

# LTSU ANNUAL ELECTIONS MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2019

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the Constitution and Electoral Regulations of the La Trobe University Student Union Inc. (LTSU), at 10am on Monday 19 August 2019 nominations will be open for the following positions:

#### 2019 ANNUAL ELECTION - POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED

### STUDENT COUNCIL

- 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
- · Editor of Rabelais
- City campus representative
- 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 30 August 2019.

All deadlines are strict and cannot be extended. Candidates are strongly urged to lodge their forms well before deadline. All forms should be delivered personally to the Returning Officer or an election official or left with the Student Union office for the Returning Officer.

Where this is not practicable, please contact the Returning Officer to make other arrangements. Do not post forms without prior arrangement, as no responsibility will be taken for late or lost forms under those circumstances. It is not possible to accept faxed or emailed forms. Nominations must be on the official nomination form and must include the names and signatures of at least 20 students as nominators.

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 Student Union office and on the Student Union's website www.latrobesu.org.au/aboutus under the menu item "LTSU Policy Bank". Candidates and campaigners are strongly urged to read these documents as they provide the binding rules for this election.

### **POLLING**

Polling will occur from Monday 16 September to Friday 20 September 2019. All students are eligible to vote in the elections, regardless whether they are members of LTSU (notwithstanding specific positions which are to be elected by restricted constituencies). Polling locations and times will be made available after the close of nominations.

#### POLICY STATEMENTS

All candidates may submit at the time of their nomination a policy statement not exceeding 200 words and a photo for publication in Rabelais and on LTSU noticeboards. Please provide these device at the time of nomination lodgement by emailing the Returning Officer (LTSU@ARGENTELECTIONS.COM.AU). 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 2018 or transfer the registration of an existing ticket name must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 20 August 2019. A list of tickets registered in 2018 will be posted with this notice.

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 on the front page and throughout the ballot book;

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

4 candidates for General Member

The name of the ticket must not exceed 4 words.

Any student member may register a ticket name by writing to the Returning Officer – new ticket registrations must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 21 August 2019.

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 and at the LTSU front counter.

Each ticket must provide the Returning Officer with a list of preferences, which must include a first preference for that group. Preference forms must be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 5 September 2019. Forms will be available from the Student Union office and on the election website following the close of nominations.

#### \*RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTION

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 half of the members must be women (ignoring remainders), 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.

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, contact the LTSU Office, Upper Agora or visit the Student Union website: www.latrobesu.org.au

Notices will be posted on Student Union noticeboards.

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