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INFORMATION GUIDE

ANUSA ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2022

Nominations will soon be open for the following positions on the ANU Students' Association for the term running 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023:

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. University Council Member
10. Delegate to the National Union of Students (5 positions)
11. College of Arts and Social Sciences Representative (2 positions)
12. College of Asia and the Pacific Representative (2 positions)
13. College of Business and Economics Representative (2 positions)
14. College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative (2 positions)
15. College of Law Representative (2 positions)
16. Joint Colleges of Science, Health and Medicine Representative (2 positions)
17. Department Officers (Women's, Indigenous, Queer*, Disabilities, International Students, BIPOC, Environment)

Am I eligible to nominate?

Any undergraduate student may nominate for positions 1 through 10 above (Executive, General Representative, University Council Member and National Union of Students Delegate positions).

For positions 11 through 16 (College Representative positions), only students enrolled in the relevant College are eligible to nominate.

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For positions in category 17 (Department Officer positions), only those students who are members of the relevant Department are eligible to nominate. Department Officer eligibility is set out in section 7 of the Election Regulations. Specifically:

- a. Environment Officer: Any undergraduate 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.
- b. Disabilities Officer: Only students with disability may nominate. Nominees must also be an active member of the Department, meaning that they have attended at least two meetings of the Disabilities Department during the academic year.
- c. Indigenous Officer: Only Indigenous (defined as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) students may nominate. Nominees must also be an active member of the Department, meaning that they have attended at least three meetings of the Indigenous Department during the academic year.
- d. International Students Officer: Only international students may nominate.
- e. Queer* Officer: Only gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex or queer identifying students may vote, and only those who openly identify may nominate. Nominees must also be an active member of the Department, meaning that they have attended at least three meetings of the Queer* Department during the academic year.
- f. Women's Officer: Only people who self-identify as a woman or woman-aligned and/or; have experienced gendered oppression as a result of being perceived as a woman and/or; identify as trans and gender diverse and find our services useful regardless of the pronouns they use may nominate. Nominees must also be an active member of the Department, meaning that they have attended at least three meetings of the Women's Department during the academic year.
- g. BIPOC Officer: Only those who self-identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Colour shall nominate. This includes but is not limited to people who come from a minority ethnocultural background, are white-passing, are biracial, are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and/or have been marked or marginalised by white supremacy.

NB: Due to electoral regulation changes made earlier in 2022, this year is the first year that autonomous departments may choose to hold what is referred to in the electoral regulations as an 'internal election'. This essentially means that nominations will not be opened for certain positions, and instead elections for those Officers will be held internally by department collectives. In 2022, this is likely to apply to the following ANUSA departments: Disabilities, Indigenous, International, Queer*, Women's, and BIPOC.

Functionally, this means ANUSA will not accept nominations for Department Officer positions aside from Environment Officer at this General Election. For any questions about these new electoral regulations, please email sa.president@anu.edu.au.

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):

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- 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 Tuesday 16 August, 2022.

Ticket registration opens 9am, Tuesday 16 August, 2022, and closes 5pm, Wednesday 7 September 2022.

Candidate nomination opens 9am, Tuesday 16 August, 2022, and closes 5pm, Friday 9 September 2022.

When is the election?

The 2022 ANUSA General Election will be held during Week 8, Semester 2. Voting will take place online from 9am Monday 26 September and will close at 12pm on Thursday 29 September 2022.

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All undergraduate 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.gensec@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 map and 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.gensec@anu.edu.au.

Christian Flynn

President
2 August 2022

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.

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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

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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.

Appendix 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':

18. Kambri Precinct (bound by North Road, the perimeter of Fellows Oval, Tangney Road and Kingsley Street)
19. Melville Hall;
20. The Copland precinct, including the ramp and stairway to Kingsley Street;
21. The Chifley Library & associated walkways;
22. The Tjabal Centre;
23. Outside the Childers Street UniLodge residences;
24. The small footpath next to University Avenue between the Copland Courtyard and Kambri;
25. ANU libraries;
26. ANU rooms where lectures, tutorials, labs or other teaching takes place, including online spaces;
27. Daley Road;
28. David Cocking Sport and Recreation Centre; and
29. Hancock bridge;

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 include 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.

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