

LTSU ANNUAL ELECTIONS
MONDAY 7 OCTOBER– THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the Constitution and Electoral Regulations of the La Trobe University Student Union Inc. (LTSU), at 9am on Monday 9 September 2024 nominations will open for the following positions:

2024 ANNUAL ELECTION - POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED

- President
- Education Vice-President
- Welfare Vice-President
- General Secretary
- Postgraduate Officer*
- Welfare Officer
- Education Public Affairs Officer
- Social Justice Officer (also known as Environment Officer)
- Activities Officer
- Disabilities Officer
- Women's Officer*
- Queer Officer*
- Indigenous Officer*
- People of Colour Officer* (also known as Ethnocultural Officer)
- Residential Officer*
- Editor of Rabelais
- 7 general members*

COMMITTEES

5 members for each of the following Committees:

- Activities Committee
- Postgraduate Committee*

7 members for each of the following Committees:

- Welfare Committee
- Women's Committee*

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

7 Delegate positions

Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 20 September 2024.

All deadlines are strict and cannot be extended. Candidates are strongly urged to lodge their forms well before deadline. All forms must be electronically submitted to the Returning Officer via latrobereturningofficer@gmail.com

These elections will be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Regulations of the La Trobe University Student Union Inc. Copies of these documents are available from the LTSU website www.latrobesu.org.au/election

POLLING

Polling will occur from 10am Monday 7 October to 2pm Thursday 10 October 2024. All students are eligible to vote in the elections, regardless of whether they are members of LTSU. Notwithstanding this, Postgraduate student positions are to be elected by only Postgraduate students respectively. Polling will be held using the BigPulse online voting platform.

Voting and campaigning on campus will be facilitated during the election period with a voting booth in the Agora between 10:00am – 4:00pm between the Monday and Wednesday of polling as well at 10:00am – 2:00pm on the final day of polling. In-person campaigning on campus is only allowed for the periods that the in-person polling booth is operational.

POLICY STATEMENTS

All candidates may submit at the time of their nomination a policy statement not exceeding 300 words for office bearer candidates and 100 words for all other candidates and a photo for publication on the LTSU website and on the ballot. Please provide these at the time of nomination lodgement by emailing the Returning Officer. Any statements or photos submitted after the close of nominations will not be accepted.

Policy statements should be in plain text and photos should be less than 500MB file size and in a standard format such as .jpeg, .gif or .png.

TICKETS

Applications to re-register a ticket name from 2023 or transfer the registration of an existing ticket name must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024.

A group of candidates, consisting of the following may apply to have their name or names set out on the ballot paper under the name of a ticket, to appear throughout the ballot;

- At least 3 Executive Positions
- At least 1 candidate for 4 Office Bearer Positions
- At least 4 General Member Positions
- Have at least 12 unique Candidates

The name of the ticket must not exceed 4 words.

Any student member may register a ticket name by emailing the relevant form to the Returning Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 11 September 2024.

When a ticket name is registered, the candidates wishing to run under that name in multi-member ballots must all sign an application to be set out as a ticket in the candidate order to appear on the ballot. This form is available online.

*ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS

Any student member may nominate for the La Trobe University Student Union Inc. Student Council and Office bearing positions, and all students can vote in the elections.

Two student members who are each eligible may together stand for and hold any officer-bearer position, except President, Education Vice-President, General Secretary, Welfare Vice-President and Postgraduate Officer. This includes Editor of Rabelais. Each candidate must complete a nomination form, indicating that they intend to share the position with the other student member.

For the 7 general members of the Student Council, at least 3 of the members must be women, provided sufficient numbers of women nominate. One of the general members must identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student (if nominated). There is no such requirement for NUS delegate positions.

The Disabilities Officer must identify as having a disability or being a carer.

The People of Colour Officer must identify as being a person of colour.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer must identify as being Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander.

The Queer Officer must identify as queer.

The Women's Officer and Committee members must identify as women.

The Postgraduate Officer and Committee must be postgraduate students.

The Residential Officer must be a resident on campus accommodation at the time of close of nominations.

Candidates may stand for but not hold more than one office-bearer position, more than one position on the same Student Union body or any position on the Student Council and any other directly elected position.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

I will be running election information sessions which will cover information about the elections, its rules and expectations. This is crucially important as it will cover election participant behaviour, university and student protocols, campaign restrictions as well as answer questions. This will run for an hour and election participants should attend this session. Further information will be made available on the LTSU Election Webpage.

ELECTION TRIBUNUAL

The Election Tribunal for these elections is Barrister Andrew Saunders from Lennon's List.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is advised that all election participants read the LTSU Constitution and LTSU Election Regulations for this election. For all forms and other election material, please visit the LTSU website: www.latrobesu/elections

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