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INFORMATION GUIDE

ANUSA ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2023

Nominations will soon be open for the following positions on the ANU Students' Association for the term running 1st December 2023 to 30th November 2024:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. General Secretary
4. Clubs Officer
5. Treasurer
6. Education Officer
7. Welfare Officer
8. General Representative (14 positions)
9. Delegate to the National Union of Students (6 positions)
10. Undergraduate Student University Council Member
11. Postgraduate Student University Council Member
12. Undergraduate Coursework Officer
13. Postgraduate Coursework Officer
14. Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Officer
15. College of Arts and Social Sciences Representative (4 positions)
16. College of Asia and the Pacific Representative (4 positions)
17. College of Business and Economics Representative (4 positions)
18. College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative (4 positions)
19. College of Law Representative (4 positions)
20. College of Science Representative (4 positions)
21. College of Health and Medicine Representative (4 positions)
22. Parents and Carers' Officer
23. Environment Officer

The positions of Women's Officer, Queer Officer, Indigenous Officer, BIPOC Officer, Disabilities Officer and International Students' Officer will all be elected internally by their respective departments and are not open to nominations in the annual elections (see ANUSA Election*

Regulations, R 7A).

Am I eligible to nominate?

Any student may nominate for positions 1 through 9 above (Executive, General Representative, National Union of Students Delegate positions).

Council Members

Only undergraduate students, as defined in the ANU Governance Rule and Statute may nominate for the position of Undergraduate Student University Council Member.

Only postgraduate students, as defined in the ANU Governance Rule and Statute may nominate for the position of Postgraduate Student University Council Member.

Academic Officer

For the position of Undergraduate Coursework Officer, nominees must be students enrolled in an undergraduate program as defined by the University.

For the position of Postgraduate Coursework Officer, nominees must be students enrolled in an postgraduate coursework program as defined by the University.

For the position of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Officer, nominees must be students enrolled in an undergraduate program as defined by the University.

College Representatives

For positions 15 through 21 (College Representative positions), only students enrolled in the relevant College are eligible to nominate. For each college, two positions are designated as undergraduate positions, one position is designated as a postgraduate coursework position and one position is designated as a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) position. Students must be enrolled in a program in the relevant academic career to be eligible to nominate.

Parents and Carers' Officer

Nominees for Parents and Carers' Officer must self-identify as a parent and/or a carer.

Environment Officer

Any student may nominate. Nominees must also be an active member of the Department, meaning that they have attended at least three meetings of the Environment Department during the academic year or who are approved as an active member by a vote of the Environment Collective (ANUSA Election Regulations, R 7.3.2(b)).

Nomination by students intending to study a program in 2024

An existing ANU student who has been admitted to, applied for a program, or provides a statutory declaration of their intent to apply by no later than November 30 immediately following the election for the program is entitled to stand for election for positions for which a student enrolled in that program are eligible to stand (ANUSA Election Regulations, R 2.1.8D). This does not apply to the elections for Members of ANU Council.

Legal obligations of nominees

Nominees should also consider whether they are disqualified from running for office by s 63 of the *Associations Act 1991* (ACT). The following people may be disqualified from holding office on ANUSA by legislation (unless they have obtained leave from the Supreme Court of the ACT):

- Those convicted of an indictable offence in relation to the promotion, formation or management of a company within the past 5 years.
- Those convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty punishable by imprisonment for a period of 3 months or more within the past 5 years.
- Those who are bankrupt or personally insolvent.

Please note that the maximum penalty for non-compliance with these provisions is 50 penalty units (\$8000) or imprisonment for 6 months. If you have concerns about your eligibility under these provisions, please reach out to sa.legal@anu.edu.au for a confidential appointment.

How do I nominate?

Nominations must be submitted by emailing sa.admin@anu.edu.au. Nomination forms will be available on the ANUSA website and must be signed by two other undergraduate students endorsing your candidacy. Nomination forms will not be available until the Call for Nominations on August 2.

All candidates will be invited to submit an online nomination allowing them to complete an online biography and upload a photo to be made available to voters closer to the election. Individual nominations are due by August 20, 2021.

If you would like to run as a team, you must submit a ticket registration form to register your ticket name. All candidates running under that ticket are still required to submit individual candidate nomination forms noting their affiliation with the ticket. Ticket nominations must be submitted by August 18, 2021.

Any disputes about eligibility of tickets or candidacy shall be decided by the Returning Officer, whose decision is final.

Important dates

The call for nominations will occur on Wednesday 16 August, 2023.

Ticket registration opens 9am, Wednesday 16 August, 2023, and closes 5pm, Wednesday 6 September 2023.

Candidate nomination opens 9am, Wednesday 16 August, 2023, and closes 5pm, Friday 8 September 2023.

When is the election?

The 2023 ANUSA General Election will be held during Week 8, Semester 2. Voting will take place online from 9am Monday 25 September and will close at 12pm on Thursday 28 September 2023.

All students will be invited to vote in the online election and may do so from their own electronic device. In-person polling will also be made available in the Kambri precinct in accordance with section 2.5.1 of the Election Regulations.

Conduct expected of candidates

It is expected that all candidates read the ANUSA Election Regulations before commencing their campaign. Candidates can access the Election Regulations on the ANUSA website (<https://anusa.com.au/about/anusa/constitution/>). Please refer to Appendix A detailing Electoral Offences. It is important to be aware that commission of an Electoral Offence can result in penalties including financial penalties, disqualification of a candidate or loss of membership. Any questions about the interpretation of the Election Regulations can be answered by the General Secretary at sa.president@anu.edu.au or the Probity Team at sa.probityofficers@anu.edu.au.

How do I make a complaint?

All complaints against candidates and breaches of the Electoral Regulations can be made to the Probity Officers (sa.probityofficers@anu.edu.au). It is recommended you specify details of what happened and what regulation you think has been breached.

Exclusion zones

It is an offence to actively canvas votes in the designated Exclusion Zones. Please refer to the end of this document for a list of Exclusion Zones for the elections.

Further details about the online election platform will be made available in due course. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact sa.president@anu.edu.au.

Ben Yates

President
10 August 2023

Appendix A

Electoral Offences

It is an offence to place on any notice board an election notice larger than A3 size.

It is an offence to publish any material that contains untrue statements or misrepresentations likely to mislead a voter in the casting of their vote.

It is an offence to remove from any place any Electoral Publication. No offence is committed by:

- a person removing a reasonable quantity of the publication for their own or another's information;
- a member of the group in whose name or on whose behalf the publication is posted;
- a person authorised by a member of the group in whose name or on whose behalf the publication is posted; or
- a person who has the right to control the entrance to the place where the publication lies or that person's agent.

It is an offence to actively canvass votes within the areas specified in Schedule B to these Regulations.

It is an offence to attempt to ascertain the way a person votes. For the purposes of this section, it is an offence to attempt to watch how a person casts their vote while they are voting.

It is an offence to cast or attempt to cast a vote to which the person is not entitled.

It is an offence to offer gifts, bribes, money, food, drink, or any other enticement, or to otherwise exert undue influence, over electoral officials or voters at any time. For the purposes of this section, animals are not an enticement to vote.

It is an offence for an individual who is not currently a student of the university to campaign for a candidate in the election. For the purposes of this section, it is an offence for candidates and members of their campaign team to not carry their student cards while campaigning.

It is an offence to engage in negative discrimination, harassment or intimidation. This includes any repeat unwanted contact to incite somebody to vote, or any other coercive conduct, either online or in person.

It is an offence to actively canvass votes from a person displaying the opt-out item in accordance with section 2.5.4, provided the opt-out item is easily observable by candidates and members of their campaign team.

It is an offence to incite any other person to commit any of the Electoral Offences detailed in this section.

If, in the opinion of the Returning Officer, a candidate or a member of their campaign team behaves in a way that violates the spirit of the Constitution or these Regulations, the Returning Officer may deem that behaviour to constitute an Electoral Offence.

It is an offence to campaign outside of the Campaign Period.

For the purposes of 3.1.12, the Campaign Period means the period starting when the Returning Officer issues the notice of the call for nominations under Regulation 2.2.1A and ending at the close of voting.

For the purposes of this Regulation 3.1, to campaign includes any of the following acts or the inducement of those following acts by another person by a member of ANUSA who intends to

run for office: publicly announcing an intention of any person to stand for office, publicly announcing the purported name of any ticket or grouping for an ANUSA election, canvassing for votes for an office to be filled at an ANUSA election, and publishing or distributing Electoral Publication.

SCHEDULE B – EXCLUSION ZONES

Section 3.1.3 provides that it is an offence to actively canvass votes within the areas specified in Schedule B to these Regulations.

For the avoidance of doubt, the following areas are 'exclusion zones':

1. Kambri Precinct (bound by North Road (non-inclusive), Tangney road (non-inclusive), Joplin lane, and Kingsley Street)
2. The Copland precinct, including the ramp and stairway to Kingsley Street;
3. Inside residential halls, and a 15-metre radius around associated entrances;
4. The small footpath next to University Avenue between the Copland Courtyard and Kambri;
5. The Tjabal Centre;
6. Inside ANU libraries, and associated walkways;
7. Inside ANU rooms where lectures, tutorials, labs, or other teaching takes place, including online spaces;
8. Inside any autonomous department space; and
9. Inside David Cocking Sport and Recreation Centre

In addition, no campaigning other than putting up posters may take place inside any other building on the ANU campus.

Campaigners are permitted to campaign in all other areas.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Returning Officer or their nominee will clarify exclusion zones before the beginning of the Campaign Period. This includes but is not limited to a map of exclusion zones.

The Returning Officer or their nominee may temporarily suspend an area so debates or other informative events may be held.