

Notice of Election

MONSU Peninsula Annual Election

7th-9th October 2013

Notice is hereby given that nominations will open on Monday 9th September, for the 2013 Monash University Student Union (MONSU) Peninsula annual election.

Nominations and proof of enrollment for all positions close at 12 midday on Friday 20th September.

Positions to be filled at the election include:

President – Chair and Spokesperson;

Deputy President – General Secretary;

Education & Welfare Officer;

Activities Chair;

Two Activities Deputy Chairs

Overseas Student Services Director;

Overseas Student Services Deputy Director;

Clubs Council Chair;

Marketing & Publications Officer;

Gender & Sexuality Officer;

Environment Officer;

Postgraduate Representative (a student enrolled in a postgraduate course of study); and

Two General Representatives on Council, each of whom may choose an optional portfolio;

Education Committee Member - Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Representative

Education Committee Member - Business Faculty Representative

Education Committee Member - Education Faculty Representative

Activities Officer of Overseas Student Services Committee

Women's Officer of Overseas Student Services Committee

Marketing and Publications Officer of Overseas Student Services Committee

Five general members of the Overseas Student Services Committee

Ten general Activities Representatives

National Union of Students (NUS)

- Four (4) Delegates to the National Conference of NUS Inc., in accordance with the rules of NUS.

***Restrictions on eligibility:** All Peninsula students of Monash University are eligible to run for all positions, provided they are not employed either by MONSU Peninsula or Monash University, with the following exceptions,:

- Candidates for Sexuality Officer must identify as non-heterosexual.
- Candidates for Postgraduate Officer must be enrolled in a postgraduate course.
- Candidates for Overseas Student Services Director, Deputy Director and Committee must be enrolled as International Students.

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See further information below

If an election is required, polling will take place from Monday 7th October until Wednesday 9th October (inclusive). Details of polling times and locations will be posted after close of nominations. Students may also vote by post – applications for postal votes close at 5pm on Wednesday 2nd October.

Group tickets: Following the close of nominations, 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 otherwise misleading or offensive.

Tickets must include the signatures of all candidates endorsed by the group, and for multi-member positions must include the order in which candidates are to be ranked. All tickets must endorse enough candidates to fill all contested positions; partial tickets will not be registered. Candidates may be endorsed by more than one ticket.

Applications for Ticket Registration will close at **5pm** on Monday **23rd September**. It is not necessary to be on a ticket to run in the election.

Conflict of positions: Candidates may stand for as many different positions as they wish, but cannot simultaneously hold

(a) more than one officer position,

(b) more than one position on the same body, or

(c) a position on Student Council and any other directly elected position (not including NUS delegation).

Candidates should use a separate nomination form for each position they are contesting. Candidates who are nominating for incompatible positions must lodge with their nomination forms a list showing the order of priority in which they wish to hold them in the event that they are elected to more than one.

Nomination forms, ticket registration forms, and conflict of position forms are all available from the Returning Officer or can be downloaded from the Election Website (see below).

Supporting statements: Candidates and groups may also submit written statements in support of their candidacy for publication on the Election Website. Statements must not exceed 200 words and may include a photograph of the candidate. Statements and photographs must be submitted to the Returning Officer at sluntz@abovequota.com.au

Please note that **all deadlines are strict** and cannot be extended. Candidates are strongly urged to lodge their forms well before the deadlines. All forms should be delivered personally to the Returning Officer or an authorised electoral official. (The Election Office will be open extensively throughout the election period, and appointments can be made by phone or email.) Where this is not practicable, please contact the Returning Officer in order to make other arrangements. Faxed or posted forms can only be accepted by prior arrangement, and in the case of faxed forms the original copy must be received within 24 hours of the close of nominations.

Contact Details

For all enquiries, forms and other election material, contact the Election Office in Building U, or visit the MONSU website

Returning Officer: Stephen Luntz (Ph: 0438 667 787, email sluntz@abovequota.com.au)

Mailing address: MONSU Peninsula Returning Officer, c/o Above Quota Elections, PO Box 2157, Fitzroy, VIC 3065

Notices will also be posted on the MONSU notice board on Level 2, opposite the Student Services Desk and on the door of the election office.

For further information on the rules governing the election, please consult the Election By-law, available from MONSU and on the Election Website. Copies of the By-law can also be obtained at the Election Office, where further enquiries are welcome.

Stephen Luntz
Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd
Returning Officer

5th September 2013