

Determination (1) of the Returning Officer

1. **Electoral Regulation 12.7(d)** — This Regulation prohibits (among other things) use of mailing lists for campaign purposes. For the avoidance of doubt, this prohibition includes email lists, and includes a prohibition on email lists compiled from the University student directory. While it is permissible (subject to other Electoral Regulations) to send individual emails to your friends to campaign to them, we will regard it as a breach of this rule if a mailing list is used, even if the emails are sent manually one-by-one.
2. **Deadline—candidate statements and photographs** — The Electoral Regulations do not set a deadline for candidate statements or candidate photographs. Therefore I exercise discretion under EReg 3.1(b) to set the deadline to 5pm Thursday 25th April, that is, 24 hours after the nomination deadline. I note that this is a public holiday.
3. **Nomination and seconder confirmation** — The Electoral Regulations are clear that the nominator and seconder of each candidate must be in place before the nomination. This year, we have a process where each candidate must have their nominator and seconder confirm they consented to the nomination/secondering, which is done by email. I determine that:
 - a. Consents must be received by 5pm Thursday 25th April. (I note that this is a public holiday.)
 - b. While a candidate can change their nominator/seconder up to the nomination deadline (5pm Wednesday 24th April), changing nominator/seconder **will not** be permitted after that deadline. The 24 hour grace period is only for consents to be confirmed to the satisfaction of the Returning Officer, not an extension of time to find an eligible nominator/seconder.
4. All times in this determination are Melbourne time.

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