



La Trobe Student Union  
**2021 ANNUAL ELECTIONS**  
Monday 11 October – Thursday 14 October 2021

## NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Following resolutions passed at the LTSU Student Council, the following constitutional referendum question will be put forward for decision during the upcoming LTSU Annual Elections:

The LTSU proposes the following question be put to students:

“Do you support the proposed amendments to the LTSU Constitution?”

The proposed amendments are as follows:

**i. Amend Clause 31.1(d) to read**

*1. The Welfare Vice-President*

**ii. Remove Clause 31.2**

**iii. Amend Clause 35(d) to read**

*1. The Welfare Vice-President*

**iv. Amend Clause 37.1 to read**

**Amendment:** *In addition to the Executive, the Student Council may establish other committees by regulation*

**v. Remove Clause 37.3**

**vi. Remove Clauses 38 – 42**

**vii. Remove Clause 45.2**

**viii. Amend Clause 46.1 to read**

*46.1 The Student Union has the following office-bearers:*

- (a) the President,*
- (b) the Education Vice-President,*
- (c) the Welfare Vice-President*
- (d) the General Secretary,*
- (e) the Activities Officer ,*
- (f) the Clubs Officer*
- (g) the Disabilities Officer ,*
- (h) the Education Public Affairs Officer*
- (i) the Indigenous Officer ,*
- (j) the Postgraduate Officer*
- (k) the Person of Colour Officer*

- (l) the Queer Officer ,*
- (m) the Residential Officer*
- (n) the Regional Officer*
- (o) the Social Justice Officer*
- (p) the Welfare Officer,*
- (q) the Women's Officer, and*
- (r) the Editor of Rabelais.*

**ix. Amend Clause 46.3 to read**

*The following office-bearers must be directly elected as follows:*

- (a) the Disabilities Officer – from the student members who have a disability;*
- (b) the Indigenous Officer – from the indigenous student members;*
- (c) the Queer Officer – from the student members who are queer; and*
- (d) the Women's Officer – from the student members who are women.*
- (e) the Residential Officer – from the student members who currently live in La Trobe Residential Accommodation;*
- (f) the Regional Officer – from the student members who study at the Bendigo, Mildura, Wodonga, and Shepparton campuses*
- (g) the Person of Colour Officer – from the student members who identify as Persons of Colour*

**x. Amend Clause 47.1 to read**

*2. student members who are each eligible may together stand for and hold any officer bearer position, except President, Education Vice-President, General Secretary and Welfare Vice-President.*

**xi. Amend Clause 48 to read**

*The Student Council may only pay an honorarium to elected representatives of the LTSU*

**xii. Amend Clause 52.6 to read**

**Amendment:** *1. Voting must be held:*

- (a) on at least 3 consecutive academic days,*
- (b) over no more than 2 weeks, and*
- (c) for at least 5 hours each day.*

**xiii. Remove Clause 52.7**

**xiv. Amend clause 57.2 to read**

*The position of an elected member of a Student Union body also becomes vacant if the member fails on 3 consecutive occasions to attend within 30 minutes of the time of which notice has been given of a meeting of the body without leave of absence under clause 68 provided at least 7 day's notice in writing of each meeting has been given to the member.*

**xv. Remove clauses 57.2(a) and 57.2(b)**

Polling in this referendum will shut 2pm Friday 22 October.

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**Returning Officer**  
1 October 2021