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**Report of the Returning Officer**



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## Summary

Above Quota Elections (AQE) were engaged to run the annual elections for the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU).

UMSU holds its annual elections in the first full academic week of September, which this year fell during the 4th–8th September.

A total of 278 nominations were received and accepted, and six tickets were registered. A handful of nominations were rejected or withdrawn. Nominations were again taken online; this year we also offered online ticket registration, and had an online portal allowing candidates and tickets to submit other forms, meaning that a candidate or ticket could be run without any paper at all. The move online also allowed us to produce a platform that showed ticket registrants the state of their ticket, including candidates' submission of forms, at a glance.

Polling was online through the BigPulse platform, which ran smoothly. During the week we ran six polling places (branded as “polling help points”): four at Parkville, and one each at Southbank and Burnley, each with an electronic voting device and a helpful staff member.

The Media Officers once again produced the *Farrago* election guide, which was made available online. While the Media Department opted not to do a print-run, we made a printed and QR-code version available at every help point.

The week mostly went smoothly, with all help points running at their scheduled times. Campaigning was strong despite many positions not being contested, or not being contested between tickets. The most pervasive conduct issue was campaigning to students while they were voting, with the first ban for this behaviour handed out at 10.20am on Monday. This, and the other notable incidents (including one which was referred to the Tribunal), are discussed in detail later.

As the ballot was counted electronically, we were able to show preliminary results to scrutineers on Friday evening, at around 5.45pm, after closing all polling stations and dealing with the day's complaints and administrative matters. The provisional declaration of results was made on 13th September, other than the last four positions for Students Council General Representatives, which required the application of affirmative action; the complete provisional declaration of results was made on 22nd September.

The Clubs & Societies Council, at which the Clubs & Societies Committee election occurs, was held on Monday 9th October.

One matter was referred to the Electoral Tribunal, and remains under the Tribunal's consideration.

## Staffing

Stephen Luntz was appointed as Returning Officer and assisted by Patrick Clearwater and Jaimie Adam as Deputy Returning Officers.

Polling clerks were allocated from AQE's pool of experienced electoral staff. It is AQE policy for our staff working on university campuses to hold current Working With Children Checks.

UMSU's Electoral Tribunal was constituted by Michael Gronow KC, Peter Lithgow and Sarah Morgan.

## Election process

This year's election was the first to be run online while students were fully on campus. It was also the first online UMSU election for which AQE has been appointed Returning Officer. Some key differences to the past include:

- For the first time, we made it possible to perform all processes without printing or using paper, for those who chose it. This is discussed in some detail below.
- Similarly, we made it possible for ticket registrants to get an at-a-glance view of the state of their tickets, and which nominations they had consented to
- UMSU have substantially rewritten the Regulations since we were last engaged. This fixed many of the previous problems with them, although introduced some new ones.

## Timetable

The timetable was:

- Monday 24th July: formal notice of election, opening of nominations, and opening of ticket registrations
- 6pm, Thursday 3rd August: prospective candidates' information session (held online); followed by an UMSU-organised information session
- 12 noon, Friday 11th August: deadline for nominations, deadline for ticket registrations
- 11.59pm, Monday 14th August: common deadline for other forms (declarations of eligibility, ticket order of candidates, candidate photographs)
- 2pm, Thursday 17th August: draw for order of candidates and tickets (Returning Officer's Office)
- 5.30pm, Wednesday 30th August: information session and briefing for candidates and tickets, Saloon Bar, Clyde Hotel

- Monday 4th–Friday 8th September: polling week
- Wednesday 13th September: partial provisional declaration of results
- Friday 22nd September: full provisional declaration of results
- Monday 9th October: Clubs & Societies (C&S) Council, including C&S Committee election

## Nominations

The nomination period ran from Monday 24th July (the first day of semester 2) through to noon on Friday 11th August. As required by the Regulations, this was also the deadline for policy statements and conflict of position forms.

A total of 284 nominations were received by the deadline (excluding nominations withdrawn before the deadline). Of these 257 were immediately accepted, and 27 were reserved for further checks. Of those reserved, six were eventually rejected while 21 were accepted. In the period between the close of nominations and the start of counting, seven candidates withdrew their nominations, meaning that 271 candidates ultimately contested the poll.

As an innovation this year, we sent each candidate a personalised, password-protected link to a website that allowed them to complete their conflict of positions form (if relevant), submit their declaration of eligibility forms (if required by R11.3) and review and update their policy statements and candidate photos. We continued to provide paper-based forms on the election website for those who preferred that mode. Generally no problems were reported from the web form, although it was not used by some of the largest tickets. We rate the experiment as a guarded success and would recommend an enhanced version in 2024, while continuing to provide traditional forms, accepted by email or in person, for those who prefer them.

The most common reason for rejecting nominations was failure to complete a mandatory form. This was relatively rare this year compared to prior years, which is pleasing because the Regulations now make rejection mandatory in a number of situations, and we attribute the low rate of rejection to, at least in part, our significant outreach to nominees before the deadline.

Ticket registration was also offered by online form this year, although only one ticket took advantage of it. The ticket registration deadline is the same as the nomination deadline, by which six applications for ticket registration were received, all of which were accepted.

As with individual nominees, ticket registrations were also sent an individual password-protected ticket link, which enabled them to update their policy statements, set the order of positions on the ballot and see candidates who had registered on their ticket. We regarded doing this as an important part of complying with Electoral Regulation 20.11. Use of the website for forms was mixed, with some tickets preferring to scan and email, but feedback regarding the online listing of received nominations was universally positive.

This year, we placed a focus on making clear information about the election process readily available to students and candidates, by:

- an updated and expanded website, including a document library,
- a dedicated candidate information page, and
- the Prospective Candidates' Information Forum.

The latter forum was organised for 3rd August, just over a week before nominations closed, and was held online as a recorded session, which was posted on the website. The forum primarily covered information about the election process. UMSU expressed a desire to include additional information, including a presentation from current Officebearers, about what the roles actually entailed. We felt it was most appropriate to keep the two presentations separate, so the latter was organised to run immediately after our forum.

The Media Office is responsible under the Electoral Regulations for producing the election guide issue of *Farrago*. We supplied them with the candidate statements and the submitted photos for this purpose. This year the Election Guide was produced as a separate publication rather than included in the relevant issue of *Farrago*. It was not produced as a printed publication but rather made available on the *Farrago* website. We printed a small number of copies to have on hand at the polling help points.

The week before the election we ran a Candidates' Information Session, where we asked representatives from each ticket and independent candidate to attend, so we could meet them and impress upon them the importance of following the conduct guidance in the Electoral Regulations. This was held in the Saloon Bar at the Clyde Hotel. Turnout was somewhat unsatisfactory and should be a focus for next year.

## Polling

Ballots were sent out to all students' University email accounts on the Monday of polling.

In the past (and in this year's UMSU International elections) we have observed slow delivery of emails from BigPulse to University email accounts. We worked with University IT to identify and remove the bottleneck. However, given the risk of slow delivery extending over several days, we scheduled the initial email to be sent at 4am on Monday (with a voting link that was not active until 10am). This precaution proved to be unnecessary, as the latest reported delivery was at around 5.15am, and we were able to send two reminders with confidence that they would be received promptly.

These reminders were sent on Wednesday and Friday.

The Electoral Regulations require polling help points at a number of locations. One of these is an area “near Tram Stop 1” which, in practice, was likely to be Building 168 itself. The Tribunal agreed this polling place could be merged with the Building 168 polling place, resulting in a saving returned to UMSU.

The full polling place schedule was:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Building 168	10am–5pm	10am–6.30pm	10am–5pm	10am–5pm	10am–5pm
Baillieu Library	noon–4pm	11am–4pm	11.30am–4.30pm	noon–4pm	noon–4pm
FBE Building	11am–3pm			11am–3pm	11am–3pm
Murrup Barak		11.30am–2.30pm	11.30am–2.30pm		
Southbank – the Hub Library		11am–3pm	11am–3pm	11am–3pm	
Burnley – cafeteria		1pm–4pm		noon–3pm	

Each polling place was staffed and had a device (tablet or laptop) that students could use to vote on. Given the prevalence of mobile smart devices (and the requirement to use one’s smartphone to log in to University email) this latter facility was little-used, attracting only a handful of votes. More useful was the ability for students to ask questions of a real person, with the Baillieu Library polling place in particular attracting a number of inquiries. After noting on Monday that only the Baillieu polling place was attracting much interest, we extended the hours there from those initially advertised.

The week saw substantial campaigning from four tickets and some independent candidates. Generally behaviour was good, with the most prevalent issues relating to campaigning to voters while they were in the process of voting, which is prohibited. Policing this behaviour remains difficult, and represents a critical risk to the legitimacy of the election. We discuss this in the recommendations. Other incidents of prohibited behaviour are discussed below.

As part of our ballot integrity measures, where we identified that a vote had been cast under a situation of coercion, or otherwise not in compliance with the Regulations (through no fault of the voter) we offered the voter an opportunity to cancel their old vote and re-vote. Although we were careful to require some evidence from the voter (to avoid allowing revotes due to a change of mind), we were able to cancel votes even when we couldn’t meet the standard of satisfaction to penalise a campaigner or ticket.

## Results

Polls closed at 5pm on 8th September. Overall, turnout was 4,917. This is about 9% down from last year, most likely driven by having fewer contested positions and no University Council election this year.

Figure 1 shows the number of votes received during three-hour blocks over the election period.

The move to online voting has drastically reduced the number of students who complete the entire ballot: for example, for President (typically one of the most prominent positions, and historically first in the physical ballot pack), only 68% of voters submitted a non-blank vote. This is consistent with 2022 (at 69%; also online) and much lower than 2020 (at 90%; paper ballots used). A similar trend can be seen throughout the ballot pack.

Scrutineers were invited to observe the release of votes shortly after 5pm on the Friday of election week. At that time we provided results for all single-member positions and first preferences for all multi-member positions, but we reserved the latter for further counting to ensure that both UMSU’s electoral rules, and the affirmative action requirements, were implemented correctly.

The provisional declaration of results for positions other than general representatives on Students’ Council was made on 13th September, and the provisional declaration for the general representatives on Students’ Council was made on 22nd September.

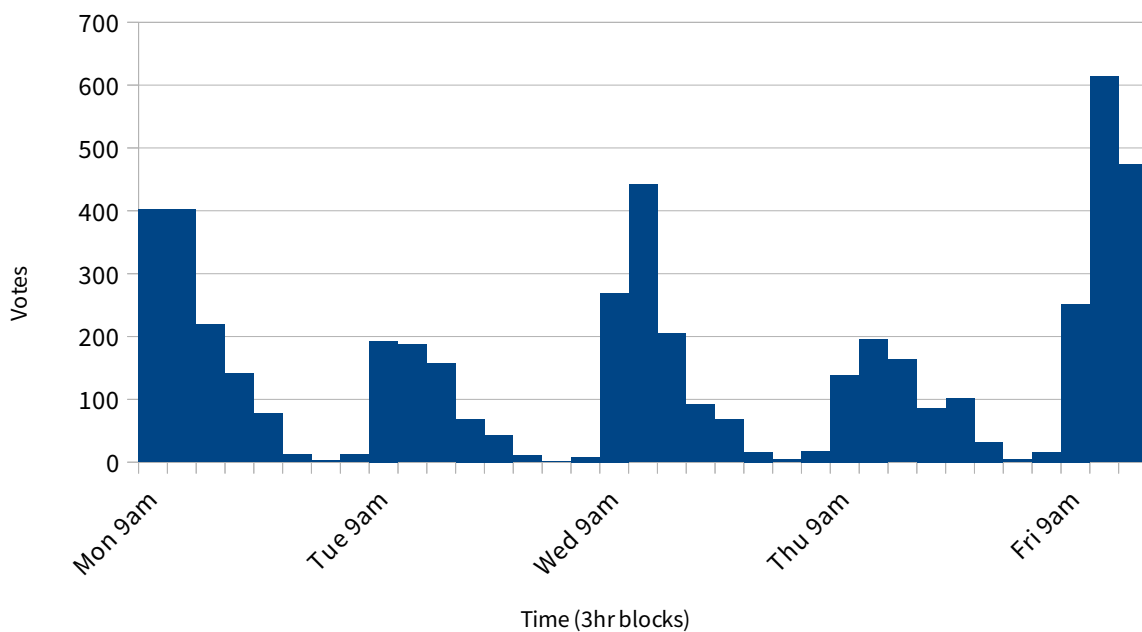


Figure 1: Number of votes cast, in three hour blocks



## Complaints and issues

Given the sheer number of students participating in campaigning, it is not surprising that a significant number of complaints were received. Of the tickets and independents campaigning, none provoked complaints that were vastly out of proportion to their size.

### Campaigning to students while voting

As we said in the report relating to the Umsu International election, in an online election, every student carries a walking polling place. This concern is not theoretical or illusory: to ask a student to take their phone out and “vote for me” is easy to do (and, as a campaign tactic, extremely effective!), but absolutely prohibited.

Tickets and independent candidates were warned about this conduct repeatedly: through our communications with them, on the election website, in the Electoral Regulations, during the Candidate Information Session, through the bulk of Ruling (1) of the Returning Officer and one-on-one to ticket registrants and campaigners. Conduct of this type provoked a campaign ban at 10.20am on Monday, and bans continued regularly throughout the week. Our view is that the incidence of this conduct was higher than in the Umsu International election — partly due to higher levels of campaigning, but this is also suggestive the behaviour is becoming normalised.

Despite this, the Returning Officer is aware that the conduct was pervasive during the week, no doubt due to its effectiveness. Fortifying this conclusion is the complaints that were received about voters being coerced into, or placed under pressure, to vote for someone just to get away from a campaigner. It is virtually certain the complaints we received represent only a fraction of the overall incidence, and we regard it as representing a significant threat to the integrity of the process.

### Other conduct issues

Other significant conduct issues included:

- **Non-students campaigning** — Complaints were received about non-students campaigning. In a worrying number of cases, these complaints were substantiated, resulting in significant bans for the tickets concerned. In some cases a reasonable case was made that the campaigner believed they were eligible (e.g. because they were on a deferred course or had been enrolled during Semester One), resulting in an amelioration in penalty, but any leniency was very limited as all eligible campaigners should have received voting links and no proactive complaints were received from them about the lack of such links. In the recommendations, we discuss the need for the Regulations to contain a clear statement about who is a student.

- **Assaults** — Two complaints of assault were made. Although the alleged actions were low on the scale of objective seriousness, the Returning Officer takes a hard line on assault in all cases, particularly when physical contact is involved. One complaint (less serious) was admitted by the assailant and attracted a significant penalty for both the candidate and ticket concerned. The other was strenuously denied, and was referred to the Electoral Tribunal, which currently has carriage of the matter.
- **Abuse and vilification** — Several tickets alleged abuse from other campaigners that went far beyond the norm, including racial vilification and comments about sexual interests. All of these were denied. Our campaign staff did not witness any of these, and without independent witnesses we could not confirm them. Nevertheless, the highly specific nature of some of these complaints make us suspect there may be some substance to them.
- **Authorised material** — As always there were a few complaints around incorrectly authorised, or non-authorised, material. This year although there were several incidents, none rated very seriously as all material was clear as to its provenance.

## Clubs & Societies Committee

The Clubs & Societies Committee is elected at the Clubs & Societies Council, which this year took place at 2pm on Monday 9th October in the Turner Theatre of the Biosciences 2 building, on the Parkville campus.

As required by the Clubs & Societies Regulations, the Council meets to receive reports and other matters from the Clubs & Societies Department, and nominations and polling for the election take place during the meeting. As set out in the Regulations, clubs are represented by their President, or a delegate nominated by the club prior to the meeting. The Clubs & Societies Office handled notice of the meeting and gathering the delegation forms.

A total of nine nominations were received. We arranged for the ballot draw and printing of ballots to take place while candidates were speaking and answering questions.

After the conclusion of speeches, we issued ballot papers to all eligible members of the Council. (As has been practice in the past, early voting was permitted for members who had to leave early, as long as they had listened to each candidate's opening speech.)

One difficulty that arose was in timing: the room was booked for a lecture immediately after the Council, meaning we had to move quite quickly to seal the ballot box before it was moved to the count venue. This, and other difficulties with the room, are discussed with recommendations below.

The votes were counted without difficulty in Building 168 and the declaration of results was made the next day, on 10th October. The C&S Office emailed it out to all clubs and posted it on the website and noticeboards.

## Recommendations

### Consider a return to in-person voting

The most significant issue in this election from a probity perspective was campaigners either violating the secrecy of the ballot by watching a student vote, or the closely-related issue of effectively coercing a student to vote by campaigning to them in the act of voting. Bans for this category of prohibited conduct were common and occurred throughout the week. Despite this, the behaviour continued. Moreover, when caught, campaigners repeatedly pled ignorance of the rules, claiming to not understand how their actions were in breach.

Some of this confusion was undoubtedly feigned, but the circumstances do place campaigners in a difficult situation. For example, we witnessed cases of voters asking campaigners for assistance because they were unsure about the process of voting, and were not aware of neutral staff who could help, or simply were in too much of a hurry to not go with the person closest to hand. There are also difficulties in systematically enforcing rules against coercion: while the behaviour is usually easy to detect when an election official is present, it is impossible to monitor all campaigners simultaneously. Similarly, access to closed-circuit television (CCTV) surveillance footage is dependent on University goodwill, and their interpretation of their privacy policy, rather than something contractually guaranteed to the Returning Officer, and therefore cannot be relied upon. Reports from coerced voters are also helpful, but it is likely most students on the receiving end of such tactics want to have nothing more to do with the election (or UMSU generally).

In this election, with the margins for most positions so overwhelming, this problem was manageable. This will probably not be the case in future when elections are closer. Online voting was scrapped in 2006 for several reasons, one of which is that it provides so many opportunities for intimidation, harassment and even bribery of voters. Now that students can vote on their phones, as well as just on laptops, the dangers are considerably greater.

Online voting does provide a number of advantages. However, it should be possible to combine at least some of these with the benefits of paper voting. One option would be to make an online vote available for those who cannot make it onto campus during the week. This would be quicker and more accessible than the old postal votes, but would still largely avoid the risk to the secrecy of the ballot.

A second option, whose technical viability would need to be explored, would be to keep the ballot online, but prevent voting from mobile devices within the University campus. Students would still be able to vote online from home, or to attend designated polling stations, where they would be protected from pressure while they voted.

We recognise that at the moment the need for such a change may not seem to justify the effort. However, the student union has been brought down before through loopholes in the electoral system that allowed a perversion of democracy, which initiated a chain of disastrous outcomes and the syphoning off of millions of dollars of student money. Online voting carries within it a heightened danger of this happening again, and the time to address it is when there is not a team in the election seeking to go down that path, rather than when they have already established their presence.

## **Review the definition of “student”**

The definition of “student” is of central importance to the election, because it defines who is eligible to run and to vote. Unfortunately the definition given in the Constitution (to which the Electoral Regulations refer) is not precise, and therefore creates some gaps that the Returning Officer must fill with Electoral Tribunal decisions and their own judgement.

The Constitution defines “Student” by reference to the *University of Melbourne Act 2009* (Vic). This definition is somewhat unhelpful because, as well as encompassing students enrolled in higher education award courses, also gives wide latitude to the University Council to define “student” broadly. Separately, in C2.1 and C2.6(a)(i)(A) the Constitution uses a (perhaps more restrictive) term relating to students in “higher education award course[s]” at the University.

In practice, the definition the Returning Officer uses for the election is students enrolled in a higher education award course in semester 2 of the relevant year, as this is what the University uses when they provide us with a roll. This excludes students on a leave of absence and, in most cases, students doing study that doesn’t lead to a higher education award from the University (for example, some exchange students, Community Access Program students, high-school Extension Programme [UMEP] students, and dual-enrolled students whose primary enrolment is with another institution).

We recommend this definition be clearly incorporated into the Constitution and Electoral Regulations. We view this as a matter of some risk as if the existing definition were to be challenged and that challenge upheld by the Tribunal during election week, the election process would face significant vulnerability.

The Returning Officer takes no view on whether a wider or narrower electorate is desirable, but recommends consideration of which students the University funds UMSU to represent and the willingness of the University to produce a roll, along with any other factors UMSU sees relevant.

## Bulk emails

Some campaigns sent bulk emails to student email addresses. This appears to violate University policy, but not the UMSU Electoral Regulations.

Some risks we have identified around this include:

- That the behaviour is not prohibited by UMSU Electoral Regulations may lead to some campaigners facing sanctions from the University, with consequences for their enrolment which may not be as well-targeted as a penalty determined by the Returning Officer
- There is a reputational risk that, even if the email list is obtained legitimately, students receiving it may perceive that their privacy has been violated and that UMSU is responsible for providing the list
- Bulk emailing activity in breach of University rules may cause a deterioration in the relationship between UMSU and the University
- Many bulk emails complained about this year fall well short of industry standards by not obtaining consent from recipients, failing to include a clear privacy disclosure notice, and not having a working opt-out facility

For this reason we recommend that significant attention be paid to how the Regulations treat bulk emailing activity by campaigners.

## Technical changes to the Regulations

There are a number of smaller changes we recommend to the Regulations that are grouped in this section. Despite being small, we regard the first four as high-priority changes.

- **Introduce a default order in case of conflict:** Regulation 8.3 deals with conflict of positions: where someone is elected to more positions than can be simultaneously held. It does so in an extremely harsh way: the conflict form must come by close of nominations, and if not supplied, the Returning Officer is obliged to reject all nominations (arguably including those unrelated to the conflict). This year significant effort was spent impressing on nominees the importance of this form, and despite this some nominations were still ruled out. We suggest two changes:
  - Replace “at the time of nomination” with “by a deadline set by the Returning Officer”
  - Replace the last sentence with “If such a list is not provided, the person is deemed to prefer Officer positions in the order listed in R4.2, and then other positions in the order listed in R4, to the extent of the conflict.” Something along these lines is used for both GSA and UMSU International elections, and while not foolproof, improves the situation.

- **Allow the nomination status to be shared with a ticket's registering officer:** We recommend the last sentence of Regulation 12.3 be amended to exclude its operation "to either a nominee personally or, if the nominee is running on a ticket, that ticket's registrant". In practice the fact of nomination must be known to the registrant (as R20.11 obliges them to countersign the form), and it significantly reduces the administrative burden if the Returning Officer can communicate whether a nomination is accepted with ticket registrants.
- **Policy statements:** We recommend Regulation 13.1 be updated to change the deadline from close of nominations to one set by the Returning Officer. In practice this will always need to be close to the nomination deadline due to the need to produce the Election Guide, but allowing the Returning officer to set a later deadline will reduce the urgency of statement-related queries at a time when the RO is dealing with last-minute nominations.
  - Similarly, we recommend Regulation 13.2 be updated to read "Ticket Registrants or independent candidates" (new words underlined) to reduce the already-significant advantage tickets have over independent candidates.
- **Regulation 6.4:** Electoral Regulation 6.4 prevents a student, who has been terminated from their position, from standing for election "within the academic year that the termination occurred". As the Regulations deal with both annual and byelections, it is not completely obvious whether the academic year is the year the student is standing, or the year they take up the position. (Further adding to the ambiguity, the UMSU term of office is no longer perfectly aligned to the academic year.) Given the punitive nature of this provision, we recommend it be made absolutely clear, either by writing "stand for election to a position they would take up in the academic year that the termination occurred" or "stand for election, where the election takes place in the academic year that the termination occurred".
- **Address issues of misnumbering, outdated references and internal contradiction.** The Electoral Regulations still contain references to Union House, which is now closed. The Electoral Tribunal ruled that these can be taken as references to Building 168. However, as long as the references remain unchanged, the potential for confusion remains.

Similarly, regulation 27.10 says "Polling Places named in R27.(b) R27(c). R27(d). R27(e) and R27(f) must be open for at least two days for an annual election."

However, it then says (c), "For an annual election, polling at the Polling Places named in 27.9 and 27.9e) many not be restricted to less than three days.

The Electoral Tribunal ruled that the reference to 27.9 was intended to be 27.9(d) and that therefore 27.9(b) could be open for just two days. Nevertheless, as long as matters like this remain there is potential for challenges. At both Burnley and Murrup Barak we were

advised, and found, that the spaces where the polling help desks were established would only have much use on the Tuesday of election week. Other days turned out to be superfluous. When polling is on paper, it may make sense to run these locations over two days, but when there is little demand for the help desks at the best of times, it is a waste of UMSU's money to have them operate on days when few students were even using the spaces.

## Recommendations relating to the C&S Committee Election

- C&S Regulation 2.1(b)(iii) only allows someone other than the President of a club to represent that club at Clubs Council if the President is representing another club, not if the President is unable to attend for other reasons. We believe this is not the intent of the regulation, and creates many practical problems and should be changed.
- C&S Regulation 2.1(b)(1) requires clubs to nominate a voting representative prior to the Clubs and Societies Council. Many clubs forget to do this, but a representative attends anyway. Under the current rules, if that is not the president, they are unable to vote. Unlike the other issues we highlight here, this one does have some merit. However, it also prevents a few clubs each year from being represented. Consequently, we recommend there be consideration of changing it.
- When casual vacancies arise over the summer break for people not elected on tickets it is effectively impossible to fill them until term starts again, since unsuccessful candidates must be given five Academic Days to reply as to whether they will take up the position if they are successful. For C&S in particular, where no one is elected on a ticket, this can leave the committee with multiple vacancies at a time when it badly needs to meet. Therefore, we recommend in 18.3(b) of the UMSU Election Regulations, change "Academic Days" to "Business Days", or provide an amendment specifically for Clubs and Societies Committee.
- C&S Regulation 2.1(b) says "Each Club Committee shall nominate a voting representative to attend council. The use of "shall", rather than "may" implies that it is compulsory. This has never been enforced, and probably was not intended to be. It's unlikely this will matter, but if the intention is not to force every club to send a delegate then the wording should be changed to "may".
- In the C&S Regulations, Section 4(e) of Appendix 2 only allows candidates to act as scrutineers. This is contrary to common practice, where candidates cannot act as scrutineers but can appoint others to scrutineer for them. In this case we would suggest the problem is usually too few scrutineers, rather than too many, and we recommend

allowing as much opportunity as possible – that is candidates can either attend as scrutineers, or appoint others in their stead.

- There are two activities that take place during Clubs Council: first, a meeting of a large body of people, and second, an election. These impose quite different needs on the room chosen for the meeting and its layout. Greater attention needs to be placed on the room requirements for the election. In particular, we recommend that future Councils be held in a room that has at least two tables for election activities (sign-in; ballot issue and ballot receipt), and enough space and flat, hard surfaces to allow voter to vote in private (ideally, space to erect privacy screens). This year we also had to leave the room immediately after the meeting closed for a following lecture, which meant sealing the ballot box had to be done in a hallway. We recommend the room be booked for an additional hour. In saying that, we acknowledge that finding such a room is challenging at the best of times, and is even more difficult during semester time.

## Declaration

I declare that the 2023 University of Melbourne Student Union annual elections were conducted and administered with impartiality by myself and the directors and staff of Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd

Stephen Luntz  
Returning Officer

## Acknowledgements

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Finally, thanks to the candidates, campaigners and voters for participating; particularly we wish the elected team best of luck in the coming year.

## Appendix: Provisional list of nominations (ballot order)

Below is a provisional list of nominations.

Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot. The draw for order was held at 2pm on Thursday 17th August.

Please draw any errors to our attention, and also check the spelling of your name.

### Officebearers

#### President

Disha Zutshi	Community for UMSU	
Patrick Irwin	Rebuild our UMSU	
Jiayuan Guo		
Reza Khosravi		

#### General Secretary

Nishant Sahoo		
Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Community for UMSU	

#### Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Aiden Augustine		Nomination rejected
Nishant Sahoo		
Julian De Marco	Stand Up!	
Lucy Rachman Vascotto	Stand Up!	
Stefan Gavrilov	Rebuild our UMSU	

#### Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Bella Beiraghi	Community for UMSU	
Raphael Duffy	Community for UMSU	
Gevindu Wickramanayake	Rebuild our UMSU	
Carlos Lagos Martin	Stand Up!	
Evelyn Thompson	Stand Up!	

#### Welfare Officer

Poulomi Sinha		
Aaron Do	Rebuild our UMSU	
Divyanshi Sati	Community for UMSU	
Joshua Stagg	Community for UMSU	

**Women's Officer**

Giulia Massimini	Rebuild our UMSU	
Lihexuan Yuan	Rebuild our UMSU	
Lee Hazel		
Akanksha Agarwal	Stand Up!	
Micaela Rynne	Stand Up!	

**Creative Arts Officer**

Jiajie Zheng	Community for UMSU	
Shravya Akkapeddi	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Activities Officer**

Kai Bowie	Rebuild our UMSU	
Amy Peters	Community for UMSU	
Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Community for UMSU	

**Queer Officer**

Binderiya Batzorig	Community for UMSU	
Ryan Mittal	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Environment Officer**

Jack Walton	Rebuild our UMSU	
Emma Dynes	Community for UMSU	
Jaan Schild	Community for UMSU	

**Media Officer**

Anugya Gupta	Gupta/Ramesh/Ribeiro group	
Hiranmayi Ramesh	Gupta/Ramesh/Ribeiro group	
Karen Aaromao Ribeiro	Gupta/Ramesh/Ribeiro group	
Gunjan Ahluwalia	Independent Media	
Jessica Fanwong	Independent Media	
Joel Duggan	Independent Media	
Kien-Ling Liem	Independent Media	
Sofia Cofano		Nomination rejected

**Clubs & Societies Officer**

Qingran Wang		
Juhi Gosai		Withdrawn
Azalea Rohaizam	Stand Up!	
Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	Stand Up!	
Aurora Carli	Rebuild our UMSU	Withdrawn
Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Rebuild our UMSU	Withdrawn

**Indigenous Officer**

Hamish Rose		
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*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Disabilities Officer**

Adam Whitehead	Community for UMSU	
Anishaa Jeyakumar	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**People of Colour Officer**

Denzil Minnaar	Community for UMSU	
Ying Kwan Jania Lam	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Students' Council****General representative (15 to elect)**

Alessandra Ward	Stand Up!	
Louis Martin	Stand Up!	
Rachael Hynds	Stand Up!	
Lorjel Sia	Stand Up!	
Catherine Baker	Stand Up!	
Zachary Matthews	Stand Up!	
Hannah Bayston	Stand Up!	
Alexander Menzies	Stand Up!	
Ruby Craven	Stand Up!	
Moira Negline	Stand Up!	
Hannah Krasovec	Stand Up!	
Renee Thierry	Stand Up!	

Alessandra Soliven	Stand Up!	
Felix Sharkey	Stand Up!	
Ngaire Bogemann	Stand Up!	
Qingran Wang		
Sofia Cofano		Nomination rejected
Lucy Kelly	Left Action	
Yash Sah	Left Action	
Penelope Scacciante	Left Action	
Labdhi Gandhi	Left Action	
Amaya Castro Williams	Left Action	
Lola Bowers	Left Action	
Lachlan Spencer	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Lucy Chen		
Harrishman Shobanan	Community for UMSU	
Inderpreet Singh	Community for UMSU	
Kunal Dewani	Community for UMSU	
Aidan Mansfield	Community for UMSU	
Vaibhav Girdhar	Community for UMSU	
Anndrya Chua	Community for UMSU	
Jenny Guan	Community for UMSU	
Upasna Goel	Community for UMSU	
Gia Han (Amy) Ly	Community for UMSU	
Navyaa Jain	Community for UMSU	
Tvisha Purswani	Community for UMSU	
Ishita Ganeriwala	Community for UMSU	
Hibatallah Adam	Community for UMSU	
Mohamed Hadi	Community for UMSU	
Gurjas Singh	Community for UMSU	
Leo zhou		
Juhi Gosai		Withdrawn
Leon Paratz	Rebuild our UMSU	
Stefan Gavrilov	Rebuild our UMSU	
Matthew Bannon	Rebuild our UMSU	
Natalie Sinicka	Rebuild our UMSU	

Thomas Bartels	Rebuild our UMSU	
Jordan Fuller	Rebuild our UMSU	
Haiyue (Linda) Ma	Rebuild our UMSU	
Giulia Massimini	Rebuild our UMSU	
Aaron Do	Rebuild our UMSU	
Leo Guo	Rebuild our UMSU	
Hayley Cheung	Independent Media	
Desmond Ng	Independent Media	
David Nawaratne	Independent Media	
Iyaad Cassim	Independent Media	
Amery Caleb Atinon	Independent Media	
Lachlan Gallagher		

**Graduate students' representative**

Nishant Sahoo		
Navam Niles		
Yashica Mishra	Community for UMSU	
Julien Macandili	Left Action	
Ensiyeh Javaherian Pour		

**Indigenous students' representative**

Oskar Martin	Left Action	
Rianna Hope Tilbrook	Rebuild our UMSU	

**International students' representative**

Hiranmayi Ramesh		
Akshay Gouri	Left Action	
Nishant Sahoo		
Arya Kushwaha	Community for UMSU	
Jiayuan Guo		
Nanyu Chen		
Poulomi Sinha		

**Queer students' representative**

Tianyi Yu	Community for UMSU	
Maxwell Rea	Left Action	

**Students of colour representative**

Wen Hao (Clement) Wu	Community for UMSU	
Bella Beiraghi	Left Action	
Jash Sohan Sant	Rebuild our UMSU	

**Students with disabilities representative**

Hannah Gannon	Left Action	
Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	Community for UMSU	

**Committees****Activities Committee (7 to elect)**

Louis Martin	Stand Up!	
Kunal Dewani	Community for UMSU	
Gurjas Singh	Community for UMSU	
Konol Ho	Community for UMSU	
Ruyi (Carla) Qiu	Community for UMSU	
Siao (Larrisa) Gu	Community for UMSU	
Han (Hannah) Zhang	Community for UMSU	
Juhi Gosai	Community for UMSU	
Lachlan Gallagher		

**Creative Arts Committee (7 to elect)**

Luping Chen		
Esther Luk		Withdrawn
Juhi Gosai		Withdrawn
Allen Xavier Jacob	Community for UMSU	
Krish Jain	Community for UMSU	
Sri Sai Bhavya Nikitha Reddi	Community for UMSU	
Zijun (Jojo) Zhou	Community for UMSU	
Aowei Wang	Community for UMSU	
Tanu Gupta	Community for UMSU	
Isha Dey	Community for UMSU	
Michael Campbell	Stand Up!	
Jessica Tran	Stand Up!	
Qinzhe (Elle) Chentang	Stand Up!	
Saraf Tasnim Tatinee	Stand Up!	

Eden McLean	Stand Up!	
Zhi Syuen Yee	Stand Up!	

**Disabilities Committee (7 to elect)**

Jaryd Clifford	Community for UMSU	
Eleanore Arnold-Moore	Community for UMSU	
Morgan Sheather	Community for UMSU	
Alyssa Johnson	Community for UMSU	
Matthew Denipitiya	Community for UMSU	
Della Johnston	Community for UMSU	
Vansh Batra	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Education Committee (7 to elect)**

Jiayuan Guo		
Aiden Augustine		Nomination rejected
Ruby Craven	Stand Up!	
Avjay Bhar	Stand Up!	
Thomas Leadbetter	Stand Up!	
Kerry Sun	Stand Up!	
Luca Finnigan Taylor Morice	Stand Up!	
Leo Tyler Brooks	Stand Up!	
Felix Sharkey	Stand Up!	
Wen Hao (Clement) Wu	Community for UMSU	
Frederick Wenas	Community for UMSU	
Anndrya Chua	Community for UMSU	
Huiting (Whitney) Chen	Community for UMSU	
Kristine Gia Hue Hong	Community for UMSU	
Divnoor Kaur Chhabra	Community for UMSU	
Radhika Bajaj	Community for UMSU	
Amaya Castro Williams	Left Action	
Labdhi Gandhi	Left Action	
Charlotte Doig	Left Action	
Remy Hannan	Left Action	
Penelope scacciante	Left Action	



**Environment Committee (7 to elect)**

Subrahmanya Satya Sriharsha Koparthi Bala	Community for Umsu	
Khaleel Lalji	Community for Umsu	
Huiting (Whitney) Chen	Community for Umsu	
Yisa Sa	Community for Umsu	
April Kelly	Community for Umsu	
Anusha Gossain	Community for Umsu	
Isaamul Karim Chowdhury	Community for Umsu	
Navam Niles		
Ada Pascoe	Left Action	
Lola Bowers	Left Action	
Remy Hannan	Left Action	
Will Roumeliotis	Left Action	
Sam Karabogias	Left Action	
Hugo Somboonsin	Stand Up!	

**Indigenous Committee (7 to elect)**

No nominations received.

**People of Colour Committee (7 to elect)**

Mohamed Hadi	Community for Umsu	Nomination rejected
Yiming Li	Community for Umsu	
James Xu	Community for Umsu	
Malaika Fernandes	Community for Umsu	
Nina Hong Nhung Luong	Community for Umsu	
Kaira Gadhok	Community for Umsu	
Kaylyn Thomson Phan	Community for Umsu	
Oluwafemi (Femi) Ogunoye	Community for Umsu	
Poulomi Sinha		

**Queer Committee (7 to elect)**

Rachael Hynds	Stand Up!	
Inderpreet Singh	Community for Umsu	
Viraj Patel	Community for Umsu	
Irene Lu	Community for Umsu	
Isabella Rotter	Community for Umsu	

Natasha Mulay	Community for UMSU	
Sum To Leslie Ho	Community for UMSU	
Hein Thu Han	Community for UMSU	

**Welfare Committee (7 to elect)**

Sarah Williams		
Udit Jain	Community for UMSU	
Daniel Kabir	Community for UMSU	
Joe Shuangjia	Community for UMSU	
Ally Tayler	Community for UMSU	
Filia Cahyadi	Community for UMSU	
Riya Gupta	Community for UMSU	
Tafriha Binte Huda	Community for UMSU	
Tess Lanham	Stand Up!	
Michael Campbell	Stand Up!	
Sagar Singh	Stand Up!	
Oliver Qubrosi	Stand Up!	

**Women's Committee (7 to elect)**

Nanyu Chen		
Rachael Hynds	Stand Up!	
Molly Britt	Stand Up!	
Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward	Stand Up!	
Catherine Tootell	Stand Up!	
Hannah Bayston	Stand Up!	
Alessandra Soliven	Stand Up!	
Ngaire Bogemann	Stand Up!	
Sofia Cofano		Nomination rejected
Kriti Rajbar	Community for UMSU	
Tvisha Verma	Community for UMSU	
Niya Chopra	Community for UMSU	
Clara Ang Li Yi	Community for UMSU	
Neetika Chavan	Community for UMSU	
Saloni Walia	Community for UMSU	
Akachukwu Marytheresa Onwuka	Community for UMSU	

## Southbank

### Southbank Students Campus Co-ordinator

Amy Rogers	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Ariel Teo	Southbank Students! For UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Southbank Activities Officer

Justine Light De Guzman	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
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*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Southbank Education Officer

Felicity Patrice Liston	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
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*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Southbank Students Committee (7 to elect)

Helen Shen	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Jack Doughty	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Lachlan Spencer	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Tirion Luff-White	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Zodie Bolic	Southbank Students! For UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Voting Students' Council representative elected by Southbank Students

Hugh Collins	Left Action	
Jack Doughty	Southbank Students! For UMSU	

## Burnley

### Burnley Campus Co-ordinator

No nominations received.

### Burnley Students Committee (7 to elect)

No nominations received.

## National Union of Students

### National Union of Students delegate (7 to elect)

Disha Zutshi	Community for UMSU	
Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Community for UMSU	
Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Community for UMSU	
Ishita Ganeriwala	Community for UMSU	
Tvisha Purswani	Community for UMSU	
Arya Kushwaha	Community for UMSU	
Joshua Stagg	Community for UMSU	
Nishant Sahoo		
Ngaire Bogemann	Stand Up!	
Lucy Rachman Vascotto	Stand Up!	
Molly Britt	Stand Up!	
Evelyn Thompson	Stand Up!	
Micaela Rynne	Stand Up!	
Alessandra Ward	Stand Up!	
Ruby Craven	Stand Up!	
Lachlan Spencer	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Jack Doughty	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Bella Beiraghi	Left Action	
Raphael Duffy	Left Action	
Jaan Schild	Left Action	
Penelope scacciante	Left Action	
Lucy Kelly	Left Action	
Kisara Perera	Rebuild our UMSU	
Leon Paratz	Rebuild our UMSU	

Patrick Irwin	Rebuild our UMSU	
Stefan Gavrilov	Rebuild our UMSU	

## 2023 Byelection

### Disabilities Officer (2023)

Adam Whitehead	Community for UMSU	
Alice Yukangran Zhao	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Indigenous Committee member (2023) (5 to elect)

No nominations received.

### Southbank Campus Committee member (2023) (3 to elect)

No nominations received.

### Burnley Campus Committee member (2023) (3 to elect)

No nominations received.

## Appendix: Provisional list of tickets registered

Name of ticket	Registrant
Independent Media	Joel Duggan
Stand Up!	Lucy Rachman Vascotto
Southbank Students! For UMSU	Jack Doughty
Community for UMSU	Disha Zutshi
Left Action	James Gallagher
Rebuild our UMSU	Conor Barnes

Stephen Luntz  
Returning Officer  
Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd  
[returningofficer@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:returningofficer@union.unimelb.edu.au)

8am, 4th September 2023



## Appendix: Full provisional declaration of results

Counting, and all verification checks, are now complete.

In accordance with Electoral Regulation 47.1, a candidate may request a recount within three academic days of the provisional declaration for their position. Such requests should be directed to the Returning Officer. In accordance with Electoral Regulation 47.2, a student may appeal against the result of the election within three academic days of the provisional declaration for a position (or of a recount for that position). Appeals should be written submissions directed at the Electoral Tribunal (and a copy sent to the Returning Officer).

The Returning Officer notes that this provisional declaration is on the basis of votes cast at the election, and that some complaints are still outstanding and may result in a referral to the Electoral Tribunal.

Note that the body of this provisional declaration provides only primary votes. Countsheets are attached as appendices.

### Positions provisionally declared 22 September

#### Students' Council – general representatives

<b><i>Candidate</i></b>	<b><i>Primary votes</i></b>
Harrishman Shobanan (Community for Umsu)	<b>1347</b>
Lucy Kelly (Left Action)	<b>777</b>
Alessandra Ward (Stand Up!)	<b>390</b>
Leon Paratz (Rebuild our Umsu)	<b>350</b>
Hayley Cheung (Independent Media)	141
Lachlan Spencer (Southbank Students! For Umsu)	72
Vaibhav Girdhar (Community for Umsu)	48
Lachlan Gallagher	40
Qingran Wang	34
Yash Sah (Left Action)	34
Gurjas Singh (Community for Umsu)	16
Matthew Bannon (Rebuild our Umsu)	16
Navyaa Jain (Community for Umsu)	16
Hannah Bayston (Stand Up!)	14

Inderpreet Singh (Community for UMSU)	14
Haiyue (Linda) Ma (Rebuild our UMSU)	13
Leo Zhou	12
Mohamed Hadi (Community for UMSU)	12
Jenny Guan (Community for UMSU)	10
Louis Martin (Stand Up!)	10
Aaron Do (Rebuild our UMSU)	9
David Nawaratne (Independent Media)	9
Ruby Craven (Stand Up!)	9
Upasna Goel (Community for UMSU)	9
Catherine Baker (Stand Up!)	8
Gia Han (Amy) Ly (Community for UMSU)	8
Giulia Massimini (Rebuild our UMSU)	8
Ngaire Bogemann (Stand Up!)	8
Renee Thierry (Stand Up!)	8
Alexander Menzies (Stand Up!)	7
Labdhi Gandhi (Left Action)	7
Lorjel Sia (Stand Up!)	7
Zachary Matthews (Stand Up!)	7
Amaya Castro Williams (Left Action)	6
Anndrya Chua (Community for UMSU)	6
Desmond Ng (Independent Media)	6
Rachael Hynds (Stand Up!)	6
Stefan Gavrilov (Rebuild our UMSU)	6
Alessandra Soliven (Stand Up!)	5
Leo Guo (Rebuild our UMSU)	5
Moira Negline (Stand Up!)	5
Natalie Sinicka (Rebuild our UMSU)	5
Aidan Mansfield (Community for UMSU)	4
Felix Sharkey (Stand Up!)	4
Hibatallah Adam (Community for UMSU)	4
Penelope Scacciante (Left Action)	4



Hannah Krasovec (Stand Up!)	3
Ishita Ganeriwala (Community for UMSU)	3
Jordan Fuller (Rebuild our UMSU)	3
Lola Bowers (Left Action)	3
Thomas Bartels (Rebuild our UMSU)	3
Amery Caleb Atinon (Independent Media)	2
Tvisha Purswani (Community for UMSU)	2
Iyaad Cassim (Independent Media)	1
Kunal Dewani (Community for UMSU)	1

The following are declared elected:

1. Harrishman Shobanan (Community for UMSU)
2. Lucy Kelly (Left Action)
3. Alessandra Ward (Stand Up!)
4. Leon Paratz (Rebuild our UMSU)
5. Inderpreet Singh (Community for UMSU)
6. Yash Sah (Left Action)
7. Kunal Dewani (Community for UMSU)
8. Penelope Scacciante (Left Action)
9. Aidan Mansfield (Community for UMSU)
10. Vaibhav Girdhar (Community for UMSU)
11. Anndrya Chua (Community for UMSU)
12. Hayley Cheung (Independent Media)
13. Rachael Hynds (Stand Up!)
14. Natalie Sinicka (Rebuild our UMSU)
15. Labdhi Gandhi (Left Action)

## Positions provisionally declared 13 September

### President

Disha Zutshi (Community for Umsu)	2291.000
Patrick Irwin (Rebuild our Umsu)	724.000
Jiayuan Guo	224.000
Reza Khosravi	103.000

Disha Zutshi is declared provisionally elected.

### General Secretary

Enzhe (Kevin) Li (Community for Umsu)	2530.000
Nishant Sahoo	536.000

Enzhe (Kevin) Li is declared provisionally elected.

### Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Count 1</b>	<b>Count 2</b>
Julian De Marco and Lucy Rachman Vascotto (Stand Up!)	1095.000	<b>1248.000</b>
Stefan Gavrilov (Rebuild our Umsu)	894.000	947.000
Nishant Sahoo	427.000	eliminated

Julian De Marco and Lucy Rachman Vascotto are declared provisionally elected.

### Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Bella Beiraghi and Raphael Duffy* (Community for Umsu)	<b>1815.000</b>
Gevindu Wickramanayake (Rebuild our Umsu)	674.000
Carlos Lagos Martin and Evelyn Thompson (Stand Up!)	590.000

Bella Beiraghi and Raphael Duffy are declared provisionally elected.

\* We expect to refer Raphael Duffy to the Electoral Tribunal to consider a complaint made during the election.

### Welfare Officer

Divyanshi Sati and Joshua Stagg (Community for Umsu)	<b>2033.000</b>
Aaron Do (Rebuild our Umsu)	757.000
Poulomi Sinha	282.000

Divyanshi Sati and Joshua Stagg are declared provisionally elected.

**Activities Officer**

Amy Peters and Mehul Gopalakrishnan (Community for UMSU)	<b>2223.000</b>
Kai Bowie (Rebuild our UMSU)	821.000

Amy Peters and Mehul Gopalakrishnan are declared provisionally elected.

**Clubs & Societies Officer**

Azalea Rohaizam and Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja (Stand Up!)	<b>1373.000</b>
Qingran Wang	784.000

Azalea Rohaizam and Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja are declared provisionally elected.

**Environment Officer**

Emma Dynes and Jaan Schild (Community for UMSU)	<b>2102.000</b>
Jack Walton (Rebuild our UMSU)	872.000

Emma Dynes and Jaan Schild are declared provisionally elected.

**Media Officers**

Gunjan Ahluwalia, Jessica Fanwong, Joel Duggan and Kien-Ling Liem (Independent Media)	<b>1365.000</b>
Anugya Gupta, Hiranmayi Ramesh and Karen Aaromao Ribeiro (Gupta/Ramesh/Ribeiro)	719.000

Gunjan Ahluwalia, Jessica Fanwong, Joel Duggan and Kien-Ling Liem are declared provisionally elected.

**Women's Officer**

Akanksha Agarwal and Micaela Rynne (Stand Up!)	<b>550.000</b>
Giulia Massimini and Lihexuan Yuan (Rebuild our UMSU)	327.000
Lee Hazel	170.000

Akanksha Agarwal and Micaela Rynne are declared provisionally elected.

**Students' Council – Students of Colour Representative**

Wen Hao (Clement) Wu (Community for UMSU)	<b>739.000</b>
Bella Beiraghi (Left Action)	120.000
Jash Sohan Sant (Rebuild our UMSU)	106.000

Wen Hao (Clement) Wu is declared provisionally elected.

**Students' Council – Queer Students' Representative**

Tianyi Yu (Community for UMSU)	<b>547.000</b>
Maxwell Rea (Left Action)	218.000

Tianyi Yu is declared provisionally elected.

**Students' Council – Indigenous Students' Representative**

Oskar Martin (Left Action)	<b>11.000</b>
Rianna Hope Tilbrook (Rebuild our UMSU)	5.000

Oskar Martin is declared provisionally elected.

**Students' Council – Students with Disabilities Representative**

Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav (Community for UMSU)	<b>388.000</b>
Hannah Gannon (Left Action)	101.000

Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav is declared provisionally elected.

**Students' Council – International Students' Representative**

Arya Kushwaha (Community for UMSU)	<b>937.000</b>
Jiayuan Guo	159.000
Akshay Gouri (Left Action)	103.000
Hiranmayi Ramesh	110.000
Nanyu Chen	53.000
Nishant Sahoo	36.000
Poulomi Sinha	24.000

Arya Kushwaha is declared provisionally elected.

**Students' Council – Graduate Students' Representative**

Yashica Mishra (Community for UMSU)	<b>668.000</b>
Julien Macandili (Left Action)	220.000
Nishant Sahoo	136.000
Navam Niles	56.000
Ensiyeh Javaherian Pour	35.000

Yashica Mishra is declared provisionally elected.

**Students' Council – Southbank Representative**

Hugh Collins (Left Action)	<b>45.000</b>
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Jack Doughty (Southbank Students! For UMSU)	41.000
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Hugh Collins is declared provisionally elected.

### Education Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Wen Hao (Clement) Wu (Community for UMSU)	<b>1608.000</b>
Ruby Craven (Stand Up!)	<b>519.000</b>
Amaya Castro Williams (Left Action)	<b>458.000</b>
Huiting (Whitney) Chen (Community for UMSU)	145.000
Jiayuan Guo	143.000
Kerry Sun (Stand Up!)	37.000
Avjay Bhar (Stand Up!)	33.000
Thomas Leadbetter (Stand Up!)	32.000
Felix Sharkey (Stand Up!)	14.000
Radhika Bajaj (Community for UMSU)	13.000
Luca Finnigan Taylor Morice (Stand Up!)	12.000
Anndrya Chua (Community for UMSU)	11.000
Divnoor Kaur Chhabra (Community for UMSU)	10.000
Penelope Scacciante (Left Action)	7.000
Frederick Wenas (Community for UMSU)	5.000
Kristine Gia Hue Hong (Community for UMSU)	5.000
Labdhi Gandhi (Left Action)	5.000
Remy Hannan (Left Action)	4.000
Leo Tyler Brooks (Stand Up!)	3.000
Charlotte Doig (Left Action)	2.000

The following are declared elected:

1. Wen Hao (Clement) Wu (Community for UMSU)
2. Ruby Craven (Stand Up!)
3. Amaya Castro Williams (Left Action)
4. Frederick Wenas (Community for UMSU)
5. Anndrya Chua (Community for UMSU)

6. Huiting (Whitney) Chen (Community for UMSU)
7. Kristine Gia Hue Hong (Community for UMSU)

### Welfare Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Udit Jain (Community for UMSU)	<b>1897.000</b>
Tess Lanham (Stand Up!)	<b>498.000</b>
Sarah Williams	202.000
Joe Shuangjia (Community for UMSU)	38.000
Ally Tayler (Community for UMSU)	37.000
Riya Gupta (Community for UMSU)	35.000
Michael Campbell (Stand Up!)	19.000
Filia Cahyadi (Community for UMSU)	18.000
Daniel Kabir (Community for UMSU)	15.000
Tafriha Binte Huda (Community for UMSU)	11.000
Oliver Qubrosi (Stand Up!)	9.000
Sagar Singh (Stand Up!)	5.000

The following are declared elected:

1. Udit Jain (Community for UMSU)
2. Tess Lanham (Stand Up!)
3. Daniel Kabir (Community for UMSU)
4. Joe Shuangjia (Community for UMSU)
5. Ally Tayler (Community for UMSU)
6. Filia Cahyadi (Community for UMSU)
7. Riya Gupta (Community for UMSU)

### Women's Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Kriti Rajbar (Community for UMSU)	<b>755.000</b>
Rachael Hynds (Stand Up!)	<b>310.000</b>
Nanyu Chen	42.000

Clara Ang Li Yi (Community for UMSU)	29.000
Hannah Bayston (Stand Up!)	16.000
Tvisha Verma (Community for UMSU)	13.000
Ngaire Bogemann (Stand Up!)	13.000
Molly Britt (Stand Up!)	9.000
Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward (Stand Up!)	9.000
Catherine Tootell (Stand Up!)	9.000
Niya Chopra (Community for UMSU)	8.000
Alessandra Soliven (Stand Up!)	8.000
Akachukwu Marytheresa Onwuka (Community for UMSU)	6.000
Neetika Chavan (Community for UMSU)	5.000
Saloni Walia (Community for UMSU)	2.000

The following are declared elected:

1. Kriti Rajbar (Community for UMSU)
2. Rachael Hynds (Stand Up!)
3. Tvisha Verma (Community for UMSU)
4. Molly Britt (Stand Up!)
5. Niya Chopra (Community for UMSU)
6. Clara Ang Li Yi (Community for UMSU)
7. Neetika Chavan (Community for UMSU)

#### Activities Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Kunal Dewani (Community for UMSU)	<b>1794.000</b>
Louis Martin (Stand Up!)	<b>557.000</b>
Lachlan Gallagher	228.000
Ruyi (Carla) Qiu (Community for UMSU)	36.000
Gurjas Singh (Community for UMSU)	33.000
Konol Ho (Community for UMSU)	33.000
Han (Hannah) Zhang (Community for UMSU)	27.000
Juhi Gosai (Community for UMSU)	20.000

Siao (Larrisa) Gu (Community for Umsu)	15.000
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The following are declared elected:

1. Kunal Dewani (Community for Umsu)
2. Louis Martin (Stand Up!)
3. Gurjas Singh (Community for Umsu)
  - o (affirmative action applies for elections past this point)
4. Ruyi (Carla) Qiu (Community for Umsu)
5. Siao (Larrisa) Gu (Community for Umsu)
6. Han (Hannah) Zhang (Community for Umsu)
7. Juhi Gosai (Community for Umsu)

#### Environment Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Subrahmanya Satya Sriharsha Kopartha Bala (Community for Umsu)	<b>1610.000</b>
Ada Pascoe (Left Action)	<b>555.000</b>
Hugo Somboonsin (Stand Up!)	314.000
Navam Niles	143.000
Huiting (Whitney) Chen (Community for Umsu)	133.000
April Kelly (Community for Umsu)	39.000
Khaleel Lalji (Community for Umsu)	32.000
Anusha Gossain (Community for Umsu)	26.000
Yisa Sa (Community for Umsu)	23.000
Lola Bowers (Left Action)	9.000
Sam Karabogias (Left Action)	9.000
Remy Hannan (Left Action)	7.000
Isaamul Karim Chowdhury (Community for Umsu)	5.000
Will Roumeliotis (Left Action)	2.000

The following are declared elected:

1. Subrahmanya Satya Sriharsha Kopartha Bala (Community for Umsu)
2. Ada Pascoe (Left Action)



3. Khaleel Lalji (Community for UMSU)
4. Huiting (Whitney) Chen (Community for UMSU)
5. Yisa Sa (Community for UMSU)
6. Hugo Somboonsin (Stand Up!)
7. April Kelly (Community for UMSU)

### People of Colour Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Yiming Li (Community for UMSU)	<b>808.000</b>
Poulomi Sinha	88.000
Oluwafemi (Femi) Ogunoye (Community for UMSU)	39.000
Nina Hong Nhung Luong (Community for UMSU)	23.000
Malaika Fernandes (Community for UMSU)	14.000
James Xu (Community for UMSU)	13.000
Kaira Gadhok (Community for UMSU)	4.000
Kaylyn Thomson Phan (Community for UMSU)	4.000

The following are declared elected:

1. Yiming Li (Community for UMSU)
2. James Xu (Community for UMSU)
3. Malaika Fernandes (Community for UMSU)
4. Nina Hong Nhung Luong (Community for UMSU)
5. Kaira Gadhok (Community for UMSU)
6. Kaylyn Thomson Phan (Community for UMSU)
7. Oluwafemi (Femi) Ogunoye (Community for UMSU)

### Creative Arts Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Allen Xavier Jacob (Community for UMSU)	1741.000
Michael Campbell (Stand Up!)	521.000
Luping Chen	178.000
Zijun (Jojo) Zhou (Community for UMSU)	60.000

Saraf Tasnim Tatinee (Stand Up!)	32.000
Isha Dey (Community for UMSU)	32.000
Krish Jain (Community for UMSU)	22.000
Eden McLean (Stand Up!)	19.000
Jessica Tran (Stand Up!)	17.000
Aowei Wang (Community for UMSU)	14.000
Sri Sai Bhavya Nikitha Reddi (Community for UMSU)	10.000
Tanu Gupta (Community for UMSU)	10.000
Zhi Syuen Yee (Stand Up!)	10.000
Qinzhe (Elle) Chentang (Stand Up!)	8.000

The following are declared elected:

1. Allen Xavier Jacob (Community for UMSU)
2. Michael Campbell (Stand Up!)
3. Krish Jain (Community for UMSU)
4. Sri Sai Bhavya Nikitha Reddi (Community for UMSU)
5. Zijun (Jojo) Zhou (Community for UMSU)
6. Aowei Wang (Community for UMSU)
7. Jessica Tran (Stand Up!)

#### Queer Committee

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Inderpreet Singh (Community for UMSU)	489.000
Rachael Hynds (Stand Up!)	209.000
Hein Thu Han (Community for UMSU)	24.000
Viraj Patel (Community for UMSU)	17.000
Irene Lu (Community for UMSU)	13.000
Sum To Leslie Ho (Community for UMSU)	10.000
Natasha Mulay (Community for UMSU)	7.000
Isabella Rotter (Community for UMSU)	6.000

The following are declared elected:

1. Inderpreet Singh (Community for UMSU)

2. Rachael Hynds (Stand Up!)
3. Viraj Patel (Community for UMSU)
4. Irene Lu (Community for UMSU)
5. Isabella Rotter (Community for UMSU)
6. Natasha Mulay (Community for UMSU)
7. Sum To Leslie Ho (Community for UMSU)

### National Union of Students Delegates

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Primary votes</b>
Disha Zutshi (Community for UMSU)	<b>1523.000</b>
Bella Beiraghi (Left Action)	<b>718.000</b>
Kisara Perera (Rebuild our UMSU)	346.000
Ngaire Bogemann (Stand Up!)	321.000
Lachlan Spencer (Southbank Students! For UMSU)	64.000
Nishant Sahoo	59.000
Enzhe (Kevin) Li (Community for UMSU)	49.000
Patrick Irwin (Rebuild our UMSU)	32.000
Ishita Ganeriwala (Community for UMSU)	31.000
Lucy Rachman Vascotto (Stand Up!)	21.000
Joshua Stagg (Community for UMSU)	11.000
Mehul Gopalakrishnan (Community for UMSU)	10.000
Ruby Craven (Stand Up!)	10.000
Molly Britt (Stand Up!)	10.000
Jack Doughty (Southbank Students! For UMSU)	10.000
Tvisha Purswani (Community for UMSU)	9.000
Lucy Kelly (Left Action)	9.000
Raphael Duffy (Left Action)	8.000
Stefan Gavrilov (Rebuild our UMSU)	8.000
Arya Kushwaha (Community for UMSU)	6.000
Evelyn Thompson (Stand Up!)	6.000
Micaela Rynne (Stand Up!)	6.000

Leon Paratz (Rebuild our UMSU)	6.000
Penelope Scacciante (Left Action)	3.000
Alessandra Ward (Stand Up!)	3.000
Jaan Schild (Left Action)	1.000

I declare the following elected:

1. Disha Zutshi (Community for UMSU)
2. Bella Beiraghi (Left Action)
3. Enzhe (Kevin) Li (Community for UMSU)
4. Mehul Gopalakrishnan (Community for UMSU)
5. Kisara Perera (Rebuild our UMSU)
6. Ngaire Bogemann (Stand Up!)
7. Ishita Ganeriwala (Community for UMSU)

## Positions provisionally declared with list of nominations

### Creative Arts Officer

Jiajie Zheng	Community for UMSU	
Shravya Akkapeddi	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Queer Officer

Binderiya Batzorig	Community for UMSU	
Ryan Mittal	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Indigenous Officer

Hamish Rose		
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*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

### Disabilities Officer

Adam Whitehead	Community for UMSU	
Anishaa Jeyakumar	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**People of Colour Officer**

Denzil Minnaar	Community for UMSU	
Ying Kwan Jania Lam	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Disabilities Committee (7 to elect)**

Jaryd Clifford	Community for UMSU	
Eleanore Arnold-Moore	Community for UMSU	
Morgan Sheather	Community for UMSU	
Alyssa Johnson	Community for UMSU	
Matthew Denipitiya	Community for UMSU	
Della Johnston	Community for UMSU	
Vansh Batra	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Southbank Students Campus Co-ordinator**

Amy Rogers	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Ariel Teo	Southbank Students! For UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Southbank Activities Officer**

Justine Light De Guzman	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
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*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Southbank Education Officer**

Felicity Patrice Liston	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
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*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

**Southbank Students Committee (7 to elect)**

Helen Shen	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Jack Doughty	Southbank Students! For UMSU	

Lachlan Spencer	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Tirion Luff-White	Southbank Students! For UMSU	
Zodie Bolic	Southbank Students! For UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

#### **Disabilities Officer (2023 byelection)**

Adam Whitehead	Community for UMSU	
Alice Yukangran Zhao	Community for UMSU	

*Provisionally elected unopposed.*

Stephen Luntz  
Returning Officer  
Above Quota Elections  
22nd September 2023



## Appendix: Rulings

This year there were two formal written rulings by the Returning Officer, both of which are reproduced below.

The Standing Rulings reproduce from certain rulings from previous years that are still relevant. Ruling (1) related to a number of smaller conduct issues, and mainly served to provide absolute clarity around the Returning Officer's approach to certain types of prohibited conduct.

### Standing rulings from previous years

We regard the following as standing rulings, although some have been updated slightly from their original form for clarity and to reflect changes to the Regulations.

#### Posters on bollards – ruling (3) of 2008

1. Tickets have previously been advised to share poster space on bollards and not to cover the posters of other tickets when there was free space available, nor to blanket bollards with their own posters leaving little or no free space.
2. Unfortunately this advice has not been consistently followed, leading to unnecessary waste of resources and tension between campaigners. This is of particular concern given the evident policy concern of the Regulations to conserve paper.
3. Therefore, effective immediately and for the remainder of the campaign, a limit of six A3-size posters (or 12 A4-size) per ticket (or independent candidate) on any one bollard at any time is hereby imposed, by virtue of the Returning Officer's power under Reg. 26.6 to control space allocation.
4. Campaigners are also reminded that pulling down posters belonging to another ticket is prohibited conduct under Reg. 44.5(l), regardless of whether or not they are within the scope of this Ruling, and that the proper remedy for any alleged breach of this or any other Ruling or Regulation is to make a report to the Returning Officer.

#### Photos and logos – ruling (3) of 2011

Identifying photos of candidates or other students may only be used in election material if they have already been placed in the public domain by the student concerned or if the written consent of the student has been obtained. This consent must be provided to the Returning Officer on request.

Logos or endorsements from another group or organisation (including Umsu-affiliated clubs) may not be used without the written consent of that organisation. This consent must be provided to the Returning Officer on request.

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4 September 2023

## **Ruling (1) of the Returning Officer**

This ruling relates to matters of authorised election material, prohibited conduct and related matters.

### ***Shorter matters***

1. Electoral Regulation 26.3(b) prohibits material reproduced on paper larger than A3. For the avoidance of doubt, the Returning Officer regards material produced on multiple A3 (or smaller) sheets that are combined to form a single item larger than A3 as being prohibited by this regulation, in order for it to have effect. If the Returning Officer is wrong, then such material is banned pursuant to Regulation 26.6 as of 7am Tuesday.
2. Poster paste/wheatpaste is banned except on bollards specifically set aside for postering. This ban extends to any other method of adhesion that damages the surface where the poster is placed (Regulation 44.5[s]). Damage to surfaces will be treated as a significant aggravating factor in dealing with cases where posters are placed in prohibited locations.
3. Electoral Regulation 44.5(n) bans interference with another candidate's publicity. Once a voter has a leaflet in their hand, it's theirs, and you can't take it from them (even if they offer it to you). As a general rule, we strongly discourage candidates touching other candidates' pamphlets.

### ***Campaigning and phones***

4. A difficulty in an online election where students can vote using their devices is the ease with which a campaigner can, intentionally or inadvertently, violate the secrecy of a vote. A related concern is that a voter voting in the presence of a candidate can and often does have a coercive effect: if a student feels the easiest, or only, way out of an interaction with a campaigner is to vote for them, then that vote is not fairly got. This is true even if a campaigner doesn't intend to create a coercive environment. All candidates and tickets



are reminded of Regulation 44.5(h), relating to violating the secrecy of the ballot and Regulation 44.5(q), relating to undue influence..

5. For the avoidance of doubt, the following are prohibited by the Regulations:
  1. Taking, with or without permission, the phone of a student to assist them in voting.
  2. Viewing the screen of a voter in the act of casting a vote, including viewing the email from the Returning Officer containing their voting link.
  3. Being in the vicinity of a voter when voting (including retrieving the voting link and accessing the BigPulse site), or when a campaigner has reason to believe the voter is voting. This is true even if the campaigner cannot see the voter's screen, because of the perception of undue influence, and because no effective control is in place to ensure ballot secrecy.
6. We are concerned particularly with the last point above: many campaigners received bans on Monday because our staff observed them chatting to voters who were clearly in the process of voting.
7. By analogy to a paper ballot: you can walk the voter to the line (i.e. tell them how you'd like them to vote and what steps to take) but once they cross the line (i.e. open their phone to begin voting), you have to step back and disengage. Campaigners cannot be in the vicinity of voters who are voting, and if a student (having been told how to vote) takes out their phone, campaigners should draw the inference that they are beginning their vote.
8. We appreciate this makes campaigning more difficult: you can't win a vote there and then, you have to trust that you have been convincing enough the student will subsequently vote for you. However our view is that it is the only way we can comply with the Regulations, and we regard a voter's right to vote privately as outweighing the other considerations.
9. All candidates are reminded that there are Polling Help Points available throughout the week to assist voters who have difficulty operating the system.

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4 September 2023



## Appendix: Provisional declaration of results (Clubs & Societies Committee)

The following candidates have been provisionally elected:

1. Alessandro Negline
2. Zhuo Zhao
3. Patrick Irwin
4. Ezra Liu
5. Leon Paratz
6. Clarita Youkana\*
7. Esther Luk\*

\*Affirmative action applied

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10 October 2023



## **Appendix: Countsheets**



**Poll Result**

**University of Melbourne Student Union Election 2023**

Report date: Wednesday 20 September 2023 17:16 AEST

Campus: All  
 Citizenship: All  
 Indigenous: All  
 Study Type: All

**General office bearers**

**President**

Poll ID: 181300  
 As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
 Number of voters: 3342 - Group size: 61330 - Percentage voted: 5.45  
 Number of blank votes: 273

Vote counting method: V3 STV IWeight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1671.001 - Random seed: 181300

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	Count3	Count4
1	16195914	Elected in count1	Disha Zutshi (Community for UMSU)	2291.000 2291.000 2291	1671.001 -	1671.001 -	1671.001 -
2	16195915	Excluded in count4 (E1)	Patrick Irwin (Rebuild our UMSU)	724.000 724.000 724	819.040 95.040 352	847.170 28.130 42	1022.500 175.330 306
3	16195916	Excluded in count3 (E1)	Jiayuan Guo	224.000 224.000 224	268.820 44.820 166	330.400 61.580 101	0.000 -
4	16195917	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Reza Khosravi	103.000 103.000 103	124.330 21.330 79	0.000 -	0.000 -
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195914	16195917	16195916
		Quota		1671.001	835.500	606.096	588.786
		Loss by fraction		0.000	1.429	1.429	1.429
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	457.380	492.000	647.070
		Off the table					
		Checksum		3342.000	3342.000	3342.000	3342.000

**General Secretary**

Poll ID: 181301  
 As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
 Number of voters: 3066 · Group size: 61330 · Percentage voted: 5.00  
 Number of blank votes: 549

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses. Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1533.001 · Random seed: 181301  
 Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2
1	16195686	Elected in count1	Enzhe (Kevin) Li (Community for UMSU)	2530.000 2530.000 2530	1533.001 - -
2	16195685	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Nishant Sahoo	536.000 536.000 536	787.766 251.766 639
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195686
		Quota			1533.001 766.500
		Loss by fraction			0.000 0.179
		Exhausted ballot value			0.000 745.054
		Off the table			
		Checksum			3066.000 3066.000

**Education (Academic Affairs) Officer**

Poll ID: 181302

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 2416 · Group size: 61330 · Percentage voted: 3.94

Number of blank votes: 1199

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1208.001 · Random seed: 181302

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	Count3
1	16195688	Elected in count2	Julian De Marco and Lucy Rachman Vascotto (Stand Up!)	1095.000 1095.000 1095	<b>1248.000</b> 153.000 153	1208.001 - -
2	16195689	Excluded in count3 (E1)	Stefan Gavrilov (Rebuild our UMSU)	894.000 894.000 894	947.000 53.000 53	<b>965.944</b> 18.944 592
3	16195687	Excluded in count1 (E1)	Nishant Sahoo	<b>427.000</b> 427.000 427	0.000 - -	0.000 - -
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195687	16195688
		Quota		1208.001	1208.001	493.500
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.000	0.063
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	221.000	241.992
		Off the table				
		Checksum		2416.000	2416.000	2416.000

**Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

Poll ID: 181475

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 3079 - Group size: 61330 - Percentage voted: 5.02

Number of blank votes: 536

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1539.501 - Random seed: 181475

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	Count3
1	16197076	Elected in count1	Bella Beiraghi and Raphael Duffy (Community for UMSU)	1815.000 1815.000 1815	1539.501 - -	1539.501 - -
2	16197077	Excluded in count3 (E1)	Gevindu Wickramanayake (Rebuild our UMSU)	674.000 674.000 674	718.696 44.696 296	1009.349 290.653 463
3	16197078	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Carlos Lagos Martin and Evelyn Thompson (Stand Up!)	590.000 590.000 590	631.374 41.374 274	0.000 - -
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16197076	16197078
		Quota		1539.501	769.750	675.035
		Loss by fraction		0.000	1.434	1.434
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	187.995	528.716
		Off the table				
		Checksum		3079.000	3079.000	3079.000

**Welfare Officer**

Poll ID: 181304

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 3072 - Group size: 61330 - Percentage voted: 5.01

Number of blank votes: 543

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1536.001 - Random seed: 181304

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	Count3
1	16195692	Elected in count1	Divyanshi Sati and Joshua Stagg (Community for UMSU)	2033.000 2033.000 2033	1536.001 - -	1536.001 - -
2	16195691	Excluded in count3 (E1)	Aaron Do (Rebuild our UMSU)	757.000 757.000 757	824.100 67.100 275	1061.900 237.800 389
3	16195690	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Poulomi Sinha	282.000 282.000 282	339.828 57.828 237	0.000 - -
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195692	16195690
		Quota		1536.001	768.000	581.964
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.947	0.947
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	371.124	473.152
		Off the table				
		Checksum		3072.000	3072.000	3072.000



**Activities Officer**

Poll ID: 181306

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 3044 - Group size: 61330 - Percentage voted: 4.96

Number of blank votes: 571

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1522.001 - Random seed: 181306

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2
1	16195697	Elected in count1	Amy Peters and Mehul Gopalakrishnan (Community for UMSU)	2223.000 2223.000 2223	1522.001 - -
2	16195696	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Kai Bowie (Rebuild our UMSU)	821.000 821.000 821	1003.385 182.385 579
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195697
		Quota		1522.001	761.000
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.754
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	517.860
		Off the table			
		Checksum		3044.000	3044.000

**Clubs & Societies Officer**

Poll ID: 181309

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 2157 · Group size: 61330 · Percentage voted: 3.52

Number of blank votes: 1458

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1078.501 · Random seed: 181309

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	
1	16195703	Elected in count1	Azalea Rohaizam and Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja (Stand Up!)	1373.000 1373.000 1373	1078.501 - -	
2	16195702	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Qingran Wang	784.000 784.000 784	906.622 122.622 573	
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195703	
		Quota			1078.501	539.250
		Loss by fraction			0.000	0.677
		Exhausted ballot value			0.000	171.200
		Off the table				
		Checksum			2157.000	2157.000

**Environment Officer**

Poll ID: 181307

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 2974 - Group size: 61330 - Percentage voted: 4.85

Number of blank votes: 641

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1487.001 - Random seed: 181307

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2
1	16195699	Elected in count1	Emma Dynes and Jaan Schild (Community for UMSU)	2102.000 2102.000 2102	1487.001 - -
2	16195698	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Jack Walton (Rebuild our UMSU)	872.000 872.000 872	1037.272 165.272 566
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195699
		Quota			1487.001 743.500
		Loss by fraction			0.000 1.215
		Exhausted ballot value			0.000 448.512
		Off the table			
		Checksum			2974.000 2974.000

**Media Officers**

Poll ID: 181308  
As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
Number of voters: 2084 - Group size: 61330 - Percentage voted: 3.40  
Number of blank votes: 1531

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses. Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 1042.001 - Random seed: 181308

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2
1	16195701	Elected in count1	Gunjan Ahluwalia, Jessica Fanwong, Joel Duggan and Kien-Ling Liem (Independent Media)	1365.000 1365.000 1365	1042.001 - -
2	16195700	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Anugya Gupta, Hiranmayi Ramesh and Karen Aaromao Ribeiro (Gupta/Ramesh/Ribeiro)	719.000 719.000 719	865.084 146.084 619
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195701
		Quota		1042.001	521.000
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.859
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	176.056
		Off the table			
		Checksum		2084.000	2084.000





**Women**

**Women's Officer**

Poll ID: 181305  
 As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
 Number of voters: 1047 - Group size: 2830 - Percentage voted: 37.00

Number of blank votes: 183

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses. Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 523.501 - Random seed: 181305

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Electd and Excludd	Candidate	Count1	Count2	Count3
1	16195695	Electd in count1	Akanksha Agarwal and Micaela Rynne (Stand Up!)	550.000 550.000 550	523.501 -	523.501 -
2	16195693	Excludd in count3 (E1)	Giulia Massimini and Lihexuan Yuan (Rebuild our UMSU)	327.000 327.000 327	333.528 6.528 136	415.080 81.552 152
3	16195694	Excludd in count2 (E1)	Lee Hazel	170.000 170.000 170	174.368 4.368 91	0.000 - -
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195695	16195694
		Quota		523.501	261.750	253.948
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.099	0.099
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	15.504	108.320
		Off the table				
		Checksum		1047.000	1047.000	1047.000











**Students' Council - Students of Colour Representative**

Poll ID: 181476

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 965 · Group size: 1968 · Percentage voted: 49.03

Number of blank votes: 42

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 482.501 · Random seed: 181476

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	Count3
1	16197079	Elected in count1	Wen Hao (Clement) Wu (Community for UMSU)	739.000 739.000 739	482.501 - -	482.501 - -
2	16197080	Excluded in count3 (E1)	Bella Beiraghi (Left Action)	120.000 120.000 120	151.230 31.230 90	216.621 65.391 100
3	16197081	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Jash Sohan Sant (Rebuild our UMSU)	106.000 106.000 106	130.637 24.637 71	0.000 - -
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16197079	16197081
		Quota		482.501	241.250	140.934
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.066	0.066
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	200.566	265.812
		Off the table				
		Checksum		965.000	965.000	965.000





**Students' Council - Queer Students' Representative**

Poll ID: 181314  
 As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
 Number of voters: 765 · Group size: 1482 · Percentage voted: 51.62  
 Number of blank votes: 27  
 Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses. Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.  
 Initial quota: 382.501 · Random seed: 181314

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	
1	16195718	Elected in count1	Tianyi Yu (Community for UMSU)	547.000 547.000 547	382.501 - -	
2	16195719	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Maxwell Rea (Left Action)	218.000 218.000 218	259.700 41.700 139	
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195718	
		Quota			382.501	191.250
		Loss by fraction			0.000	0.399
		Exhausted ballot value			0.000	122.400
		Off the table				
		Checksum			765.000	765.000

**Students' Council Indigenous Students' Representative**

**Students' Council - Indigenous Students' Representative**

Poll ID: 181313

As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST

Number of voters: 16 · Group size: 440 · Percentage voted: 3.64

Vote counting method: V3 STV IWeight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 8.001 · Random seed: 181313

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2
1	16195709	Elected in count1	Oskar Martin (Left Action)	11.000 11.000 11	8.001 - -
2	16195710	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Rianna Hope Tilbrook (Rebuild our UMSU)	5.000 5.000 5	5.544 0.544 2
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195709
		Quota		8.001	4.000
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.007
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	2.448
		Off the table			
		Checksum		16.000	16.000



**Students' Council - Students with Disabilities Representative**

**Students' Council - Students with Disabilities Representative**

Poll ID: 181315  
 As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
 Number of voters: 489 · Group size: 884 · Percentage voted: 55.32

Number of blank votes: 18

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses. Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 244.501 · Random seed: 181315

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2
1	16195721	Elected in count1	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav (Community for UMSU)	388.000 388.000 388	244.501 -
2	16195720	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Hannah Gannon (Left Action)	101.000 101.000 101	121.295 20.295 55
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195721
		Quota		244.501	122.250
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.327
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	122.877
		Off the table			
		Checksum		489.000	489.000



Students' Council - Graduate Students' Representative

Students' Council - Graduate Students' Representative

Poll ID: 181311  
 As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
 Number of voters: 1115 · Group size: 33171 · Percentage voted: 3.36

Number of blank votes: 115

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses.

Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 557.501 · Random seed: 181311

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2	Count3	Count4	Count5
1	16195706	Elected in count1	Yashica Mishra (Community for UMSU)	668.000 668.000 668	557.501 -	557.501 -	557.501 -	557.501 -
2	16195707	Excluded in count5 (E1)	Julien Macandilli (Left Action)	220.000 220.000 220	229.405 9.405 57	235.900 6.495 9	253.395 17.495 20	368.315 114.920 155
3	16195704	Excluded in count4 (E1)	Nishant Sahoo	136.000 136.000 136	141.115 5.115 31	148.445 7.330 9	189.220 40.775 70	0.000 - -
4	16195705	Excluded in count3 (E1)	Navam Niles	56.000 56.000 56	62.270 6.270 38	73.765 11.495 14	0.000 - -	0.000 - -
5	16195708	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Ensiyeh Javaherian Pour	35.000 35.000 35	36.485 1.485 9	0.000 - -	0.000 - -	0.000 - -
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195706	16195708	16195705	16195704
		Quota		557.501	278.750	234.638	229.056	221.308
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.279	0.279	0.279	0.279
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	87.945	99.110	114.605	188.905
		Off the table						
		Checksum		1115.000	1115.000	1115.000	1115.000	1115.000

**Students' Council - Southbank Representative**

**Students' Council - Southbank Representative**

Poll ID: 181324  
 As at Poll close: Friday 08 September 2023 17:00 AEST  
 Number of voters: 86 - Group size: 2014 - Percentage voted: 4.27

Number of blank votes: 2

Vote counting method: V3 STV (Weight: 1000 3B Round down weighted quota and add 1. 4A Elected must reach quota. 5A Recalculate the quota after each count using the total value of remaining votes and remaining vacancies. 6C After each distribution elect any candidates that reached quota and exclude a candidate only after all surpluses are distributed. 8A The passing on of all of one candidate's surpluses. Transfer value: 9A Transfer value of each vote = received value \* (surplus / total vote weight). Tie breaker: 10A Look-back on weighted votes. 10C Random selection. 10D Placard default sort order.

Initial quota: 43.001 - Random seed: 181324

Winners ranked by order of victory. Showing accumulated votes in each count after distribution of preferences.

Rank	Candidate ID	Elected and Excluded	Candidate	Count1	Count2
1	16195824	Elected in count1	Hugh Collins (Left Action)	45.000 45.000 45	43.001 - -
2	16195825	Excluded in count2 (E1)	Jack Doughty (Southbank Students! For UMSU)	41.000 41.000 41	41.704 0.704 16
		Assigned ID of the candidate with distributed surplus			16195824
		Quota		43.001	21.500
		Loss by fraction		0.000	0.019
		Exhausted ballot value		0.000	1.276
		Off the table			
		Checksum		86.000	86.000





Countsheet - Students' Council - General Representative

Table with columns for Candidate Name, Party, and 100+ columns for various constituencies (e.g., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). Each cell contains numerical data representing votes or counts.

