



La Trobe University Student Union

2020 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Monday 5 October – Wednesday 7 October 2020

2020 ELECTION REPORT

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1. Introduction

In 2020, the La Trobe University Student Union (LTSU) Council passed a motion setting in place a tender process for the oversight of their annual elections. Subsequently after evaluating the tenders, OGL Group was engaged to conduct their Annual Elections. Additionally *BigPulse* was selected to design and run the online voting platform.

Gavin Ryan was the Returning Officer for the 2020 Annual Elections and is the author of this report.

This report sets out the process by which the elections were undertaken, specifically highlighting areas that required attention by the Returning Officer and electoral participants. An overview of the results is provided, emphasising trends and other observations. The key issues and any other areas of note experienced in the election are discussed in detail. Finally, a set of recommendations are provided to LTSU and future Returning Officers as suggestions by which the electoral process can be improved.

2. Process

In 2020, the LTSU Student Union Council passed an updated set of Election Regulations (**Regulations**) that governed the conduct of these elections. These Regulations allowed the elections to be held online due to Government and University responses to the COVID-19 pandemic restricting any in-person interaction. This made the traditional in person voting method impossible. In accordance with provisions in the Regulations, the dates of polling were called by the Student Union Council, with other electoral deadlines being consequently set by the Regulations and the Constitution and publicised through the notice of the election.

Pursuant to the Regulations, notice was given on 18 September 2020 that the Annual Elections would be held from Monday 5 October to Wednesday 7 October 2020 (see [Appendix 1 – Notice of Election](#)), with nominations due on Friday 25 September. The Notice of the election was posted on the LTSU website and publicised to LTSU members through official LTSU communication channels.

Nomination forms and other election paperwork could only be submitted electronically in line with the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions as outlined previously.

Re-registered Tickets

Applications to re-register a ticket name from 2019 were opened Friday 18 September and closed Monday 21 September 2020. 191 ticket registrations and re-registrations were received (see [Appendix 2 – Ticket registered and re-registered](#)), with 19 not being accepted due to being attempts to register ticket names that were already registered. Many of these were later withdrawn before the end of the election process as per the full list of ticket names re-registered and registered (see [Appendix 3 – Final Notice of Ticket Registrations Received](#)).

Registered Tickets

Applications to register a ticket opened at Friday 18 September and closed Tuesday 22 September. One hundred and eighteen valid ticket registrations were received in total. Twenty-six ticket registration were not accepted. This was largely due to ticket names already being registered.

Candidate Nominations

Nominations were opened at 10AM on Friday 18 September and closed at 5PM on Friday 25 September.

The final notice of nominations received was posted on Monday 28 September (see [Appendix 4 – Notice of Nominations Received & Positions Elected Unopposed](#)).

After the closing of nominations, a detailed verification process was undertaken to ensure that candidates and their nominators and seconders were eligible to participate in the election by virtue of their enrolment as a La Trobe University student, their LTSU membership and other position specific requirements as provided for in the Constitution and the Regulations.

The verification process resulted in one nomination being determined as being ineligible, with this being due to the candidate not being an LTSU member.

Following the verification of nominations, all positions had at least one valid nomination received, with the following positions only receiving one valid nomination and hence being declared elected unopposed: City Campus Representatives, Educations Public Affairs Officer, Queer Officer and Women's Officer. Five valid nominations for the 5 positions on the Activities Committee and Postgraduate Committee were received, with all candidates for these committees declared elected unopposed.

At the close of the nomination and ticket registration periods:

- **76 nominations had been received**
 - **1 nomination was declared invalid**
 - **14 positions were elected unopposed**
- **118 tickets had been successfully registered or re-registered**

Polling

Polling was conducted using the *BigPulse* voting system. All students on the Electoral Roll provided by La Trobe University received an email at the opening of polling with a personal voting link that would take them to their ballot.

A reminder email was sent to all voters that had not already cast a vote at 9am Wednesday 7 October.

The following table summarises the times during which students cast their votes, with spikes in voting following each email being sent.

Time	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7
00:00-03:00	N/A	11	21
03:00-06:00	N/A	1	6
06:00-09:00	N/A	5	5
09:00-12:00	224	26	151
12:00-15:00	178	39	124
15:00-18:00	127	33	N/A
18:00-21:00	63	39	N/A
21:00-24:00	31	42	N/A

3. Results

Declarations

Results were declared on Wednesday 6 October, with the notice made available on the LTSU website (see [Appendix 5 – Notice of Results](#)).

Participation

The 2020 election recorded a lower number of students voting compared to recent contested elections, with 1117 voters casting votes over the three days. This represented 4.69% of students. Many voters did not cast a vote across all poll groups, with 1,117 voters (4.69%) voting in the office-bearer elections, 1,058 voters (4.45%) voting in the General Member election and 986 (4.17%) voting in the National Union of Students delegate election. 222 votes were cast for Postgraduate Officer which represents 3.57% of eligible voters to elect this position.

There are a number of contributing factors for this lower voter turnout including:

- Earlier statements by some LTSU office-bearers that there would be no elections due to the amalgamation of La Trobe student organisations that was being considered;
- The truncated timeline with the later calling of the election; and
- Some student political groupings not contesting the election.

Informal Votes

The use of the *BigPulse* voting platform meant that no informal votes were cast as voters were not able to submit a vote unless it was formal.

4. Issues & Recommendations

This section deals with specific problems which arose with the election process or logistics along with recommendations that arise from these issues. It is not intended to be an exhaustive account of each issue that became necessary for the Returning Officer to consider.

Excessive Ticket Registration

The LTSU election regulations allow for one student to register an infinite number of tickets. As evidenced by the one hundred and eighteen tickets registered at this election this can result in the registration of a significant number of tickets that do not field candidates. While the Regulations were changed in 2020 to make the use of a significant number of tickets as ‘feeder’ tickets impossible due to the requirements for tickets to have candidates for a specific set of positions, this change did not address the excessive ticket registrations.

I recommend LTSU modify their election regulations to either limit the number of ticket names a student can register or expand the number of signatures required to register a ticket name.

5. Conclusion

This year's elections saw LTSU hold their annual elections online for the first time due to the restrictions in place to suppress COVID-19.

My thanks go to all the staff involved in running the elections, including OGL Group staff, LTSU University staff who assisted in many and various ways throughout the election. Without your assistance these elections could not go ahead.

I wish all successful candidates the very best as they undertake their new responsibilities in the coming year.

Gavin Ryan
Returning Officer
2020 LTSU Elections

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APPENDIX 1 – NOTICE OF ELECTION

LTSU ANNUAL ELECTIONS
MONDAY 5 OCTOBER – WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the Constitution and Electoral Regulations of the La Trobe University Student Union Inc. (LTSU), at 10am on Friday 18 September 2020 nominations will open for the following positions:

2020 ANNUAL ELECTION - POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED

- President
- Education Vice-President
- General Secretary
- Postgraduate Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Education Public Affairs Officer
- Environment Officer
- Activities Officer
- Disabilities Officer
- Women's Officer*
- Queer Officer*
- Indigenous Officer*
- People of Colour Officer*
- City Campus Officer*
- Editor of Rabelais
- 7 general members*

COMMITTEES

5 members for each of the following Committees:

- Activities Committee
- Postgraduate Committee*

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

7 Delegate positions

Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 25 September 2020.

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 5 October to 3pm Wednesday 7 October 2020. 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 200 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 2019 or transfer the registration of an existing ticket name must be received by 5pm on Monday 21 September 2020.

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;

- President,
- Education Vice-President,
- General Secretary,
- Postgraduate Officer,
- Activities Officer,
- Disabilities Officer,
- Environment Officer,
- Welfare Officer,
- 4 candidates for General Member
- 2 candidates for Editor of Rabelais

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 Tuesday 22 September 2020.

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.

Each ticket must provide the Returning Officer with a list of preferences for multi-member positions, which must include a first preference for that group. Preference forms must be submitted by 5pm on Tuesday 29 September 2020.

*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 be directly elected from student members with a disability only.

The People of Colour Officer must be directly elected from student members who are people of colour only.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer must be directly elected from student members who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders only.

The Queer Officer must be directly elected from student members who are queer only.

The Women's Officer must be directly elected from student members who are women only.

The Postgraduate Officer and Committee must be directly elected by and from the student members who are postgraduate students only.

The City Campus Officer must be directly elected from student members who are enrolled at the City Campus only.

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

For all forms and other election material, please visit the LTSU website: www.latrobesu/elections

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NOTICE OF TICKET REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED

At the close of the ticket registration period, the following tickets have been reregistered or registered and accepted:

Ticket Name	Registrant	Ticket Name	Ticket Name
60 Minutes Fans	Thomas Balakas	Animate	Kate Benesovsky
Accountability for our LTSU	Thomas Balakas	Aussie Aussie Aussie	Kate Benesovsky
Action	Thomas Balakas	Australia's on fire	Kate Benesovsky
Amalgamation	Thomas Balakas	Black Lives Matter	Kate Benesovsky
Associations Incorporations Reform Act	Thomas Balakas	BLM	Kate Benesovsky
Community	Thomas Balakas	Bring It On	Kate Benesovsky
Coronavirus	Thomas Balakas	Breonna Taylor	Kate Benesovsky
Democracy for LTSU	Thomas Balakas	United Voice	Kate Benesovsky
Dictator Dan	Thomas Balakas	Voice	Kate Benesovsky
Divorced Dads for LTSU	Thomas Balakas	Unity	Kate Benesovsky
Engage	Thomas Balakas	Unleashed	Kate Benesovsky
Extinction Rebellion	Thomas Balakas	ALP Club	Thomas Balakas
Extend SWOTVAC	Thomas Balakas	Beers, Bands and BBQ's	Thomas Balakas
Flying Squad	Thomas Balakas	Better Lighting on Campus	Thomas Balakas
Get on the Beers	Thomas Balakas	Boost!	Thomas Balakas
Progress	Thomas Balakas	Brunswick Secondary Students.	Thomas Balakas
Integrity in our LTSU	Thomas Balakas	Bundoora Secondary Students!	Thomas Balakas
La Trobe Against Cuts	Thomas Balakas	Change	Thomas Balakas
No Amalgamation	Thomas Balakas	Cheaper college accomodation	Thomas Balakas
Parade College Students	Thomas Balakas	Democracy sucks	Thomas Balakas
Students for Amalgamation	Thomas Balakas	Elevate	Thomas Balakas
Save our Students	Thomas Balakas	End rape on campus	Thomas Balakas
Save our WAM	Thomas Balakas	Fightback!	Thomas Balakas
Stand Up for Students	Thomas Balakas	Fix the colleges	Thomas Balakas
Student Fightback	Thomas Balakas	Free Carparking	Thomas Balakas
Student Resistance	Thomas Balakas	Free Education	Thomas Balakas
Student Voice	Thomas Balakas	Free Printing	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Amalgamation	Thomas Balakas	Free Trams	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Branch Stacking	Thomas Balakas	Fresh	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Coronavirus	Thomas Balakas	Grassroots activists	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Cuts	Thomas Balakas	Grassroots left	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Fee Hikes	Thomas Balakas	Grassroots	Thomas Balakas
Transform	Thomas Balakas	Health science students	Thomas Balakas
Transparency in our LTSU	Thomas Balakas	Help me im poor	Thomas Balakas
LaTrobe Students Against cuts	Nahui Jimenez Ludekens	I hate stalkerspace	Thomas Balakas
Left Action	Nahui Jimenez Ludekens	I love stalkerspace	Thomas Balakas
Unite	Cooper Dickson	IGNITE	Thomas Balakas
Climate Action	Kate Benesovsky	Ivanhoe Girls Grammar	Thomas Balakas
Future	Cooper Dickson	Ivanhoe Grammar Students	Thomas Balakas
Abolish the Government	Kate Benesovsky	KFC on Campus	Thomas Balakas
Abolish the Police	Kate Benesovsky	La Trobe Labor Left	Thomas Balakas
Activate	Kate Benesovsky	La Trobe Love Letters	Thomas Balakas
All Lives Matter	Kate Benesovsky	Labor for Refugees	Thomas Balakas

Ticket Name	Registrant	Ticket Name	Ticket Name
Latrobe love letters	Thomas Balakas	transparency in our union	Thomas Balakas
Left hook	Thomas Balakas	vegans on campus	Thomas Balakas
Left student Unionists	Thomas Balakas	Womens rights matter	Thomas Balakas
Lift	Thomas Balakas	yeah the boys	Thomas Balakas
Lilydale line for LTSU	Thomas Balakas	Yeah the girls	Thomas Balakas
LTSU NUMTOTS	Thomas Balakas	Bunnings Karen	Kate Benesovsky
More activities	Thomas Balakas	Burn the Mask	Kate Benesovsky
More affordable carparking	Thomas Balakas	Caption	Kate Benesovsky
More carparks	Thomas Balakas	Captivate	Kate Benesovsky
More Dogs on Dampus	Thomas Balakas	Climate Change	Kate Benesovsky
More vegetarian food	Thomas Balakas	Climate Justice	Kate Benesovsky
Nollsy was robbed!	Thomas Balakas	Comrades	Kate Benesovsky
Northcote high students	Thomas Balakas	COVID-19	Kate Benesovsky
Nursing Students	Thomas Balakas	Crew	Kate Benesovsky
Online Voting	Thomas Balakas	Down with ScoMo	Kate Benesovsky
PRIDE!	Thomas Balakas	Down with the Government	Kate Benesovsky
Princess Hill Students!	Thomas Balakas	Down with the Police	Kate Benesovsky
Progressive Change	Thomas Balakas	Education Action	Kate Benesovsky
Progressive student voice	Thomas Balakas	Education Network	Kate Benesovsky
Queer Rights Matter	Thomas Balakas	Fit	Kate Benesovsky
Raise Newstart	Thomas Balakas	Focus	Kate Benesovsky
Raise the Rate	Thomas Balakas	For Students, by Students	Kate Benesovsky
Reform	Thomas Balakas	Forward	Kate Benesovsky
Reservior High School	Thomas Balakas	Free Coffee	Kate Benesovsky
Revs	Thomas Balakas	Free Parking	Kate Benesovsky
save our staff	Thomas Balakas	Fund the LTSU	Kate Benesovsky
SHAPE	Thomas Balakas	Gender Equality	Kate Benesovsky
simpsons against the liberals	Thomas Balakas	George Floyd	Kate Benesovsky
smokers rights	Thomas Balakas	Go	Kate Benesovsky
Solidarity	Thomas Balakas	Get Pumped	Kate Benesovsky
stand up for colleges	Thomas Balakas	Help us, help you	Kate Benesovsky
Stand up for postgraduates	Thomas Balakas	Human Rights	Kate Benesovsky
Stand Up!	Thomas Balakas	Keep La Trobe Safe	Kate Benesovsky
Star	Thomas Balakas	Law Students	Kate Benesovsky
stop ADANI!	Thomas Balakas	Students for residential students	Kate Benesovsky
stop turnbacks	Thomas Balakas	Students against Uni Cuts	Kate Benesovsky
student reform	Thomas Balakas	Progression	Cooper Dickson
students against the SDA	Thomas Balakas	Students for students	Kate Benesovsky
swinburne secondary students	Thomas Balakas	Students for the environment	Kate Benesovsky
Switch	Thomas Balakas	Students supporting students	Kate Benesovsky
take back the union	Thomas Balakas	United	Kate Benesovsky
take back!	Thomas Balakas	#womensupportingwomen	Kate Benesovsky
TikTok	Thomas Balakas	Vision	Kate Benesovsky

The following ticket registrations were not accepted:

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Climate Action	Thomas Balakas	Ticket name was already registered
Unite	Thomas Balakas	Ticket name was already registered
Student Fightback	Nahui Jimenez Ludekens	Ticket name was already registered
Action	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Amalgamation	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Stand up for international students	Thomas Balakas	Ticket name is longer than 4 words
Change	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Coronavirus	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Dictator Dan	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Engage	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Extinction Rebellion	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Free Education	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Get on the Beers	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Grassroots	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
La Trobe against cuts	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Left Action	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
No Amalgamation	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Progress	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Stand Up for students	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered

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Student Voice	Thomas Balakas	Left hook	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Amalgamation	Thomas Balakas	Left student Unionists	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Branch Stacking	Thomas Balakas	Lift	Thomas Balakas
Students Against Coronavirus	Thomas Balakas	Lilydale line for LTSU	Thomas Balakas
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Free Education	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Get on the Beers	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Grassroots	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
La Trobe against cuts	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Left Action	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
No Amalgamation	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Progress	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Stand Up for students	Kate Benesovsky	Ticket name was already registered
Ignite	Finn Cosolo	Ticket name was already registered
Solidarity	Finn Cosolo	Ticket name was already registered
Student Voice	Finn Cosolo	Ticket name was already registered
Students against Fee Hikes	Finn Cosolo	Ticket name was already registered
Students for Students	Finn Cosolo	Ticket name was already registered
Switch	Finn Cosolo	Ticket name was already registered
Stand Up	Finn Cosolo	Similar ticket name was already registered

APPENDIX 4 – NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

LIST OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AND DECLARATION OF POSITIONS ELECTED UNOPPOSED

All nominations received by the deadline have been listed by position below. All nominations have undergone eligibility checks with the University and the LTSU.

The following nominations have been accepted and have been declared elected unopposed:

First Name	Surname	Position	Team
Ayush	Mishra	City Campus Representatives	Change
Eshita	Shukla		
David	Cannavo	Education Public Affairs Officer	Change
Joel	Blanch		
Bronte	Peirce	Queer Officer	Change
Stephanie	Santos		
Ramanjoy	Shergill	Women's Officer	Change
Tina	Song		
Sarthak	Manjal	Activities Committee	Change
Ansh	Verma	Activities Committee	Change
Tammy	Shi	Activities Committee	Change
Betty	Peng	Activities Committee	Change
Chelsy Prerna	Lakra	Activities Committee	Change
Jack	Surplice	Postgraduate Committee	Change
Keshav	Makkar	Postgraduate Committee	Change
Iris	Zheng	Postgraduate Committee	Change
Pooja	Pokharel	Postgraduate Committee	Change
Abhilash	Chittipotu	Postgraduate Committee	Change

The following nominations have been accepted:

First Name	Surname	Position	Team
Alicia	Griffiths	President	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Jake	McGuinness	President	Change
Jesse	Felsinger	President	
Matthias	Radja	Education Vice-President	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Stephanie	Briese	Education Vice-President	Change
Ellen	Mulligan	General Secretary	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Sanjith	Konda House	General Secretary	Change
Jesse	Felsinger	General Secretary	
Jesse	Felsinger	Activities Officer	
Eliza	Mills	Activities Officer	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Mayank	Raj Saxena	Activities Officer	Change
Iris	Zheng		

First Name	Surname	Position	Team
Elliot	Downes	Disabilities Officer	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Anusha	Anjanappa	Disabilities Officer	Change
Pamela	Kiriakidis		
Jesse	Felsing	Disabilities Officer	
Harry	Glynn	Environment Officer	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Taksh	Veer Singh Nanda	Environment Officer	Change
Lukas	Jamieson		
Jesse	Felsing	Environment Officer	
Keith	Dissanayake	People of Colour Officer	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Priyanshu	Tomar	People of Colour Officer	Change
Meredith	He		
Katie	Wood	Postgraduate Officer	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Arun Parvathyraj	Shunmuga Sundram	Postgraduate Officer	Change
Jackson	Holloway	Welfare Officer	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Ahsanul	Karim Fayaz	Welfare Officer	Change
Georgie	Beatty		
Anna	Vo	Rabelais Editor	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts Change
Ashlee	Larsen		
Leah	Jade Holden	Rabelais Editor	Change
Lewis	Kimpton Drake		
Nahui	Jimenez Ludekens	General Member	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Keely	Swannie	General Member	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Hesper	Andrew	General Member	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Alexander	Bachmann	General Member	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Rachael	Sinclair	General Member	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Liam	Avella-Pisera	General Member	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Jonah	Allen	General Member	Change
Lani	Dumas	General Member	Change
Tyler	Beale	General Member	Change
Isabella	Currie	General Member	Change
Aisling	Cameron	General Member	Change
Eric	Seychell	General Member	Change
Chloe	Andrew	General Member	Change
Jesse	Felsing	General Member	
Nahui	Jimenez Ludekens	NUS Delegate	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Alicia	Griffiths	NUS Delegate	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Matthias	Radja	NUS Delegate	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Elliot	Downes	NUS Delegate	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts
Thomas	Balakas	NUS Delegate	Change
Jake	McGuinness	NUS Delegate	Change
Georgie	Beatty	NUS Delegate	Change
Iris	Zheng	NUS Delegate	Change

First Name	Surname	Position	Team
Andy	Tuano	NUS Delegate	Change
Sarthak	Munjal	NUS Delegate	Change
Joel	Blanch	NUS Delegate	Change
Jesse	Felsingher	NUS Delegate	

The following nomination has not been accepted:

First Name	Surname	Position	Team	Reason
Freya	Pollard	Women's Officer	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	Candidate is not a LTSU member

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NOTICE OF RESULTS

President

Candidate	Team	Total
Alicia Griffiths	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	312
Jake McGuinness	Change	739
Jesse Felsing		66
Total		1117

Jake McGuinness was declared elected.

Education Vice-President

Candidate	Team	Total
Matthias Radja	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	270
Stephanie Briese	Change	847
Total		1117

Stephanie Briese was declared elected.

General Secretary

Candidate	Team	Total
Ellen Mulligan	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	310
Sanjith Konda House	Change	689
Jesse Felsing		118
Total		1117

Sanjith Konda House was declared elected.

Activities Officer

Candidate	Team	Total
Eliza Mills	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	309
Mayank Raj Saxena	Change	728
Iris Zheng		
Jesse Felsing		80
Total		1117

Mayank Raj Saxena & Iris Zheng were declared elected.

Disabilities Officer

Candidate	Team	Total
Elliot Downes	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	252
Anusha Anjanappa	Change	772
Pamela Kiriakidis		
Jesse Felsing		93
Total		1117

Anusha Anjanappa & Pamela Kiriakidis were declared elected.

Environment Officer

Candidate	Team	Total
Harry Glynn	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	260
Taksha Veer Singh Nanda	Change	768
Lukas Jamieson		
Jesse Felsing		89
Total		1117

Taksha Veer Singh Nanda & Lukas Jamieson were declared elected.

People of Colour Officer

Candidate	Team	Total
Keith Dissanayake	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	284
Priyanshu Tomar	Change	833
Meredith He		
Total		1117

Priyanshu Tomar & Meredith He were declared elected.

Welfare Officer

Candidate	Team	Total
Jackson Halloway	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	285
Ahsanul Karim Fayaz	Change	832
Georgie Beatty		
Total		1117

Ahsanul Karim Fayaz & Georgie Beatty were declared elected.

Rabelais Editors

Candidate	Team	Total
Anna Vo	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	346
Ashlee Larsen		
Leah Jane Holden	Change	771
Lewis Kimpton Drake		
Total		1117

Leah Jane Holden & Lewis Kimpton Drake were declared elected.

Postgraduate Officer

Candidate	Team	Total
Katie Wood	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	70
Arun Parvathyraj Shunmuga Sundram	Change	152
Total		222

Arun Parvathyraj Shunmuga Sundram was declared elected.

General Members

Candidate	Team	Total
Nahui Jimenez Ludekens	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	229 – Elected 2 nd
Keely Swannie	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	7
Hesper Andrew	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	9
Alexander Bachmann	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	13
Rachael Sinclair	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	13
Jonah Allen	Change	641 – Elected 1 st
Lani Dumas	Change	11 – Elected 3 rd
Tyler Beale	Change	4 – Elected 4 th
Isabella Currie	Change	7 – Elected 5 th
Aisling Cameron	Change	12 – Elected 6 th
Eric Seychell	Change	27
Chloe Andrew	Change	5 – Elected 7 th
Jesse Felsing		75
Total		1058

The LTSU Constitution clause 31.4 and clause 53 requires that at least 1 General Member be indigenous if an indigenous student has nominated. As one indigenous student nominated but had not been elected after the first 6 members had been elected, affirmative action was applied to elect this student.

Jonah Allen, Nahui Jimenez Ludekens, Lani Dumas, Tyler Beale, Isabella Currie, Aisling Cameron & Chloe Andrew were declared elected as General Members.

NUS Delegates

Candidate	Team	Total
Nahui Jimenez Ludekens	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	199 – Elected 2 nd
Alicia Griffiths	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	23 – Elected 7 th
Matthias Radja	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	12
Elliot Downes	LaTrobe Students Against Cuts	6
Thomas Balakas	Change	566 – Elected 1 st
Jake McGuinness	Change	36 – Elected 3 rd
Georgie Beatty	Change	23 – Elected 4 th
Iris Zheng	Change	23 – Elected 5 th
Andy Tuano	Change	14 – Elected 6 th
Sarthak Munjal	Change	11
Joel Blanch	Change	15
Jesse Felsinger		59
Total		987

Thomas Balakas, Nahui Jimenez Ludekens, Jake McGuinness, Georgie Beatty, Iris Zheng, Andy Tuano & Alicia Griffiths were declared elected as NUS Delegates.

All positions were declared elected at 3:45pm on Wednesday 7 October.

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