

INFORMATION GUIDE

ANUSA ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2019

Nominations are now open for the following positions on the ANU Students' Association for the term running 1st December 2019 to 30th November 2020:

1. President
2. Undergraduate Member on ANU Council
3. Vice President
4. General Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Education Officer
7. Social Officer
8. General Representative (14 positions)
9. College of Arts and Social Sciences Representative (2 positions)
10. College of Asia and the Pacific Representative (2 positions)
11. College of Business and Economics Representative (2 positions)
12. College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative (2 positions)
13. College of Law Representative (2 positions)
14. Joint Colleges of Science Representative (2 positions)
15. Department Officers (Women's, Indigenous, Queer*, Disabilities, Environment, International Students, Ethnocultural)
16. Delegate to the National Union of Students (NUS) (5 positions)

Am I eligible to nominate?

Any undergraduate student may nominate for positions 1 through 7 above (Executive and General Representative positions).

For positions 8 through 14 (College Representative positions), only students currently enrolled in the relevant College are eligible to nominate.

For position 15 (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;
- b. Disabilities Officer: only students with disability may nominate;
- c. Indigenous Officer: only Indigenous students may nominate;

- 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;
- 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
- g. Ethnocultural Officer – only those who self-identify as people of colour shall vote or nominate. This includes but is not limited to people who come from a minority ethnocultural background, are white-passing, are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and have been marked or marginalised by white supremacy.

Additionally, for all Departments except the International Students' Department, only 'active members' of the Department are eligible to nominate for the position of Department Officer. An 'active member' is a member who has attended three meetings of that Department in that academic year, with the exception of Disabilities where the requirement is two meetings.

For position 16, any undergraduate student may nominate for the position of Delegate to represent the ANU at the National Conference of the National Union of Students (NUS) in December 2019. As the ANU Students' Association is not currently accredited with the NUS, Delegates will not be invited to attend the National Conference this year. Any student interested in nominating for this position is advised to speak to the ANUSA Vice-President for more information.

How do I nominate?

Nominations must be submitted in hard copy to the ANUSA Office (located on Level 2, Di Riddell Student Centre, Kambri). Nomination forms are available at the ANUSA Office and must be signed by two other undergraduate students endorsing your candidacy.

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.

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 registration closes 5pm, Friday 2nd August 2019.

Candidate nomination closes 5pm, Wednesday 7th August 2019.

When is the election?

The election will be held during Week 5. Voting will take place online from 9am Monday 19th August and will close at 12pm on Thursday 22nd August 2019.

All undergraduate students and ANU College students will be invited to vote in the online election and may do so from their own laptop, smartphone or tablet. Electronic voting booths will also be made available in accordance with section 2.5.1 of the Election Regulations.

Conduct Expected of Candidates

It is expected that all candidates read the Electoral Regulations before commencing their campaign. Candidates can access the Electoral Regulations on the ANUSA website (anusa.com.au). Please refer to the attached document detailing Electoral Regulations.

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 believe has been breached.

Restriction Zones

It is an offence to actively canvas votes in the designated Restriction Zones. Please refer to Appendix 2 for a map and list of Restriction Zones for the elections which was passed at the AGM.

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.vicepres@anu.edu.au.

Campbell Clapp
Vice-President
18th June 2019.

APPENDIX 1 - ELECTORAL OFFENCES

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.

APPENDIX 2 - 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, the perimeter of Fellows Oval, Tangney Road and Kingsley Street)
2. The Melville Hall Student Space;
3. The Copland precinct;
4. The Chifley Library & associated walkways;
5. The Tjabal Centre;
6. Outside the Childers Street UniLodge residences;
7. The small footpath next to University Avenue between the Copland Courtyard and Kambri;
8. ANU libraries;
9. ANU teaching spaces;
10. Daley Road;
11. David Cocking Sport and Recreation Centre; and
12. Hancock bridge; Campaigners are permitted to campaign in all other areas.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Returning Officer or their nominee will clarify exclusion zones at the beginning of each general election.

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 informed.

Exclusion Zone Map

