

LTSU ANNUAL ELECTIONS
MONDAY 11 OCTOBER – THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the Constitution and Electoral Regulations of the La Trobe University Student Union Inc. (LTSU), at 10am on Monday 20 September 2021 nominations will open for the following positions:

2021 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
- Activities Officer
- Disabilities Officer
- Women's Officer*
- Queer Officer*
- Indigenous Officer*
- People of Colour Officer*
- Residential Officer*
- Regional Officer*
- City Campus Representative*
- 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 1 October 2021.

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 9am Monday 11 October to 2pm Thursday 14 October 2021. All students are eligible to vote in the elections, regardless of whether they are members of LTSU notwithstanding specific positions which are to be elected by autonomous groups. Polling will be held using an online voting platform.

POLICY STATEMENTS

All candidates may submit at the time of their nomination a policy statement not exceeding 500 words 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

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 2020 or transfer the registration of an existing ticket name must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 21 September 2021.

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 22 September 2021.

When a ticket name is registered, the candidates wishing to run under that name must all sign an application to be set out as a ticket. 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 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 is 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.

The Regional Officer must be a student on either one of the Bendigo, Mildura, Shepparton or Wodonga campuses.

The City Campus Officer must be enrolled at the city campus.

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.

REFERENDUM QUESTION

There will be a referendum conducted between 9am Monday 11 October and 2pm Friday 22 October. Please see the notice of referendum for details about what the changes entail.

The positions of Welfare Vice-President, Women's Committee, Welfare Committee and Regional Officer will take office on 1 January 2022 if the Referendum is approved.

If the Referendum is approved, the Postgraduate Committee will be dissolved and no candidates that are elected to this position will take office on 1 January 2022.

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, COVID-19 restrictions as well as answer questions. These will run for an hour and there are two sessions with identical content. Election participants should attend one of these sessions. These will occur on 11am Tuesday 5 October and Thursday 7 October.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is advised that all election participants read the LTSU Constitution and Temporary 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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