committee**

Lily Cloutang-Crompton (Activate)

Cara Greenham Hancock (Activate)

Luke Nicholls (Activate)

Sebastian Reinehr (Change.)

Amy Jenkins (Stand Up!)

[All unopposed]

**Burnley Campus Coordinator**

Mathew Keyzer

**Burnley General Committee**

Mathew Keyzer [Unopposed]

**MU Student Union Ltd. Board**

Shi (Saskia) Zhe (Stand Up!)

**National Union of Students Delegates (in order of election)**

Ezgi Bridger (Stand Up!)

Thomas Hayes (More Activities!)

Amy Jenkins (Stand Up!)

Patrick Dollard (Change.)

Xiao Cheng (Jack) (Stand Up!)

Adam Galvin (Stand Up!)

Jade Eckhaus (F\*ck the Cuts)

**VCA Campus Co-ordinator**

James Crafti (F\*ck the Cuts)

**VCA General Committee (in order of election)**

Melanie Lazarow (F\*ck the Cuts)

Yanira Plaza Cruz (Activate)

Van Rudd (F\*ck the Cuts)

Lee Lai (Activate)  
Anke Maclean (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Sam Bennett (F\*ck the Cuts)  
Kate Rogers (F\*ck the Cuts)

**Clubs & Societies Officer By-Election**  
Melinda Keys & Tom Walker (More Activities!)

**VCA Campus Co-ordinator By-Election**  
James Crafti (F\*ck the Cuts) [*Unopposed*]

**Disabilities Officer By-Election**  
Jess Kapuscinski-Evans & Sarina Murray  
(Activate) [*Unopposed*]

**Disabilities Committee By-Election**  
Lily Cloutang-Crompton (Activate)  
Cara Greenham Hancock (Activate)  
Luke Nicholls (Activate)  
[*All unopposed*]

**VCA Campaigns Co-ordinator By-election**  
Van Rudd (F\*ck the Cuts) [*Unopposed*]

**VCA Indigenous Representative By-Election**  
Baden Hitchcock (Voice) [*Unopposed*]

**VCA Art Representative By-Election**  
Melanie Lazarow (F\*ck the Cuts) [*Unopposed*]

**VCA Drama Representative By-Election**  
Rebekah Robertson (F\*ck the Cuts)  
[*Unopposed*]

**VCA Film & TV Representative By-Election**  
Kate Rogers (F\*ck the Cuts) [*Unopposed*]

**VCA Music Representative By-Election**  
Rachel M Sztanski (F\*ck the Cuts) [*Unopposed*]

**VCA Musical Theatre Representative By-Election**  
Sam Bennett (F\*ck the Cuts) [*Unopposed*]

**No nominations were received for the following positions:**

VCA Activities and Events Co-ordinator  
VCA Queer Representative By-Election  
VCA International Representative By-Election  
VCA Production Representative By-Election

**Recounts and Appeals**

Any requests for recounts must be made within three working days of this notice, that is, by close of business on Wednesday 18 September. Requests must be in writing and should be made to the Returning Officer c/o Union House, or by email to [ReturningOfficer@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ReturningOfficer@union.unimelb.edu.au).

Appeals against the election results must be made within three working days of this notice, or, if a recount is conducted, within three working days of the recount. Appeals must be in writing and addressed to the Electoral Tribunal. Any appeals lodged with the Returning Officer will be forwarded to the Tribunal.

Details of the count are available on request from the Returning Officer, and will be published in the Returning Officer's Report. The Electoral Tribunal will declare the final result of the election after receiving the Returning Officer's Report and resolving any appeals.

13 September 2013

Jaimie Adam  
Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd  
Returning Officer

## Complaints

Complainant	Date	Summary	Response
Kara Hadgraft	23-Aug	That the Change. ticket's claim to be "apolitical" was misleading.	The tickets were advised that Change could promote themselves as 'apolitical' within a certain context; that is, that they did not represent the interests of any one party but had members from several parties.
Kara Hadgraft	26-Aug	That claims made on the Change. website were misleading.	The Change ticket was directed to edit material on their website.
Amy Jenkins	28-Aug	That claims made on the Change. website were misleading.	The Change ticket was again directed to edit material on their website. As they had failed to do so for 48 hours following the original direction a penalty was applied. They were directed to close down their website for 48 hours.
Patrick Dollard	2-Sep	That claims made in the Stand Up! how-to-vote card were misleading.	These claims were investigated and Stand Up was able to demonstrate that there was sufficient substance to the claims that they not be ruled out.
Patrick Dollard	3-Sep	That Stand Up! campaigners had been chalking illicitly.	This claim resulted due to a misunderstanding that a previous Returning Officer's mistaken interpretation of the Regulations still had effect.
Kara Hadgraft	3-Sep	That a More Activities! campaigner had made false and misleading statements.	The campaigner admitted the statements attributed to him and he was suspended for the balance of the day.
Belinda O'Connor	4-Sep	That a F*ck the Cuts candidate had engaged in intimidation.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated. FTC was cautioned.
Patrick Dollard	5-Sep	That Stand Up! campaigners had been defacing Change. chalking.	See previous ruling on chalking.
Patrick Dollard	5-Sep	That a Stand Up! Candidate had engaged in obstruction.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated.
Patrick Dollard	5-Sep	That Stand Up! campaigners had postered over other tickets' posters.	Stand Up was cautioned against such behavior and directed to remove any posters so positioned.
Patrick Dollard	6-Sep	That a Stand Up! candidate had used offensive language.	Stand Up was cautioned.

Stephen Smith	15-Aug	That F*ck the Cuts had been poster in non-permitted locations.	FTC was reminded as to where posters could be legitimately placed.
Stephen Smith	15-Aug	That a F*ck the Cuts candidate had used obscene language in speaking to a lecture.	The matter was investigated but could not be substantiated. FTC was cautioned.
James Duncan	15-Aug	That the Change. ticket had published unauthorised material on Facebook.	A standing Ruling from past years applied in this situation is that the Returning Officer does not require all copy on social media to be individually authorized provided that it is substantially the same as material previously authorized.
Miriam Hamel-Green	16-Aug	That a F*ck the Cuts candidate had engaged in intimidation.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated. FTC was cautioned.
Matthew Lesh	16-Aug	That the ticket name "F*ck the Cuts" should be refused registration.	See Ruling (1).
Matthew Thomas	23-Aug	That Change. ticket was being smeared by an illicit Twitter account.	Change were advised that without knowledge of who was running the account there was little that the Returning Officer could do.
James Duncan	25-Aug	That the ticket name "Independent Media" should be refused registration.	The use of the term 'Independent' was the subject of a recommendation in last year's report. Given that no change to the Regulations had been made in the light of that recommendation, it was the opinion of the Returning Officer that a refusal to register a ticket of 9 years standing would constitute a disproportionate penalty despite a reasonable case having been made by the complainant.
Tom Hayes	29-Aug	That a Stand Up! candidate had abused his office-bearer position and engaged in deceptive conduct.	The complaint was investigated and it was found that the office-bearer had no case to answer.
Blake Mooney	29-Aug	That an office-bearer was campaigning without having taken leave.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated.
Luke Nicholls	2-Sep	That a F*ck the Cuts candidate had published unauthorised material on Facebook.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated.
Stephen Smith	3-Sep	That non-students were campaigning for Stand Up!	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated. Stand Up was cautioned re 'visitors' who were non-students.
Stephen Smith	3-Sep	That a Stand Up! candidate had used offensive language.	Stand Up was cautioned.
Luke Nicholls	4-Sep	That a F*ck the Cuts candidate had abused his office-bearer position.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated.
Luke Nicholls	4-Sep	That F*ck the Cuts campaigners had been making misleading statements.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated. The FTC ticket was cautioned.
Kara Hadgraft	4-Sep	That Change. leaflets had been left in non-permitted locations.	The matter was investigated and Change were advised that a



			moderate number of leaflets could be left in non-study common areas of the colleges. There was no breach.
Leah Beauchamp	5-Sep	That a Stand Up! campaigner had engaged in harrassment.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated.
Stephen Smith	5-Sep	That Stand Up! campaigners had used offensive language.	Stand Up was again cautioned.
Rebekah Robertson	5-Sep	That a F*ck the Cuts candidate had engaged in intimidation.	The claim was investigated but could not be substantiated. FTC was cautioned.
Tom Hayes	5-Sep	That a Stand Up! poster had been placed in a polling area.	Stand Up was reminded of the importance of the neutrality of the polling areas.
Isabelle Kingshott	6-Sep	That Stand Up! materials had been targetted by Prosh Week posters.	Given the apparent overlap between Prosh Week participants and the More Activities ticket, the MA ticket was cautioned several times regarding this practice. The Returning Officer was satisfied that MA did all they reasonably could to prevent the practice continuing.
Mark Kettle	2-Sep	That Stand Up! materials had been targetted by Prosh Week posters.	As above.

## **Rulings**

### Ruling (1) of the Returning Officer

In relation to a complaint received from Mr Matthew Lesh against the F\*ck the Cuts ticket on 15 August 2013, the Returning Officer has determined the following:

- That the Returning Officer has discretion under Section 21.6 of the UMSU Electoral Regulations to rule on the permissibility of a ticket name on the basis of whether it is deemed to be offensive;
- That in determining what is offensive it is proper to give consideration to what are societal norms in Australia;
- Upon consideration of those societal norms, it is apparent that strong allusions to the 'f-word' are commonplace and accepted amongst the mainstream. A case in point would be the advertising of the fashion label French Connection United Kingdom, whose widely disseminated acronym is an obvious and suggestive anagram;
- Therefore the Returning Officer does not believe the ticket name F\*ck the Cuts can be regarded as breaching societal norms and therefore does not constitute offensive material.

For clarification, the registrant of the F\*ck the Cuts ticket has been advised that an asterisk must be used in all printed election material, however this restriction does not apply to their Facebook page.

Jaimie Adam  
Returning Officer  
20 August 2013

## **Declaration**

I hereby declare that the 2013 University of Melbourne Annual Student Election was conducted and administered with impartiality by myself and the directors and staff of Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd.

Jaimie Adam  
Returning Officer  
29 September 2013.

## **Appendix: Full Details of Counting**