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**Report of the Returning Officer**



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## **Narrative**

### **Appointment**

Above Quota Elections (AQE) was contacted on February 17 with a link to the request for tender for the UMSU 2020 elections. In addition to the main election, the tender request included a first semester by-election (cancelled as a result of the pandemic) and the administration of the UMSU International elections. The tender was lodged on March 4. Appointment was delayed until May 27, which we presume, like most other things this year, was a consequence of Covid-19. Although AQE was appointed to run the UMSU International election for the first time, this election was delayed from first semester to July-August and run online for the first time.

AQE appointed Jaimie Adam as Returning Officer and Stephen Luntz and Haydn Steel as Deputy Returning Officers for the UMSU election, and Stephen Luntz as Returning Officer for the UMSU International election.

### **Changes to the Constitution and Electoral Regulations**

Changes were made to the constitution in September 2019 after that year's elections, including some with implications for the elections. Some of these, such as the elimination of the option of job-sharing Southbank campus coordinator, caused temporary problems simply because people were unaware of the change having been made. Others, however, may have more ongoing effects that may not have been intended. In particular, we have covered the question of the eligibility of serving office bearers who are on leave of absence to nominate or vote under the recommendations section, as we suspect this will create significant problems if not addressed.

Changes were made to the regulations in July to adapt the elections to the pandemic and the resulting lockdown in Victoria. Given the fast-changing environment at the time and the limited opportunity to consider the implications of differing proposals, it is something of an achievement these regulations worked as well as they did. Nevertheless, many aspects turned out to be far from ideal, and either increased the workload for the returning officers or affected the democratic nature of the election. We have included ideas on how to address this under recommendations.

### **UMSU International Elections**

The UMSU International election was postponed from its usual dates in first Semester as a result of Covid-19 to August 5–7, with nominations closing on July 24. The more flexible nature of the UMSU International regulations allowed that election to be shifted online. This was absolutely necessary under the circumstances, and overall we believe it was a success. Nevertheless, even after adjustments made prior to this election, the UMSU International regulations are not fully

suited to the running of elections online. We have made several suggestions on how we think this can be addressed in the recommendations section.

Nominations opened on July 1 and information session was held on July 6. Ninety-three nominations were received in the initial round. Of these 30 withdrew or were ruled ineligible. Notably, many of those whose nominations were rejected were not themselves ineligible, but had been nominated or seconded by someone who was. We checked nominations regularly throughout the period, and where people lodged nominations early with nominators or seconders who might cause them problems they were contacted and given a chance to resubmit. However, many nominations came in too close to the deadline for us to be able to check in this way.

Although nominations were received for every position, the UMSU International regulations require the re-opening of nominations for positions where only one person has nominated. This was done immediately for Vice President (Education and Welfare), Welfare Director and Media and Communications Officer, and eight additional nominations received.

For President there were initially three nominations, but one was ruled ineligible, and another withdrew, leaving only one candidate. President was therefore also reopened. However, the timing of the withdrawal was such that it had to be reopened, and therefore closed, later. No additional nominations were received for President. Furthermore, one candidate for Secretary was found to be ineligible through factors identified when it was too late to reopen nominations and still run the ballot on the same timing as other positions. Consequently, President and Secretary were elected unopposed.

An online meeting was held on August 3, run by UMSU International staff and office bearers with the Returning Officer's supervision, where candidates gave campaign speeches.

Campaigning was overwhelmingly positive, with few examples of candidates objecting to the content of others' material. However, there was confusion over how the campaigning rules applied to online material, particularly on social media, and this inevitably led to some candidates putting out material in ways, or at times, that others considered to be against the rules. Once rulings were made on these issues they were well accepted and, as far as we could tell, abided by. Nevertheless, the challenge of predicting where the uncertainty would lie meant sometimes these rulings came later than was desirable.

Student email addresses for all international students were obtained from the university administration. BigPulse was chosen as the online voting platform, having been used for GSA elections since 2014. BigPulse sends emails to all voters included on a database, each of which contains a unique link to an online ballot, ensuring each student can only vote once. In recognition of delays in the university servers processing large numbers of emails (see recommendation V) emails were sent from just after midnight August 5, rather than from 9am.

No complaints were received from international students who had not received their ballot email, a remarkable achievement with a voting pool of 23,215, of whom 1,317 voted. Very few students voted for all positions, such that the largest number of votes cast was 765 (for Education Vice President).

However, UMSU International's rules allow current office holders to vote in their elections, even if they are not international students. Since students who are not classified by the university as international can hold certain positions within the organisation, this means there are some additional people eligible to vote who were not part of the list provided by the university administration.

This year five people fell into this category. Their names and email addresses were provided to AQE after voting had opened. As soon as they were received their details were added to the BigPulse database and the function that is supposed to send voting emails to later additions was activated. Unfortunately, while the system worked perfectly for those who were lodged in the original batch, none of these five additions received their emails, despite the BigPulse dashboard appearing to indicate they had been sent. The fact the emails had not been received was only brought to our attention by one of the students concerned very close to the close of voting. By the time it had been established that all five had not received their ballots the results had already been declared.

Although most positions in the election were determined by margins substantially larger than 5, and therefore could not have been affected by the system failure, two positions came down to a single vote, and another to three votes. Most unfortunately, one of the five who had not received their ballots was the unsuccessful candidate in one of the races decided by a single vote. Unsurprisingly, the candidate in question appealed.

The decision in this case went to the Disputes Committee. Above Quota Elections made several suggestions as to how the situation could be handled. In the end, however, the Disputes Committee decided to simply not fill the position for 2020/21. In response the candidate withdrew their complaint, and the original result was upheld. We have discussed this appeal process in recommendation II.

Clearly in future if elections are run online it will be important to obtain the details of students in this position prior to the bulk sending of emails. If this proves impossible, checking quickly whether the emails have arrived needs to be a priority.

## **General election**

For the UMSU general election nominations opened on July 27 and closed on August 14. Three hundred and ninety-nine nominations were received, well up on recent years. Fortunately,

nominations have been made online for several years, one aspect of the election that was already pandemic-ready.

Nevertheless, some problems were encountered. In particular, a record number of nominations were lodged and then withdrawn shortly after the deadline. Many of these involved students nominating both as an independent and for a ticket, and then withdrawing one of these. Others apparently changed their minds on running as their circumstances changed. There were also a significant number of students who nominated for multiple positions that cannot be held simultaneously. Although the Returning Officer alerted them as quickly as possible to regulation 8.3, which requires them to provide a conflict of position form or be eliminated from all positions where this applies, several did not.

Under any circumstances dealing with so many withdrawals increases the workload of administering the election. This was exacerbated in the context of needing to get the ballots laid out and delivered to the printers as quickly as possible for postal voting.

A further complication arose when the University administration called into question the eligibility of one candidate for the student position on University Council. This position is elected under different rules from those elected to UMSU or the NUS. The University Secretary is the Returning Officer for this position, and traditionally delegates the administration to the student union's Returning Officer. Therefore decisions on eligibility are ultimately a matter for the University Secretary. Unfortunately, achieving due process in this case took almost two weeks. The first part of this period overlapped with the layout of the ballot papers for other positions, but in the end the wait time led to a delay in the delivery of ballot papers from the printers to the mailhouse, contributing to votes being posted later than was planned. We have included recommendations to reduce the risk of this occurring in future.

## **Postal vote applications**

An online form was created for postal vote applications, which opened on July 27 and closed on September 1 as mandated under the modified regulations. From opening there was a steady stream of applications was received and this continued until the close. A total of 4 062 were received, of which 3,938 were sent after eliminating those established as not being students. This exceeds the number of votes in recent elections.

Unfortunately, a substantial portion of those who applied appeared to believe they would be sent their ballot immediately after lodging their applications – some even demanded to know why they had not received it before nominations had even closed. The returning officers expressed the hope that it would be possible to post some ballots to those who had applied early before applications closed, but always stressed that this was an aspiration not a

commitment. In the end this turned out to be impractical, through a combination of delays in ballot printing and the logistical restrictions on the mailhouse.

## **Tickets**

Nine tickets were registered. Their names and registering officers are below.

Community for UMSU	Allen Xiao
Fee Remissions Now!	Faraz ul Haq
Independent Media	Ailish Hallinan
Independents for Student Democracy	Benjamin Cronshaw
Just Clubs. Just Activities.	Christopher Melenhorst
Amplify	Henry Kerr
Stand Up!	Jack Buksh
Student Resistance	Anneke Demanuele
VWholesome	Ezra Bangun

Getting 15 students to sign a physical registration form posed obvious problems for registering officers in the pandemic. The returning officers therefore deemed that where students were cc'd at their university email address on the application for registration this would be considered equivalent to a signature. This decision was appreciated by many of the registering officers, and arguably represents a more reliable form of verification than a physical signature, which is easy to forge where the recipient has never seen the students' signatures.

## **Delivery, receipt and storage of postal votes**

It was originally the intent of the returning officer team to package and post votes ourselves, but as the number of applications grew it became clear this would be immensely challenging, particular at the peak of lockdown with people unable to enter each other's homes to work collectively.

Consequently, we engaged mailhouse for this task. In many ways their performance was excellent. Students needed to receive differing sets of ballot papers based on whether or not they were graduates, international, Southbank or Indigenous students. The only complaints we received from students claiming to have received the wrong ballots were from those who disagreed with the university's classification – particularly in regard to Southbank status – not from any mix up at the mailhouse. On the other hand, the processing of the bulk of ballots took longer than we had been led to believe, apparently as a result of a delay in the printing of the return addressed envelopes. This inevitably contributed to a lower number of ballots being returned by the original September 25 deadline.

Once posted, some ballots were received promptly – the first students notified us of their receipt two days after postage and the first returns arrived three days after that. However, some students reported receiving their ballots up to six weeks after postage, in addition to those who

did not receive them at all and requested a replacement. This included students located in inner Melbourne, as well as those interstate. Delays were even longer for some located outside Australia. It was widely reported the lockdown had affected the speed and reliability of Australia Post's delivery service. However, AQE's experience from running other elections is that both have been in decline for many years, and some of these problems might have occurred even outside a pandemic.

The regulations set a deadline of September 25 for votes cast within Australia, but it quickly became clear that this would disenfranchise a great many students who did not receive their ballots until close to, or even after, that date. Consequently, after first consulting all ticket registering officers and independents, the Returning Officer ruled that locally cast votes would be accepted until the counting began, which ended up being on October 29. The regulations and constitution are ambiguous on whether this ruling was within the Returning Officer's power, but in the end no one appealed. It also turned out that there was no significant difference between votes arriving before and after September 25 in terms of voter preference, and it appears no positions would have had a different outcome if the later votes had been excluded.

One thousand, one hundred and eighty-six votes were received by September 25, and 1,953 in total, of which 27 were cast outside Australia, and therefore were not affected by the extension.

On-campus storage being out of the question this year, an off-campus location was arranged. The location, while considered secure, was kept secret from teams to be on the safe side. All ballots remained in their envelopes at this location so scrutineering was not required.

## **Complaints and appeals**

Two appeals were lodged. The first of these concerned the definition of an "academic day", which became important following the inclusion of the clause requiring ballots posted to addresses outside Australia to be accepted up to 35 academic days after the closing date for attendance voting.

There is no official definition of academic days in the UMSU Constitution or the University Statute or Regulations, and the returning officer had ruled that mid-semester break and swotvac should be considered academic days, making the close November 2. The Tribunal ruled that the working definition excludes both of these, but does include the exam period, making the close November 16. Although too few votes were received during the intervening period to alter the outcome of the election, this ruling will be very useful in future as it provides clarity on the meaning of "academic day".

A second appeal was lodged to have the Returning Officer complete a second recount for President, after some votes were accidentally left out of the first recount. The Returning Officer



had already decided to do this as soon as the possibility the first recount was deficient was recognised, so the appeal lapsed.

## **Counting**

The count was particularly difficult this year owing not only to the lack of a suitable location at the preferred time, but to lack of clear communication and decision making by the university administration. As the September 25 deadline for postal votes cast within Australia approached Victoria was still in hard lockdown, but it was clear that this would start to ease soon.

Consequently, it made sense to delay the count until restrictions were less onerous. However, even as lockdown eased it proved very difficult to obtain information as to whether the count would be able to be conducted within the Union building, and if so when. Understandably, the situation was not one the University administration was prepared for, and it proved difficult to even find the appropriate people to speak to in order to get permission. Much time was spent waiting on replies from people who turned out to be the wrong ones. The uncertainty was more stressful and potentially damaging than the delay itself, with fears the count would not be able to proceed until dangerously close to the point at which office bearers and committee members needed to take up their positions. Moreover, the returning officer team all have other jobs, from which we take leave at the busiest parts of the election period. This leave must be booked well in advance. Some team members had leave at times when the count could not be conducted, and could not take additional leave at the point where access was eventually secured.

In order to make the best use of the space when it became available, the Returning Officer proposed to prepare for the count by removing ballot papers from their envelopes and destapling them at the homes of staff. This was not something we had any desire to do, since it would prevent scrutiny, but at the point where it was proposed we feared the alternative was to not have the count completed by the end of November. Two objections were received to the idea, one from a ticket and one from an independent. At this point the idea was put on hold, while a further effort was made to find a space where the process could occur with scrutineers present. In the end, at the suggestion of one ticket, space was found at the Royal Mail Hotel, West Melbourne.

This space was far from ideal. It was smaller than we would have liked, slowing the count, and fewer scrutineers could be present than would have been possible in the Union building, where the internal windows could have kept staff and scrutineers safely apart. Most importantly, the space was not secure overnight, so it was necessary to pack up and remove all ballot papers before unpacking again the next day. Consequently, the first and last hour of the day was spent on packing/unpacking, rather than counting, in addition to the time taken for the Returning Officer and one assistant to deliver the storage bags. This considerably added to the staff time

involved, and the rush to pack up before the deadline on one day led to a bundle of presidential votes being placed in the wrong bag, causing the subsequent failure of the first recount.

Nevertheless, all single member positions and some committees were completed prior to the Union building becoming available on November 9. Above Quota Elections are deeply grateful to the staff and management of the Royal Mail for the assistance they provided. Difficult as the process was, it would have been far worse without them.

## **Clubs & Societies Committee**

Pandemic-related restrictions meant that the Clubs & Societies Council meeting, at which the election normally occurs, had to be held electronically. This was done via Zoom on October 27, with 149 attendees (of whom 140 were eligible to vote).

There is some uncertainty as to whether the provisions of the Constitution that prohibit electronic voting also apply to the C&S Committee election, which runs under different regulations. Since it is very likely they do, the election was also run as a postal election. Since there are no regulations specifically covering a C & S postal ballot, the deadline date for the return of ballots is not specified. We initially hoped to close the receipt of voting on November 27, and count the ballots on that day. However, it became clear as the end of November approached that this would disenfranchise a lot of club representatives who had only received their ballot around a week before and were unlikely to be able to get it back by that date. Consequently, the deadline was extended to December 9, with the count conducted then.

Several people objected to the fact the ballot was not being run online. After an explanation was provided of the likely unconstitutionality of the vote being run in that way none pursued the point.

One student incorrectly claimed the deadline had been set as November 30, and demanded all votes received after that date be set aside. It was pointed out to him that this was not true. He was told that unless he could provide a basis from the regulations of constitution for votes arriving between November 30 and December 9 to be discarded, they would be included in the count.

The count was conducted on December 9, in a room at the Clyde Hotel. All candidates were notified beforehand and invited to send scrutineers. Covid restrictions meant that not all of those who attended were able to be in the room while the count was conducted. However, the room used has windows on two sides. Scrutineers who were not themselves candidates watched proceedings from within the room, while those who were candidates observed through the windows. Although not a perfect system, this appeared to be the best option available under the circumstances.

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The count proceeded relatively smoothly, and the final margin was such that the votes received between November 30 and December 9 were unlikely to determine the outcome. In the end, no appeal was received.

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## Recommendations

### Annual election

1. **Thoroughly review the new Constitution and Electoral Regulations.**

Almost everyone involved with this election has commented at some point that the process would have been much easier if it could have been conducted online.

Consequently, removal of the clause requiring students to receive a physical ballot is likely to be a priority once Student General Meetings can occur again. Although AQE endorse this, we note that online voting carries its own problems, and should be used as a back-up option, rather than the default. Moreover, we believe the most important constitutional change is somewhat different, the priority being to create flexibility to adapt to unexpected situations without risking the integrity of the election.

We propose that the requirements that the regulations cannot be amended during the election period be loosened slightly. Regulation changes while an election is underway are fraught with the danger of benefiting one side; they must never be easy. On the other hand, 2020 has proven that unexpected and unprecedented circumstances often require remedies no one has anticipated. In this case, for example, the combination of short delays in printing and postage, and longer ones in the delivery and return of ballots, made the deadline for the return of postal votes problematic. However, these issues are not confined to postal elections. One could, for example, imagine a disruption to the online voting system at a crucial time if ballots had been cast electronically..

A requirement that any changes to the electoral regulations made during the election period have the endorsement of the Returning Officer, 2/3rds of Student Council and the Electoral Tribunal should be sufficient to ensure changes are made only as a necessity, rather than to benefit one side.

2. **Clarification of the regulations with regard to electing the Student Position on University Council.**

At one time there was a formal delegation of the administration of the student representative on University council to the UMSU returning officer, along (we believe) with a payment from the University to the Student Union. However, this appears to only exist in memory. In the light of the assistance the University Secretary has provided over the last decade in the storage of the from Monday-Friday of election week, payment may be considered to have been made in kind, but a formalisation of the terms of the delegation would be helpful. This ideally should specify the process for determining

eligibility for this position, and what information the UMSU returning officer should supply to nominees.

**3. Eligibility of those on leave to run for and hold office bearer positions.**

Changes made to the constitution in 2019 appear designed to preclude office bearers who are not currently enrolled as students from running for, or holding, positions within the Union. This is a significant departure from past practice, but it is a decision for UMSU, rather than the Returning Officer. However, the wording of the changes leaves the situation ambiguous, and this should be clarified.

Moreover, it occurs to us that the full implications of the decision may not have been thought through. For example, it is very common for post graduate students to take leave from their courses for periods as short as a fortnight. If an office bearer enrolled in a postgraduate degree were to do this, the rules as written would force them to resign part way through their term. We doubt this was the intent and are concerned future office bearers may take sick leave from their course without being aware of the consequences. Similarly, a student changing courses may find themselves briefly not enrolled, and therefore disqualified from a position they hold. It should not be impossible to write the constitution in ways that avoid these problems, but doing so will certainly require more consultation than apparently occurred with the last rewrite.

## **UMSU International elections**

**4. The elections continue to be administered externally.**

Both the regulations and election culture of UMSU International are very different from that of UMSU more broadly. This led to some difficulties and confusion, for AQE in running this job for the first time, including contributing to the one substantial failure experienced. If AQE are contracted to run the UMSU International election again we anticipate these will be greatly reduced. However, even if the decision is made not to give the contract for this position to AQE in future, we strongly urge that this election should be run by someone independent of UMSU International. There are major potential conflicts of interest in having elected office bearers running an election in which—even if they are not running for re-election themselves, they may have friends or rivals who are running. Even besides this, election administration can be a specialist skill, and not everyone holding a position within UMSU International will have this, potentially throwing future elections into chaos.

**5. Establish an independent appeal tribunal.**

For similar reasons, we recommend that the appeal tribunal for the UMSU International elections be made independent of the organisation, rather than being made up of

existing Office Bearers who may have biases (or at least the appearances of biases). The simplest solution might be to make the UMSU Electoral Tribunal the point of appeal, but other possibilities are available if this is deemed inappropriate.

**6. Return the election to semester one.**

UMSU International elections have traditionally been held late in Semester 1. This year they were moved to Semester 2, which we believe was a response to the pandemic. We are not aware of any plans to keep the elections in Semester 2, but would like to pre-emptively warn against the idea should it arise. The overlap in dates for the two elections placed a much heavier burden on the returning officers than would have been experienced if they had been held at separate times. Even if future elections are run by different people, we think having the two events held too close together will create problems in other ways. As an example, one candidate expressed a desire to be elected to one of UMSU and UMSU International, but did not think they could manage the workload of doing both simultaneously. Knowing before nominations open for UMSU whether a person has been elected to UMSU International would avoid the problems associated with this.

**7. Remove the disenfranchisement of New Zealanders.**

The UMSU International Constitution specifies some positions must be held by International students, others can be held by permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand, and others still can be held by Australian citizens. The merits of this are a matter for UMSU International, and we have no comment on this. However, the regulations appear to exclude New Zealand citizens entirely. A literal meaning of this would imply that New Zealanders are excluded from positions open to both Australian citizens and New Zealand permanent residents. We doubt there was a deliberate decision made with animus to New Zealanders, and suspect this is instead an oversight. Whether New Zealanders should be included with Australian citizens, or with permanent residents, is again a question for UMSU International to wrestle with, not the returning officers, but they should not have rights inferior to either.

**8. Adjust timeline if online voting used again.**

The use of online voting was essential for this election in the context of the pandemic. However, there are advantages and disadvantages of its continuation or a return to in-person voting. A hybrid model would have its own benefits and drawbacks. AQE can provide an outline on the merits of each, but the decision is ultimately a political one to be made by UMSU International. However, if the election is to be run again it is very important that the timeline be modified. The University email system becomes overloaded if too many emails are sent at once to students, and some become delayed. For an electorate the size of UMSU International this can take up to 48 hours, perhaps

longer, depending on other factors. With voting only open for 56 hours, this presented a major problem in the lead-up to the UMSU International election.

AQE addressed this by arranging with Bigpulse, the online elections provider used in this case, to have votes go out from midnight of the night before voting was to open, with the ballot locked so people could not log in until 9am. This worked tolerably well, but nevertheless was not ideal for two reasons. Firstly, some students who received the email link to their ballot between midnight and 9am became confused (despite the message in the email telling them voting would not open until 9am). Some contacted the Returning Officer and had the situation explained to them, and subsequently logged in and voted. However, it is likely some did not follow up, and simply gave up on voting after an initial attempt. Moreover, even with the process starting 9 hours earlier, some people did not receive their link until well after 9am. Had the university server been under heavier strain at the time, some ballots would have been even more delayed.

From discussions with the University IT department, there is no technological fix for this problem. The only way around it is to extend the time of voting, so a delay in the arrival of some emails is less of a concern. The Graduate Student Association, for example, has voting over 18 days, making a 48-hour delay inconsequential. UMSU International may not want to extend the voting period this drastically, for many reasons. However, moving to 4 days of voting should be the minimum, and 5 days recommended, if the vote is conducted online again. Opening voting from midnight would also help.

**9. Clear up the rules on campaign assistants.**

UMSU International limits campaigning to the candidate themselves and two assistants. Although this is an unusual rule for student elections, on a historical basis it makes sense, and it contributes to the relatively non-partisan nature of the elections. However, the regulation does not adapt well to online elections, and led to confusion about the definition of campaigning when it comes to social media. There are many ways to address this, but our preferred model would be to simply change the regulations to say that only two people may campaign in person for any one candidate, and that no person can campaign for more than one candidate online. This would allow any number of people to share campaign material on social media for a candidate, as long as they were doing it only for one, not for multiple candidates which could become a de facto ticket.

**10. Decide well beforehand on the system of voting to be used.**

Although the use of online voting was essential under the circumstances, it has both strengths and weaknesses in a more usual environment. Consequently, close consideration should be given to whether elections should revert to being held in person,

continue online or use a hybrid model. This decision is definitely one for UMSU International, rather than the Returning Officers, but we would like to strongly recommend the decision be made well beforehand, rather than be a last-minute rushed matter.

**11. Extend the period between close of nominations and polling if elections are in person.**

For this election we received a substantial number of withdrawals between the close of nominations and the start of the election. This number may have been increased by the circumstances of the pandemic, but it seems at least some withdrawals are likely in future elections. For an online ballot this caused minor problems for the returning officer. However, if the election had been run in person, with the need to layout and print the ballots, the problems would have been much more substantial, delaying printing dangerously close to when the voting was to start. As such we recommend that, if the vote is held in person or via a hybrid model in future, the period between the close of nominations and the start of voting be increased, and a firm deadline set for withdrawals.

**12. Consider the use of candidate statements and photographs if using online voting again.**

BigPulse allows candidates to have photographs appear next to their names on the ballot, with statements hyperlinked directly from the online ballot. There was no facility to make use of this feature this time. It might be something UMSU International is keen to use in future, but if so regulations will need to be drafted to make sure all candidates have fair access.

**13. Record the briefing sessions for candidates for those who cannot attend.**

Several students were unable to attend the briefing session for candidates, and asked if it had been recorded. Since missing this information is both damaging to them and creates extra work for the returning officer, who has to respond either to more questions or deal with errors in nominating, it would be much better if the session was recorded.



## Notice of election

Notice is hereby given that nominations will open at 12 midday on Monday 27th July, for the 2020 University of Melbourne Annual Student Election.

Positions to be filled at the election include:

1. 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
2. A student fellow of the University Council
3. Delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS)
4. Several vacant positions to be filled by by-election for the remainder of 2020

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 Tuesday September 1. Applications submitted by the end of August will be sent ballots earlier if they are available.

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.

In light of the difficulties in having students sign ticket registration forms, unsigned forms will be accepted, provided they are submitted as attachments to emails that cc in the university email address of those students that have not signed.

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 organised after close of nominations.

In addition, tickets may submit a 1000 word policy statement.

Please note that all deadlines are strict and cannot be extended. Candidates are strongly urged to lodge their forms well before the deadlines. Nominations and postal votes should be submitted at <http://union.unimelb.edu.au/elections>. All other forms should be emailed as an attachment to the deputy Returning Officer or an authorised electoral official. 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

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

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

Returning Officer: Jaimie Adam (Ph:0430 734 043)

Email: [ReturningOfficer@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ReturningOfficer@unimelb.edu.au) or [s.luntz@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:s.luntz@unimelb.edu.au)

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

## Positions for election

### Office Bearers:

President

General Secretary

Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Welfare Officer

Women's Officer \*

Creative Arts Officer

Activities Officer

Queer Officer \*

Environment Officer

Media Officers \*

Clubs & Societies Officer

Indigenous Officer \*

Disabilities Officer \*

People of Colour Officer \*

### Students' Council:

One representative of each of the following restricted constituencies:

Queer students \*

Indigenous students \*

International students \*

Graduate students \*

Students with disabilities \*

Students of Colour \*

Fifteen (15) general members elected by all students

### Committees:

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

Activities Committee

Creative Arts Committee

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Disabilities Committee \*  
Education Committee  
Environment Committee  
Indigenous Committee \*  
People Of Colour Committee \*  
Queer Committee \*  
Welfare Committee  
Women's Committee \*

### **Burnley Student Department:**

Campus Coordinator \*  
Seven (7) general Committee members \*

### **Southbank Department:**

Campus Co-ordinator \*  
Campaigns Co-ordinator \*

\* See restrictions on election

Activities and Events Co-ordinator \*  
Seven (7) general Committee members \*  
University Council (one position for two years)

### **National Union of Students**

Seven (7) Delegates to the National Conference of the National Union of Students Inc.

### **By-Elections for the remainder of 2020:**

Education (Public Affairs) Officer  
Indigenous Committee  
Burnley Committee  
Southbank 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.

If more than one person holds the office of Women's Officer, one of them must be a Woman of Colour.

For all other committees, including the Burnley and Southbank Committees and the general members of Students' Council (but not the NUS delegation), at least half of the members 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.) If more than one person holds the office of Queer Officer, one of them must be a Woman or Trans.

If more than one person holds any other office, one of them must be a Woman.

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

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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 Southbank positions must be enrolled at the Southbank campus.

Students running for any of these positions must submit a form stating their eligibility for the relevant position.

Students running for multiple incompatible positions must submit a form indicating their order of preference.

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.

Jaimie Adam  
Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd  
Returning Officer  
27th July 2020

## Nominations

### President

Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Henry Jackson  
Archit Agrawal (Community for UMSU)  
Jack Buksh (Stand Up!)  
Dan Crowley  
Allan Tran  
Jeremy Mann (Amplify)

### General Secretary

Sara Burns (Amplify)  
Ciara O'Sullivan (Community for UMSU)  
Harry Black (Stand Up!)  
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)

### Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Daniel Clarke & Varaidzo Chipunza (Stand Up!)  
Benjamin Cronshaw & Phoebe Leggett (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Jennisha Arnanta & Planning Jay Vynn Saw (Community for UMSU)  
Michael Josefsson  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)

### Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Edison Wei Long Ngu  
Hannah Krasovec & Tejas Gandhi (Stand Up!)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Noman Khan  
Verity Crane & Caleb Ribates (Community for UMSU)

Justin Riazaty (Amplify)

Taoyang Liu

### Welfare Officer

Yuhao Zhai  
Edison Wei Long Ngu  
Taoyang Liu  
Evelyn Ranogajec & Felix Sharkey (Stand Up!)  
Henry (Amplify)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Allen Xiao & Hue Man Dang (Community for UMSU)

### Women's Officer

Mickhaella Ermita & Srishti Chatterjee (Community for UMSU)  
Marit Gillam  
Thonya Deverall & Sneha Challa (Stand Up!)  
Hena Maker  
Phoebe Leggett (Independents for Student Democracy)

### Creative Arts Officer

Evelyn Chong Jia En  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Merryn Hughes & Vaishnavi Ravikrishna (Community for UMSU)

### Activities Officer

Phoebe Chen & Christos Preovolos (Community for UMSU)  
Benito Di Battista & Olivia Millard (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar

**Queer Officer**

Jason Rimmer & Jessie Ferrari (Stand Up!)  
Amy Bright & Laura Ehrensperger (Community for UMSU)

**Environment Officer**

Ann Nguyen & James Park (Community for UMSU)  
Gabrielle Kennedy  
Michael Thomas Plant (Amplify)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Briana Symonds-Manne & Emma Dynes (Stand Up!)

**Media Officer**

Ailish Hallinan & Elmira Cheung & Lauren Berry & Pavani Ambagahawatta (Independent Media) [*provisionally elected unopposed*]

**Clubs & Societies Officer**

Olivia White & David Collis (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Kuanysh Batyrbekov  
Kalyana Vania & Muskaan Hakhu (Community for UMSU)

**Indigenous Officer**

Hope Kuchel & Shanysa McConville [*provisionally elected unopposed*]

**Disabilities Officer**

Brigit Doyle & Lindsay Tupper-Creed (Community for UMSU)  
Max Dowell (Stand Up!)

**People of Colour Officer**

Emily AlRamadhan & Mohamed Hadi (Community for UMSU)

Taoyang Liu

Ariana Tugaga

Comfort Agunbiade & Nicole Nabbout (Stand Up!)

**Students' Council - General Representative**

Michael Josefsson

Baris Duzova

Raymond Wu (Community for UMSU)

Andoni Fischer (Community for UMSU)

Devindee Nugawela (Community for UMSU)

Zill-e Rahim (Community for UMSU)

Jennifer Lui (Community for UMSU)

Xinling Lu (Community for UMSU)

Rubina Smith (Community for UMSU)

Tejasvi Madan (Community for UMSU)

Sunny Yuqing Lu (Community for UMSU)

Sujith Nair (Community for UMSU)

Anson So (Community for UMSU)

Nancy Shi (Community for UMSU)

Ghazal Ronagh (Community for UMSU)

Siobhan Dominique Lim Zhi Yan (Community for UMSU)

Xavier Dupe (Student Resistance)

Emma Dynes (Student Resistance)

Briana Symonds-Manne (Student Resistance)

Shirley Killen (Student Resistance)

Benjamin Fok (Student Resistance)

Anneke Demanuele (Student Resistance)

Yi Shen Yap

Lucas Brunning Halsall (Fee Remissions Now!)

Yihui Guan

Charlotte Macpherson (Stand Up!)

Ethan Alex Georgeou (Stand Up!)

Lachlan Hinds (Stand Up!)

Sian Tjia Hennessy (Stand Up!)

Alex Wood (Stand Up!)

Benjamin Jarick (Stand Up!)

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Ruby Craven (Stand Up!)  
Sophie Nguyen (Stand Up!)  
India Pinkney (Stand Up!)  
Naomi Grace Smith (Stand Up!)  
Scarlett Padden (Stand Up!)  
Harry Syson (Stand Up!)  
Varaidzo Chipunza (Stand Up!)  
Sami Zehir (Stand Up!)  
Hayley Kebbell (Stand Up!)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Natasha Guglielmino (VWholesome)  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)  
Rupert McPharlin  
Joanna Guelas (Independent Media)  
Finley Tobin (Independent Media)  
Justin Riazaty (Amplify)  
Arjun Sankar  
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Catriona Smith (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Hayley Stanford (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Xinyi Wu

**Students' Council – Queer Representative**

Georgia McCourt (Community for UMSU)  
William Wainaina Kabira (Stand Up!)

**Students' Council – Indigenous Representative**

Kiara Davies  
Brittney Henderson

**Students' Council – International Representative**

Xinglong li  
Jason Weerasuriya (Stand Up!)  
Yuhao Zhai  
Edison Wei Long Ngu  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Gautham krishna Muraleedharan

Xinyi Wu  
Janise Qian Yee Sam (Community for UMSU)  
Tsz Ching Keung  
Laura Vander Slott  
Evelyn Chong Jia En  
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar  
Taoyang Liu

**Students' Council – Graduate Representative**

Yogeswara Srinivasa Bhanu Teja Boddapati  
Camden Whitney-Hopkins (Stand Up!)  
Kuanysht Batyrbekov  
Noman Khan  
Shreya Bhutani (Community For UMSU)  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)

**Students' Council - Students with Disabilities Representative**

Conor Siryj (Stand Up!)  
Hena Maker  
Clea Porteous Borthwick (Community for UMSU)

**Students' Council - Students of Colour Representative**

Kevin Mao (Community for UMSU)  
Ariana Tugaga  
Aria Sunga (Stand Up!)  
Oormi Chakravarty

**Activities Committee**

Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)  
Charlotte Brownlee (Stand Up!)  
Jake Krohn (Stand Up!)  
Henry Glaspole (Stand Up!)  
Jordan Di Natale (Stand Up!)  
Hannah Buchan (Stand Up!)

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Charlie Joyce (Stand Up!)  
Joshua Seddon (Community for UMSU)  
Lingbo (Tanya) Ma (Community for UMSU)  
Tejasvi Madan (Community for UMSU)  
Sanskar Bhatia (Community for UMSU)  
Mohammad Ali Gondal (Community for UMSU)  
Alexandra McKay-Trezise (Community for UMSU)  
Andreas Tunaley (Community for UMSU)  
Tsz Ching Keung  
yiting wang  
Noman Khan  
Baris Duzova  
Lucia Pafumi (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Yoo-Na Kim (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Jesse Barrett (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Josephine Symons (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar  
Xinglong li

### **Creative Arts Committee**

Atticus Corr (Stand Up!)  
Edie Bush (Stand Up!)  
Georgia Walton Briggs (Stand Up!)  
Charlie Joyce (Stand Up!)  
Naomi Grace Smith (Stand Up!)  
Lachlan Hinds (Stand Up!)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Sonia Li (Community for UMSU)  
Jo Chen (Community for UMSU)  
Torsten Stokirch (Community for UMSU)  
Charlie Zhang (Community for UMSU)  
Isabelle Welstead (Community for UMSU)  
Akash Anil Nair (Community for UMSU)  
Cassandra Starc (Community for UMSU)  
Evelyn Chong Jia En

### **Disabilities Committee**

Matthew Harper-Gomm (Stand Up!)  
Alex Chung (Stand Up!)  
Naomi Grace Smith (Stand Up!)  
Gurpreet Singh (Stand Up!)  
Noni Bridger (Stand Up!)  
Conor Siryj (Stand Up!)  
Mittraphab (Poom) Sangruang (Community for UMSU)  
Surabhi Mishra (Community for UMSU)  
Sarina Narula (Community for UMSU)  
Nikila Daham Jayasuriya (Community for UMSU)  
Akash Anil Nair (Community for UMSU)  
Tejas Sethi (Community for UMSU)  
Rachel Kirby (Community for UMSU)

### **Education Committee**

Xinyi Wu  
Michael Josefsson  
Amy Hermans (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Phoebe Leggett (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Rupert McPharlin  
Sami Zehir (Stand Up!)  
Luka Michalczak (Stand Up!)  
Anna Olivia Smith Burnett (Stand Up!)  
Jake Krohn (Stand Up!)  
Jason Weerasuriya (Stand Up!)  
Georgia Walton Briggs (Stand Up!)  
Matthew Harper-Gomm (Stand Up!)  
Briana Symonds-Manne (Fee Remissions Now!)  
Justin Riazaty (Amplify)  
Shirley Killen (Student Resistance)



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Emma Dynes (Student Resistance)  
Jaan Schild (Student Resistance)  
Raphael Duffy (Student Resistance)  
Benjamin Fok (Student Resistance)  
Xavier Dupe (Student Resistance)  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Yihui Guan  
Edison Wei Long Ngu  
Huiting (Whitney) Chen (Community for  
UMSU)  
Nishank Jain (Community for UMSU)  
Anson So (Community for UMSU)  
Jessica Blain (Community for UMSU)  
Sujith Nair (Community for UMSU)  
Sunny Yuqing Lu (Community for UMSU)  
Andie Moore (Community for UMSU)

**Environment Committee**

Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)  
Alexander Buck  
James Gallagher (Fee Remissions Now!)  
Kuanysh Batyrbekov  
Harry Syson (Stand Up!)  
Jaslyn Potter (Stand Up!)  
Vishal Chopra (Stand Up!)  
Emily Kaji (Stand Up!)  
Edie Bush (Stand Up!)  
Desiree Cai (Stand Up!)  
Samantha Skulley  
Maggie Keogh  
Rubina Smith (Community for UMSU)  
Aashi Agarwal (Community for UMSU)  
Laura Cardamone (Community for UMSU)  
Jeremy Lorenzo Larsen (Community for  
UMSU)  
Jacinta Douglas (Community for UMSU)

Sanskar Bhatia (Community for UMSU)  
Daniel Hutchinson (Community for UMSU)  
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for  
Student Democracy)  
Xavier Dupe (Student Resistance)  
Shirley Killen (Student Resistance)  
Raphael Duffy (Student Resistance)  
Benjamin Fok (Student Resistance)  
Terence Taylor (Student Resistance)  
Anneke Demanuele (Student Resistance)  
Yi Shen Yap

**Indigenous Committee** *[all provisionally elected  
unopposed]*

Brittney Henderson  
Kiara Davies  
Lauren Scott  
Lillian Ryan  
Nathan Hucker

**People of Colour Committee**

Sian Tjia Hennessy (Stand Up!)  
Emily Kaji (Stand Up!)  
Vishal Chopra (Stand Up!)  
Gurpreet Singh (Stand Up!)  
Desiree Cai (Stand Up!)  
Varusha Wijesinghe (Stand Up!)  
Cheryl Seah  
Ariana Tugaga  
Mayank Gurnani (Community for UMSU)  
Hibatallah (Hiba) Adam (Community for  
UMSU)  
Myo Mon San (Community for UMSU)  
Vignesh Krishnan (Community for UMSU)  
Tejas Sethi (Community for UMSU)  
Joyce Mo (Community for UMSU)  
Patricia Agus (Community for UMSU)  
Taoyang Liu  
Zhen Liu (Meimi Liu)

**Queer Committee**

Benjamin Jarick (Stand Up!)  
Ethan Alex Georgeou (Stand Up!)  
Saskia Peachey (Stand Up!)  
Noni Bridger (Stand Up!)  
Hannah Buchan (Stand Up!)  
Iley Johnson (Stand Up!)  
Raymond Wu (Community for UMSU)  
Kameron Lai (Community for UMSU)  
Lauren Gabriella Mendes (Community for UMSU)  
Chenchen (Kat) Zhang (Community for UMSU)  
Annalyce Wiebenga (Community for UMSU)  
Mittraphab (Poom) Sangruang (Community for UMSU)  
Georgia McCourt (Community for UMSU)

**Welfare Committee**

Sophie Nguyen (Stand Up!)  
Jordan Di Natale (Stand Up!)  
Harry Syson (Stand Up!)  
Conor Siryi (Stand Up!)  
Sami Zehir (Stand Up!)  
Hayley Kebbell (Stand Up!)  
Natasha Guglielmino (VWholesome)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)  
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Yuhao Zhai  
Thomas Coulter (Community for UMSU)  
Zahra Ataie (Community for UMSU)  
Caroline Nguyen (Community for UMSU)  
Andreas Zakhari (Community for UMSU)  
Kamyar Karimifakhr (Community for UMSU)  
Yashna Rohit Malhotra (Community for UMSU)  
David Wang Shihao (Community for UMSU)

Marit Gillam

Yogeswara Srinivasa Bhanu Teja Boddapati

**Women's Committee**

Phoebe Leggett (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Zhen Liu (Meimi Liu)  
Oormi Chakravarty  
Tahlia Crossley  
Anna Olivia Smith Burnett (Stand Up!)  
Charlotte Macpherson (Stand Up!)  
Jaslyn Potter (Stand Up!)  
Scarlett Padden (Stand Up!)  
Iley Johnson (Stand Up!)  
Aria Sunga (Stand Up!)  
Hena Maker  
Minh Giao (Veronica) Chu (Community for UMSU)  
Tahlia Crossley (Community for UMSU)  
Emily Crawford (Community for UMSU)  
Ananya Agarwal (Community for UMSU)  
Myo Mon San (Community for UMSU)  
Choncy Shu (Community for UMSU)  
Olivia Bell (Community for UMSU)

**Burnley Campus Coordinator**

Kaitlyn Hammond

**Southbank Campus Coordinator**

Will Hall (Community for UMSU)  
Ikshvak Sobti (Stand Up!)

**Southbank Activities and Events Coordinator**

Jungwoo Kim (Community for UMSU)  
Noman Khan

**Southbank Campaigns Coordinator**

Leyla Moxham (Community for UMSU)  
*[provisionally elected unopposed]*

**Southbank Committee - General Representative**

Nicola Ingram (Community for UMSU)  
Annalyce Wiebenga (Community for UMSU)  
Jenny Le (Community for UMSU)  
Nicholas Currie (Community for UMSU)  
Mia Brittain (Community for UMSU)  
Simon Zinzovski (Community for UMSU)  
Isabelle Welstead (Community for UMSU)  
Hannah Gill Bowles (Stand Up!)  
Max Bowyer (Stand Up!)

**By-election - Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

Charlie Joyce & Noni Bridger (Stand Up!)  
Hena Maker  
Xinglong li  
Noman Khan  
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar  
Ariana Tugaga  
Taoyang Liu  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)

**By-election - Indigenous Committee**

Brittney Henderson [*provisionally elected unopposed*]

**By-election - Southbank Committee**

Annalyce Wiebenga (Community for UMSU)  
[*provisionally elected unopposed*]

**National Union of Students Delegate**

Noman Khan  
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)  
Natasha Guglielmino (VWholesome)  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Max Dowell (Stand Up!)  
Lachlan Hinds (Stand Up!)

Thonya Deverall (Stand Up!)  
Naomi Grace Smith (Stand Up!)  
Felix Sharkey (Stand Up!)  
Sophie Kerrigan (Stand Up!)  
Jack Buksh (Stand Up!)  
Joshua Fernandez  
Yiting Wang  
Yihui Guan  
Devindee Nugawela (Community for UMSU)  
Phoebe Chen (Community for UMSU)  
Eleanor McMurtry (Community for UMSU)  
Andie Moore (Community for UMSU)  
Nishank Jain (Community for UMSU)  
Andoni Fischer (Community for UMSU)  
Xinling Lu (Community for UMSU)  
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar  
Xinglong li  
Anneke Demanuele (Student Resistance)  
Briana Symonds-Manne (Student Resistance)  
Xavier Dupe (Student Resistance)  
Lucas Brunning Halsall (Student Resistance)  
Shirley Killen (Student Resistance)  
James Gallagher (Student Resistance)  
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)  
Kuanysh Batyrbekov  
Baris Duzova  
Xinyi Wu  
Emma Dynes (Fee Remissions Now!)  
**University Council - Student Member**  
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)  
Baris Duzova  
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar  
Edison Wei Long Ngu  
Xinglong li  
Desiree Cai (Stand Up!)

## **Turnout and postal vote statistics**

By the deadline, a total of 4,299 applications were received. After excluding duplicates, 4,046 applications remained. In most cases duplicates were clear duplicates—exact matches for previously-submitted applications; a handful were duplicates with different addresses, and these were individually checked with the student concerned.

Each application was the individually checked, to ensure that the student was on the roll, that the student details matched what was on the roll, and that the address supplied by the student was deliverable. For applications with issues, each student was individually contacted and asked for additional information. All remaining students were emailed to confirm their application had been received and given a final opportunity to check their address.

Most students whose application was incomplete replied to resolve the issues or to withdraw their application. Those who didn't reply were emailed again to give them a further opportunity to correct issues with their application.

In total, 3,938 ballots were dispatched from the mailhouse. All voters received a main pack (including the self-identified restricted constituency positions). The following additional ballots were sent based on the University's roll:

- International: 958
- Graduate: 654
- Southbank: 276
- Indigenous: 35

(The Burnley positions were uncontested so no extra paper was sent to Burnley students.) The top international destinations were mainland China, Malaysia, India, Singapore, New Zealand and Hong Kong; between them covering about two thirds of the total overseas destinations.

Australia Post refused articles sent to a number of countries. While postal service resumed to some of these countries, among the countries that did not resume service was India, which constituted a significant fraction of the overseas addresses. For these students, we contracted a courier to deliver ballots. Given the significant cost of this option we asked students to reconfirm their address, although ultimately on a small number of returns were received.

For domestic addresses, approximately 40 envelopes were returned to sender as undeliverable. In each case we contacted the student to ask for a double-check of the address and in most cases received no response. Where the student replied with a revised address we re-sent the envelope; where possible (noting that Melbourne was subject to 5 km restrictions at the time) we redelivered by hand for expediency.

As envelopes were returned, each one was checked to ensure that it had a student's details and signature on the back, that it was signed, that the student details matched the envelope number, and that there was no obvious external evidence of tampering to the envelope. A total of 1,186 envelopes were received on or before 25 September; an additional 767 were received after that. This led to a total return of 1,953, an overall return rate of about 50%. Geographically, the return rates were:

- Metropolitan Melbourne: 51%
- Victoria outside Melbourne: 57%
- Interstate: 44%
- Overseas: 23%

A total of 199 envelopes were received without a name or student number on the envelope. The outermost reply-paid envelopes contained a mailhouse number that allowed us to identify which student had been sent which envelope. We contacted all students and asked them to confirm they had mailed back their ballot. Where there was no evidence to suggest any tampering, we accepted envelopes where students replied. We also opened each envelope, in the presence of scrutineers, to check for the presence of a student number on the privacy envelope, or otherwise inside the envelope.

## Revised Provisional Declaration of Results

The Electoral Tribunal directed the inclusion of ballots received from overseas addresses on or before 16th November 2020. These ballots have been added to the count, and the ballots for President have undergone a fresh recount. This revised provisional declaration incorporates these activities, and has no changed results compared to the provisional declaration of results.

The following are provisionally declared elected:

### **President**

Jack Buksh (Stand Up!)

### **General Secretary**

Ciara O’Sullivan (Community for UMSU)

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

Jennisha Arnanta & Planning Jay Vynn Saw  
(Community for UMSU)

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

Hannah Krasovec & Tejas Gandhi (Stand Up!)

### **Welfare Officer**

Allen Xiao & Hue Man Dang  
(Community for UMSU)

### **Women’s Officer**

Mickhaella Ermita & Srishti Chatterjee  
(Community for UMSU)

### **Creative Arts Officer**

Merryn Hughes & Vaishnavi Ravikrishna  
(Community for UMSU)

### **Activities Officer**

Christos Prevolos & Phoebe Chen  
(Community for UMSU)

### **Queer Officer**

Amy Bright & Laura Ehrensperger  
(Community for UMSU)

### **Environment Officer**

Ann Nguyen & James Park  
(Community for UMSU)

### **Media Officers**

Ailish Hallinan, Elmira Cheung, Lauren Berry & Pavani Ambagahawatta (Independent Media)  
*[unopposed]*

### **Clubs & Societies Officer**

Kalyana Vania & Muskaan Hakhu  
(Community for UMSU)

### **Indigenous Officer**

Hope Kuchel & Shanysa McConville  
*[unopposed]*

### **Disabilities Officer**

Brigit Doyle & Lindsay Tupper-Creed  
(Community for UMSU)

### **People of Colour Officer**

Emily AlRamadhan & Mohamed Hadi  
(Community for UMSU)

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

Raymond Wu (Community for UMSU)  
Charlotte Macpherson (Stand Up!)  
Andoni Fischer (Community for UMSU)  
Ethan Alex Georgeou (Stand Up!)  
Devindee Nugawela (Community for UMSU)  
Lachlan Hinds (Stand Up!)  
Zill-e Rahim (Community for UMSU)  
Sian Tjia Hennessy (Stand Up!)  
Jennifer Lui (Community for UMSU)  
Xinling Lu (Community for UMSU)  
Xavier Dupe (Student Resistance)  
Alex Wood (Stand Up!)  
Catriona Smith (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Joanna Guelas (Independent Media)  
Rubina Smith (Community for UMSU)

**Students' Council – Queer Representative**

Georgia McCourt (Community for UMSU)

**Students' Council – Indigenous Representative**

Brittney Henderson

**Students' Council – International Representative**

Janise Qian Yee Sam (Community for UMSU)

**Students' Council – Graduate Representative**

Shreya Bhutani (Community for UMSU)

**Students' Council – Students with Disabilities Representative**

Clea Porteous Borthwick  
(Community for UMSU)

**Students' Council – Students of Colour Representative**

Kevin Mao (Community for UMSU)

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

Joshua Seddon (Community for UMSU)  
Charlotte Brownlee (Stand Up!)  
Lingbo (Tanya) Ma (Community for UMSU)  
Jake Krohn (Stand Up!)  
Tejasvi Madan (Community for UMSU)  
Lucia Pafumi (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)  
Henry Glaspole (Stand Up!)

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

Sonia Li (Community for UMSU)  
Atticus Corr (Stand Up!)  
Jo Chen (Community for UMSU)  
Edie Bush (Stand Up!)  
Torsten Strokirch (Community for UMSU)  
Georgia Walton Briggs (Stand Up!)  
Charlie Zhang (Community for UMSU)

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

Mittraphab (Poom) Sangruang  
(Community for UMSU)  
Matthew Harper-Gomm (Stand Up!)  
Surabhi Mishra (Community for UMSU)  
Alex Chung (Stand Up!)  
Sarina Narula (Community for UMSU)  
Rachel Kirby (Community for UMSU)  
Naomi Grace Smith (Stand Up!)

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

Huiting (Whitney) Chen  
(Community for UMSU)  
Sami Zehir (Stand Up!)  
Nishank Jain (Community for UMSU)  
Luka Michalczak (Stand Up!)  
Jessica Blain (Community for UMSU)  
Anna Olivia Smith Burnett (Stand Up!)  
Sunny Yuqing Lu (Community for UMSU)

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

Rubina Smith (Community for UMSU)  
Harry Syson (Stand Up!)  
Aashi Agarwal (Community for UMSU)  
Jaslyn Potter (Stand Up!)  
Laura Cardamone (Community for UMSU)  
Vishal Chopra (Stand Up!)  
Jeremy Lorenzo Larsen  
(Community for UMSU)

**Indigenous Committee** *[unopposed]*

Brittney Henderson  
Kiara Davies  
Lauren Scott  
Lillian Ryan  
Nathan Hucker

**People of Colour Committee** *(in order of election)*

Mayank Gurnani (Community for UMSU)  
Sian Tjia Hennessy (Stand Up!)  
Hibatallah (Hiba) Adam  
(Community for UMSU)  
Emily Kaji (Stand Up!)  
Myo Mon San (Community for UMSU)  
Vishal Chopra (Stand Up!)  
Vignesh Krishnan (Community for UMSU)

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

Raymond Wu (Community for UMSU)  
Benjamin Jarick (Stand Up!)  
Kameron Lai (Community for UMSU)  
Ethan Alex Georgeou (Stand Up!)  
Lauren Gabriella Mendes  
(Community for UMSU)  
Saskia Peachey (Stand Up!)  
Chenchen (Kat) Zhang (Community for UMSU)

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

Thomas Coulter (Community for UMSU)  
Sophie Nguyen (Stand Up!)  
Zahra Ataie (Community for UMSU)  
Jordan Di Natale (Stand Up!)  
Caroline Nguyen (Community for UMSU)  
Harry Syson (Stand Up!)  
Yashna Rohit Malhotra (Community for UMSU)

**Women's Committee** *(in order of election)*

Minh Giao (Veronica) Chu  
(Community for UMSU)  
Anna Olivia Smith Burnett (Stand Up!)  
Tahlia Crossley (Community for UMSU)  
Charlotte Macpherson (Stand Up!)  
Emily Crawford (Community for UMSU)  
Ananya Agarwal (Community for UMSU)  
Aria Sunga (Stand Up!)

**Burnley - Campus Coordinator**

Kaitlyn Hammond *[unopposed]*

**Southbank - Campus Coordinator**

Will Hall (Community for UMSU)

**Southbank - Activities and Events Coordinator**

Jungwoo Kim (Community for UMSU)

**Southbank - Campaigns Coordinator**

Leyla Moxham (Community for UMSU)  
*[unopposed]*

**Southbank Committee - General Representatives** *(in order of election)*

Nicola Ingram (Community for UMSU)  
Hannah Gill Bowles (Stand Up!)  
Annalyce Wiebenga (Community for UMSU)  
Jenny Le (Community for UMSU)  
Nicholas Currie (Community for UMSU)



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Max Bowyer (Stand Up!)

Mia Brittain (Community for UMSU)

### **By-election - Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

Charlie Joyce & Noni Bridger (Stand Up!)

### **By-election - Indigenous Committee**

Brittney Henderson [*unopposed*]

### **By-election - Southbank Committee**

Annalyce Wiebenga [*unopposed*]

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

Devindee Nugawela (Community for UMSU)

Max Dowell (Stand Up!)

Phoebe Chen (Community for UMSU)

Lachlan Hinds (Stand Up!)

Eleanor McMurtry (Community for UMSU)

Thonya Deverall (Stand Up!)

Andie Moore (Community for UMSU)

### **University Council - Student Representative**

Desiree Cai (Stand Up!)

*(Election for this position was run on behalf of the University Secretary, and the declaration of this position is a matter for the separate returning officer appointed in accordance with the University Council Regulation.)*

### **Positions remaining vacant after the election**

Indigenous Committee (two seats)

Burnley Committee (seven seats)

### **Election for members of the Clubs & Societies committee**

The election for members of the Clubs & Societies Committee is ongoing, and will be subject of a separate provisional declaration.

### **Recounts and appeals**

Prior to the original provisional declaration, requests were received for recounts of President and Education (Public Affairs) Officer. These recounts were undertaken before the original provisional declaration, and did not change the result.

One matter was appealed to the Electoral Tribunal. While that appeal was withdrawn prior to the original provisional declaration, it was subsequently reinstated, and the Electoral Tribunal considered the matter on 16th and 17th November. The effect of their decision was to set the deadline for ballots received from overseas addresses to 16th November, and those ballots were incorporated into the count. The Returning Officer also determined to conduct a recount of President, which did not change the result.

Any requests for further recounts (to positions affected, or potentially affected, by the revised provisional declaration) must be made within three academic days of this notice, that is, by close

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of business Monday 23rd November 2020. They must be made in writing, addressed to [returningofficer@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:returningofficer@union.unimelb.edu.au)

Appeals against the result of the election must be made within three academic days of this notice (or, if a recount is conducted, within three academic days of that recount). They must be made in writing and addressed to the Electoral Tribunal. Appeals lodged with the Returning Officer will be passed on to the Tribunal.

Full details of counting will be published in the Returning Officer's final report.

18th November 2020

Jaimie Adam  
Returning Officer  
Above Quota Elections

## **Rulings**

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

#### **Ruling**

The Returning Officer rules that:

- (1) all ballots received before the commencement of the count that are valid (but for being late) will be admitted to the count;
- (2) it is not possible to begin the count on or before 16th October; and
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, clause (1) applies to overseas as well as domestic ballots; and all valid ballots received by the deadline will be admitted, whether or not counting has commenced.

#### **Background**

(4) The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has disrupted the 2020 UMSU elections, which must now be run as an entirely postal ballot. On 17th July, the Electoral Tribunal followed a recommendation by the Students' Council to amend the Electoral Regulations to facilitate this.

(5) Since 17th July, the Victorian Government declared the existence of a state of disaster, and thrice extended the state of emergency. New public health directions have materially disrupted operations of the Returning Officer's postal services provider, and of Australia Post.

(6) The deadline for postal ballots, from domestic addresses, is 25 September. This creates the possibility that a substantial number of returns will be late. Some voters may perceive their envelope will not arrive in time, and so be dissuaded from voting at all.

(7) The Returning Officer is ruling on this situation in advance, so that voters understand the approach the Returning Officer will take in relation to their votes.

#### **Reasoning**

(8) The Returning Officer has broad powers to act and make rulings to comply "with government or University rules, guidelines and directives relating to public health". Further, the Electoral Regulations are subordinate to the UMSU Constitution, so the Returning Officer must interpret the Regulations so they are effective and are concordant with the Constitution.

(9) The Constitution takes great care to enfranchise students. It delegates much of the machinery of how to run the election to the Electoral Regulations, but has special concern that Regulations cannot impose further restrictions on voting (for example, clause 2.8[a]).

(10) Clearly, an election is a process with a defined endpoint. The term "restrictions" cannot reasonably be read so broadly as to allow any student to vote at any time and in any place. The

Regulations must establish deadlines and processes to make administering the election possible, and some students—particularly those who tarry—may find their right to vote is expired by those processes. Conversely, an administrative provision can be so onerous that it effectively restricts a broad group of students from voting. Regulations must be interpreted to avoid this.

(11) The Returning Officer’s approach is to interpret the Regulations in a way that enfranchises students who are taking all reasonable steps to vote, to avoid making the Regulations inconsistent with the Constitution. In interpreting Reg 29.8, the Returning Officer has considered, amongst other things: whether a student can practically comply with the deadline; whether the operation of the election would be impaired; whether an interpretation might be in tension with public health rules; and any impacts on the integrity of the election.

(12) Students are not meaningfully in control of Australia Post’s timelines—even if they promptly complete and re-post their ballot, the business restrictions in the public health rules create a realistic chance it will arrive late. The Returning Officer considers it material that these are restrictions apply to a broad class of voters, rather than being peculiar to a small number of individuals. The Returning Officer is also compelled by the Regulations to consider compliance with government health orders, and so should avoid putting students in a position where they must choose between voting or following public health guidelines.

(13) After the count has begun, a voter may have knowledge of partial results and so gain a significant advantage over other voters. The Returning Officer will therefore not accept envelopes received after the start of the count, unless definitively compelled (i.e., if counting begins before either deadline).

(14) The Returning Officer must consider whether this ruling would delay the count. The Regulations contemplate a 25 academic day period where the count cannot be begun if outstanding postal votes (including overseas votes due on 30th October) might have “a determinative impact” on the election; in practice public health rules will also impact the count. The Returning Officer sees little prospect of counting before 16th October.

(15) Reg 29.8 must therefore be interpreted only as far as guaranteeing that any envelope received on or before the deadline is considered timely. The Returning Officer is of the view that interpreting the deadlines to invalidate every ballot received after would, in the circumstances prevailing in this year, go so far as to be inconsistent with the Constitution.

(16) The Returning Officer has applied the same analysis to the postal vote application deadline and the nomination deadline. Here, the tests run in the opposite direction: the online form for each, accessible 24 hrs a day during the relevant period, meant that it was substantially within students’ control to complete it; requiring the forms be completed by the deadlines was unlikely

to have a significant public health impact; and accepting late applications would significantly complicate the election process and make it impossible to comply with other Regulations.

(17) In the alternative, even if Reg 29.8 were consistent with the Constitution, the Returning Officer is authorised by Reg 2.1(g)—which compasses discretionary powers above and beyond the general power in Reg 2.1(d)—to make this ruling. The ruling is necessary to comply with public health rules, as the Returning Officer is unable by virtue of the public health directions to establish a drop-off option or to freely direct staff to assist voters in expediting returns of their postal ballots. Many voters, including all those within metropolitan Melbourne, are constrained by health directions not to leave their homes except in limited circumstances, and are encouraged to combine trips, which may delay posting their returns. As relevant health directions post-date the Regulations, they constitute a situation that the Regulations do not provide for.

## **Appeals**

Two appeals were received and forwarded to the Electoral Tribunal.

The first appeal was made by Allen Xiao (authorising officer for the Community for UMSU ticket) and contended that the Returning Officer had misapplied the definition of “academic day” and that the deadline for return of ballots from overseas addresses should be 16th November, rather than 2nd November. It was originally made on Monday 9th November and the Electoral Tribunal determined to meet on 16th November. The appeal was withdrawn by the appellant on 12th November and then reinstated, in a slightly updated form, on 14th November.

The second appeal was made early in the morning of 16th November by Hayden Williams, and requested the Tribunal to (a) direct the Returning Officer to conduct a second recount for the position of President, and (b) declare the election for President void (provoking a subsequent by-election) if the second recount revealed enough ballots were missing that they would exceed the margin for that position.

The Tribunal considered both appeals on the 16th November. In relation to the first appeal, they requested the Returning Officer seek further information from the University and, after considering it, upheld the appeal. In relation to the second appeal, the Returning Officer indicated that he had already determined a second recount would be undertaken, and so the Tribunal felt it was unnecessary to direct the Returning Officer to undertake one. They did not consider the second matter, on the basis it was not necessary to do so unless there were indeed ballots missing.

## **Declaration**

I hereby declare that the 2020 University of Melbourne Student Union annual elections were conducted and administered with impartiality by myself and the directors and staff of Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd.

Jaimie Adam  
Returning Officer  
Above Quota Elections  
30th November 2020

## Appendix: Full details of counting

### Single member positions – annual elections

#### President

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	68		
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)	51		
Henry Jackson	13		
Archit Agrawal (Community for UMSU)	756	842	
<b>Jack Buksh (Stand Up!)</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>elected</b>
Dan Crowley	25		
Allan Tran	19		
Jeremy Mann (Amplify)	29		

#### General Secretary

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
Sara Burns (Amplify)	50		
<b>Ciara O’Sullivan (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>elected</b>
Harry Black (Stand Up!)	757	808	
Benjamin Cronshaw (Independents for Student Democracy)	38		
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)	62		

#### Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
Daniel Clarke & Varaidzo Chipunza (Stand Up!)	751	804	
Benjamin Cronshaw & Phoebe Leggett (Independents for Student Democracy)	75		
<b>Jennisha Arnanta &amp; Planning Jay Vynn Saw (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>elected</b>
Michael Josefsson	28		
Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)	52		

#### Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
Edison Wei Long Ngu	11		



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Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Hannah Krasovec &amp; Tejas Gandhi (Stand Up!)</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>elected</b>
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	57		
Noman Kahn	17		
Caleb Ribates & Verity Crane (Community for UMSU)	767	817	
Justin Rizaty(Amplify)	24		
Taoyang Liu	16		

**Welfare Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
Yuhao Zhai	17		
Edison Wei Long Ngu	10		
Taoyang Liu	14		
Evelyn Ranogajec & Felix Sharkey (Stand Up!)	684	725	
Henry Kerr (Amplify)	29		
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	39		
<b>Allen Xiao &amp; Hue Man Dang (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>elected</b>

**Women's Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Mickhaella Ermita &amp; Srishti Chatterjee (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>elected</b>
Marit Gillam	8	
Sneha Challa & Thonya Deverall (Stand Up!)	415	
Hena Maker	12	
Phoebe Leggett (Independents for Student Democracy)	40	

**Creative Arts Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
Evelyn Chong Jia En	157	
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	156	
<b>Merryn Hughes &amp; Vaishnavi Ravikrishna (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>elected</b>

**Activities Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Christos Prevolos &amp; Phoebe Chen (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>elected</b>

Benito Di Battista & Olivia Millard (Just Clubs. Just Activities.)	574
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	69
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar	28

**Queer Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
Jason Rimmer & Jessie Ferrari (Stand Up!)	296	
<b>Amy Bright &amp; Lauren Ehrensperger (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>elected</b>

**Environment Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Ann Nguyen &amp; James Park (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>elected</b>
Gabrielle Kennedy	23		
Michael Thomas Plant (Amplify)	40		
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	30		
Brianna Symonds-Manne & Emma Dynes (Stand Up!)	700	733	

**Clubs & Societies Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
David Collis & Olivia White (Just Clubs. Just Activities)	697	
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	82	
Kuanysh Batyrbekov	18	
<b>Kalyana Vania &amp; Muskaan Hakhu (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>elected</b>

**Disabilities Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
Brigit Doyle & Lindsay Tupper-Creed (Community for UMSU)	210	elected
<b>Max Dowell (Stand Up!)</b>	<b>120</b>	

**People of Colour Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Emily AlRamadhan &amp; Mohamed Hadi (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>elected</b>
Taoyang Liu	18	
Ariana Tugaga	15	

Comfort Agunbiade & Nicole Nabbout (Stand Up!)	227		
<b>Students' Council – Queer Representative</b>			
	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primaries</b>	<b>Result</b>
	<b>Georgia McCourt (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>elected</b>
	William Wainaina Kabira (Stand Up!)	281	
<b>Students' Council – Indigenous Representative</b>			
	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primaries</b>	<b>Result</b>
	Kiara Davies	6	
	<b>Brittney Henderson</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>elected</b>
<b>Students' Council – International Representative</b>			
	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primaries</b>	<b>Result</b>
	Xinglong Li	5	
	Jason Weerasuriya (Stand Up!)	54	
	Yuhao Zhai	4	
	Edison Wei Long Ngu	1	
	Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	16	
	Gautham Krishna Muraleedharan	11	
	Xinyi Wu	2	
	<b>Janise Qian Yee Sam (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>elected</b>
	Tsz Ching Keung	3	
	Laura Vander Slott	6	
	Evelyn Chong Jia En	1	
	Pritesh Hemant Thanekar	4	
	Taoyang Liu	6	
<b>Students' Council – Graduate Representative</b>			
	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primaries</b>	<b>Result</b>
	Yogeswara Srinivasa Bhanu Teja Boddapati	7	
	Camden Whitney-Hopkins (Stand Up!)	117	elected
	Kuanysh Batyrbekov	1	
	Noman Khan	8	
	<b>Shreya Bhutani (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>elected</b>
	Timothy Lilley (VWholesome)		
<b>Students' Council – Students with Disabilities Representative</b>			
	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primaries</b>	<b>Result</b>
	Conor Siryj (Stand Up!)	101	

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Candidate	Primaries	Result
Hena Maker	10	
<b>Clea Porteous Borthwick (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>elected</b>

**Students' Council – Students of Colour Representative**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Kevin Mao (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>elected</b>
Ariana Tugaga	16	
Aria Sunga (Stand Up!)	233	
Oormi Chakravarty	9	

**Southbank – Campus Coordinator**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Will Hall (Community for UMSU)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>elected</b>
Ikshvak Sobti (Stand Up!)	42	

**Southbank – Activities and Events Coordinator**

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
Jungwoo Kim (Community for UMSU)	117		
Noman Khan	10		

**Byelection – Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Charlie Joyce &amp; Noni Bridger (Stand Up!)</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>elected</b>
Hena Maker	39	
Xinglong Li	44	
Noman Khan	28	
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar	25	
Ariana Tugaga	42	
Taoyang Liu	56	
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	162	

**University Council**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
Ezra Bangun (VWholesome)	198	
Baris Duzova	35	
Pritesh Hemant Thanekar	51	
Edison Wei Long Ngu	60	
Xinglong Li	67	
<b>Desiree Cai (Stand Up!)</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>elected</b>

(Election run on behalf of the University of Melbourne; final results are the responsibility of the University's returning officer for that election.)

## Single member positions – UMSU International election

### Vice President (Education and Welfare)

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Putri Shafira</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>elected</b>
Taoyang Liu	287	

### Vice President (Cultural and Social)

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Kezia Rebecca Pranata</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>elected</b>
Piran Tarapore	157	

### Treasurer

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Jun Cheng (Jayden) Woo</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>elected</b>
Swathi Raghupathy	189	247	
Zehui	157		
Lily Lalida Nithirojpakdee	143		
Xinyu Ou (Carol)	101		

### Welfare Director

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Eric Shi</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>elected</b>
Christine Moore	198	242	
Jinil Patel	157		

### Education Director

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Anthony Ngadiyoto</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>elected</b>
Tianyi (Scarlett) Zhang	220	272	
Shuyan (Lynne) Bian	120		

### Cultural and Social Director

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Angela Elizabeth Djaja</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>elected</b>
Alea Young	242	286	
Shuyan (Lynne) Bian	165		

**Media & Communications Director**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
<b>Stefan Amando Marbun</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>elected</b>
Luna Bai	329	

**Human Resource Director**

Candidate	Primaries	Result
Angela Elizabeth Djaja	—	(withdrawn — elected to Cultural and Social Director)
<b>Elisha Chung</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>elected</b>

**Partnership and Sponsorship Director**

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Mohammed Mustansir Golwala</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>elected</b>
Kai Chen	213	281	
Kevin Mao	202		

**Partnership and Sponsorship Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Mona Nohara</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>elected</b>
Kevin Mao	158	232	
Zhaoyu Fan	114		
Mohammed Mustansir Golwala	112		

**Human Resource Officer**

Candidate	Primaries	Distribution	Result
<b>Steven Hadinata</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>elected</b>
Joshua Dubar	147	209	
Chahak Chahak	136		
Planning Jay Vynn Saw	104		

**Multi-member positions**

Results and countsheets for multi-member positions are attached separately.

## **Appendix: Minutes of the Electoral Tribunal**

The minutes of the Electoral Tribunal are attached separately.