



MONSU Peninsula

2024 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Monday 16 September – Thursday 19 September 2024

2024 ELECTION REPORT

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1. Introduction

In 2024, MONSU Peninsula (**MONSU**) engaged OGL Group to conduct their Annual Elections.

Glenn Donahoo was the Returning Officer for the 2024 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 other areas of concern experienced in the election are discussed in detail. Finally, a set of recommendations are provided to MONSU and future Returning Officers as suggestions by which the electoral process can be improved.

2. Process

Pursuant to the Regulations, notice was given on 29 July that Annual Elections would be held from Monday 16 September to Thursday 19 September 2024 (**see Appendix 1 – Notice of Election**), with nominations for all positions due by 5pm Friday 23 August. The Notice of the Election was disseminated to all Peninsula students by email and was also published on the MONSU Peninsula website.

Nomination forms and all other election forms including candidate and policy statements, could only be submitted via email at these elections.

3. Ticket Re-registration and new ticket registrations

Any group of students may register a ticket to support a list of candidates in the election by filling in the appropriate form to lodge a name. Group names could be no longer than three words, could not include the word “independent” or similar, and could not be misleading, deceptive, offensive, libellous or slanderous.

Applications to Re-Register a ticket from the previous election opened 9am Monday 29 July and closed 5pm Friday 2 August. One ticket was successfully re-registered for the 2024 MONSU Peninsula elections having fulfilled the criteria as set down in the Election Regulations. This is listed below.

Applications to Register a new ticket name opened 9am Tuesday 6 August and closed 5pm Monday 12 August. No new ticket registrations were received.

Ticket	Authorised Officer
Advance for MONSU	Ka Wang Li (Max)

Candidate Nominations

Nominations opened at 9am on Wednesday 14 August and closed at 5pm on Friday 23 August.

At the close of nominations, all positions which received nominations did not receive more nominations than the number of positions available. The only position that did not receive a nomination was Indigenous Officer. All positions that received nominations were then declared elected unopposed subject to eligibility checks. (see **Appendix 2 – Notice of Nominations Received & Positions Elected Unopposed**).

After the closing of nominations, a detailed verification process was undertaken to ensure that candidates, their nominators, and seconders were eligible to participate in the election as provided for in the Constitution and the Regulations.

The verification process resulted in all nominations being determined as eligible, and as such all were elected.

At the close of the nomination period:

- **19 nominations were received**
- **No nominations were received for the position of Indigenous Officer**
- **All nominations were eligible**
- **All positions which received nominations did not receive more nominations than the number of positions available. As such all positions where nominations were received were declared elected**

Voting

With all positions where nominations were received declared elected unopposed, there was no ballot required.

4. Results

Declarations

Results for all positions were declared after final confirmation of candidate eligibility on Wednesday 28 August, with the notice published on the MONSU website and sent directly to all candidates via email.

5. Issues

No major issues arose in this election.

6. Recommendations

There is only one recommendation, as below:

Voting requirements for the Indigenous officebearer

MONSU may give consideration to the suitability of the current voting framework for the Indigenous Officer position as there is currently no requirement in the Constitution or Regulations that the Indigenous Officer be elected by Indigenous students.

7. Conclusion

Thanks go to all the staff involved in running the elections, including OGL Group, MONSU and University staff who assisted in various ways throughout the election, particularly Elise Redmond.

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

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8. List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Notice of Election

Appendix 2 – Notice of Nominations Received & Positions Elected Unopposed

APPENDIX 1 –

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The MONSU Peninsula (**MONSU**) 2024 Annual Elections will be held from Monday 16 September to Thursday 19 September for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Education Officer
- Welfare Officer
- International Officer
- Social Officer
- Volunteer Officer
- Women's Officer
- Queer Officer
- First Year Officer
- General Officer
- Indigenous Officer
- Clubs & Societies Officer

Nominations

Nominations will open at 9am Wednesday 14 August and close 5pm on Friday 23 August.

All Monash Peninsula students may stand for each position (except International Officer, Women's Officer, Queer Officer, Indigenous Officer and First Year Officer where additional eligibility criteria apply. You can find these within the Office Bearer Regulations on the MONSU Peninsula website www.monsupeninsula.org.au) if they are not employed by MONSU Peninsula or Monash University.

Candidates can nominate via the [Google Form](#) or soft copy nomination form available by request to the Returning Officer.

Candidates should use a separate nomination form for each position they are contesting. Candidates who are nominating for multiple positions must lodge a list showing the order of priority in which they would wish to be elected in the event that they may be successful in more than one position.

Voting

If required, polling will be conducted online via the BigPulse secure online voting platform between 9am on Monday 16 September and 5pm Thursday 19 September. Students will receive a voting link to their Monash University issued email address at the commencement of polling.

Further details of polling will be made available following the close of nominations, should the number of nominations exceed the number of positions available.

Tickets

Any group of students may register a ticket to support a complete list of candidates in the election by filling in the appropriate form. Group names shall be no longer than three words, must not include the word "independent" or similar, and must not be misleading, deceptive, offensive, libellous or slanderous.

Applications to Re-Register a ticket from the previous election open 9am Monday 29 July and close 5pm Friday 2 August.

Applications to Register a new ticket name open 9am Tuesday 6 August and close 5pm Monday 12 August.

A Ticket Registrant must also fill out an 'application to be set out as a ticket' specifying the candidates grouped on a particular ticket. This must be submitted via email to the returning officer by the close of nominations on 5pm Friday 23 August.

Partial tickets that do not run candidates for all contested positions are permitted.

Statements of Distribution of Preferences will be made available to ticket registrants and candidates after the close of nominations.

Contact details

The contact details for the Returning Officer are monsu.returningofficer@gmail.com

Nominations can be submitted via the [Google Form](#) or soft copy via email to monsu.returningofficer@gmail.com

Copies of the MONSU Peninsula Constitution and Election regulations governing this election are available from the MONSU Peninsula website at <https://www.monsupeninsula.org.au/elections/> The Returning Officer strongly encourages all those interested in taking part in these elections to make themselves familiar with these important documents as they govern how these elections are run.

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29 July 2024

APPENDIX 2 – NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED & POSITIONS ELECTED UNOPPOSED

At the conclusion of the MONSU Peninsula 2024 Annual Election nomination period, I received the following nominations. These nominations are all eligible and as such the following nominations are declared elected unopposed:

Candidate	Position	Ticket
Mary Duong	Clubs & Societies Officer	Advance for MONSU
Chun Him Wong	Clubs & Societies Officer	Advance for MONSU
Keo Darapich Sok	Education Officer	Advance for MONSU
Hoang Minh Tran	First Year Officer	Advance for MONSU
Santosh Varshith Boddu	First Year Officer	Advance for MONSU
Wyong	General Officer	Advance for MONSU
Yu Hin Wong	General Officer	Advance for MONSU
Ho Wah Chu	International Officer	Advance for MONSU
Amelia Toh	International Officer	Advance for MONSU
Ka Wang Li	President	Advance for MONSU
Yi Hang Lau	Queer Officer	Advance for MONSU
Samuel Sim	Social Officer	Advance for MONSU
Ka Lun (Alan) Chong	Social Officer	Advance for MONSU
Wing Chak Tsui	Vice-President	Advance for MONSU
Hoi Lam Helen Keung	Volunteer Officer	Advance for MONSU
Anson Law	Welfare Officer	Advance for MONSU
Serene Martin	Welfare Officer	Advance for MONSU
Chandrima Mukherjee	Women's Officer	Advance for MONSU
Yan Tung Ho	Women's Officer	Advance for MONSU

At the close of nominations I had not received any nomination for the following positions:

Position
Indigenous Officer

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