

University of Melbourne Student Union

**Report of
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**To Students' Council
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Casual Vacancy – UMSU President

Legal advice relating to the filling of the casual vacancy for the position of President was distributed to Students' Council on April 21.

That advice indicated that:

- UMSU should not use the temporary vacancy process to fill the vacant position until the end of its term on November 30;
- Subject to its own satisfaction UMSU should call a by-election to fill the casual vacancy;
- The temporary vacancy process is appropriately used to fill this role until such time as a by-election can be conducted; and,
- The timing of the by-election is a matter for Students' Council to determine.

The UMSU Electoral Regulations establish the timelines for conducting a by-election. It is not possible for UMSU to conduct a by-election in Semester 1 and comply with the requirements of the Electoral Regulations.

The Notice of Election for the annual UMSU Elections is distributed on the first day of Week One in Semester 2.

It is recommended that:

1. UMSU use the temporary appointment process to fill the vacant UMSU President position; and
2. That UMSU conduct a by-election for the position of President concurrently with the UMSU Annual Election in Semester 2.