

Part 8 – Elections

R54 Applicability

- 54.1 This Part applies to the annual elections for the election period.
- 54.2 References in the Constitution to “Regulations applying to elections” means this Part.

R55 Appointment of Returning Officer

- 55.1 The Returning Officer shall be appointed by Guild Council.
- 55.2 The Returning Officer may not be a person who is or was, or has nominated or seconded, a candidate in the current or previous annual elections.
- 55.3 The Returning Officer may be an individual or organisation appropriately qualified.
- 55.4 The term of appointment for the Returning Officer is twelve months, unless the Returning Officer dies, resigns or their appointment is terminated by Guild Council.
- 55.5 The Returning Officer shall be entitled to:
- (a) such terms and conditions of engagement as resolved by Guild Council at the time of appointment; and
 - (b) the use of such Guild resources that enables the Returning Officer to carry out the Returning Officer’s duties as defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

R56 Responsibilities of Returning Officer

- 56.1 The Returning Officer:
- (a) is responsible for the conduct of the annual elections;
 - (b) must act only in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations; and
 - (c) is subject to direction only by the Electoral Tribunal.
- 56.2 The Returning Officer is not disqualified from voting if eligible to vote in elections.

R57 Assistant Returning Officers and Poll Clerks

- 57.1 The Returning Officer may appoint and remove:
- (a) assistant returning officers; and
 - (b) poll clerks.
- 57.2 Assistant returning officers and poll clerks are subject to the direction of and have the responsibilities determined by the Returning Officer and the Electoral Tribunal. Where directions of the Electoral Tribunal and Returning Officer conflict, the directions of the Electoral Tribunal shall prevail.
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57.3 Assistant returning officers are delegated such powers of the Returning Officer as determined by the Returning Officer. However, assistant returning officers may only exercise those powers as directed by the Returning Officer.

57.4 Any decision made by an assistant returning officer is taken to be a decision of the Returning Officer.

57.5 Any assistant returning officer or poll clerk shall be entitled to:

- (a) such terms and conditions of engagement as resolved by Guild Council from time to time; and
- (b) the use of such Guild resources that enables the assistant returning officer or poll clerk to carry out their duties as defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

R58 Opening of Nominations

58.1 For the annual elections, nominations for all elected officer and councillor positions open on the Monday 21 days before polling commences.

58.2 After the nominations open, the Guild Secretary will issue the reminder in Rule 48.4.

R59 Notice of Election

59.1 The Returning Officer shall open nominations at the time of giving notice of the annual election, which shall be by way of placing a notice on the Guild Noticeboard.

59.2 If practical, the Returning Officer must also give notice of the annual election in an edition of the Guild Newspaper published at least five days before the opening of nominations. Failure to comply with this provision does not make the annual election invalid.

59.3 The notice of annual election must be in the form of Schedule One.

R60 Form of Nomination

60.1 Nominations must be in the form of Schedule Two.

60.2 To be accepted by the Returning Officer, a nomination in the form of Schedule Two must be complete in every respect and include:

- (a) the full legal name of the candidate, their nominator and their seconder;
- (b) the original signature of each of the candidate, their nominator, and their seconder; and
- (c) a printed copy of the current enrolment advice of the candidate, nominator and seconder, as obtained from QUT Virtual.

60.3 A candidate may neither nominate nor second his or her own candidacy.

60.4 By signing the nomination, the candidate agrees to comply with the conditions set out in Schedule Two.

60.5 From the opening of nominations, the Returning Officer must make nomination forms available:

- (a) from the Guild reception, C Block, QUT Kelvin Grove; and
- (b) by mail or email if requested by a student.

R61 Receipt of Nominations

- 61.1 Nominations must be given or sent to the Returning Officer or left for the Returning Officer in the locked box provided for that purpose at the Guild reception.
- 61.2 Within one academic day after the close of nominations, the Returning Officer must give or send the nominee:
- (a) an acknowledgement in the form of Schedule Three; and
 - (b) a copy of this Part of the Regulations.
- 61.3 Before accepting a nominee's nomination, the Returning Officer must verify that the nominee and the people nominating or seconding the nominee are eligible to stand for the nominated position or to nominate or second a nominee to stand for the nominated position.
- 61.4 The Returning Officer shall, in the Returning Officer's discretion, accept such proof of eligibility to stand under C18.8 and C18.9 as the Returning Officer considers appropriate.
- 61.5 If a nomination does not comply with these Regulations and is rejected, the Returning Officer must notify the person concerned or have sent notification to the person by 9:00am one academic day following receipt of the nomination. The notification must state the reasons for the rejection and include the email address of the Electoral Tribunal Registrar. If a telephone number has been included on the nomination form the Returning Officer must attempt to notify the person by telephone.
- 61.6 No decision of the Returning Officer to reject a nomination may be appealed to the Electoral Tribunal after 5.00pm two academic days after the close of nominations.
- 61.7 The Returning Officer must not, prior to the close of nominations, make available any information about nominations received. This Regulation does not apply to confirmation of the receipt of a nomination or the notification of any rejection of a nomination to the nominee personally.
- 61.8 As soon as possible after the close of nominations, the Returning Officer shall display on the Guild Noticeboard a list of nominations received.

R62 Electoral Groups

- 62.1 Candidates may only form an electoral group for annual elections in accordance with Rule 62.
- 62.2 An electoral group for the annual elections may only be registered by giving or sending a nomination in the form of Schedule Five to the Returning Officer or left for the Returning Officer in the locked box provided for that purpose at the Guild reception before the close of nominations. The nomination must:
- (a) state the name of the electoral group;
 - (b) contain the name, original signatures and student numbers of candidates for at least 24 offices in the annual elections. The 24 candidates must include candidates for the following offices:
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- (i) President;
- (ii) Guild Secretary;
- (iii) Treasurer;
- (iv) Caboolture Campus Officer;
- (v) International Students Officer; and
- (vi) Postgraduate Students Officer.

- 62.3 Candidates cannot register the name or the colour of an electoral group already registered at that annual election.
- 62.4 Candidates cannot register the name or the colour of an electoral group that is protected by the lodgement with the Returning Officer of a Schedule Nine form, other than in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in that form. A Schedule Nine form is, once lodged, intended to be a self-governing document regarding the use of that electoral group name and colour and must be read in conjunction with this Regulation.
- 62.5 An electoral group may nominate to protect their electoral group name and colour by submitting the form in Schedule Nine with their electoral group nomination, or at any time up to the opening of nominations at the next election period. The electoral group name and colour must have been accepted at the annual election for the Schedule Nine form to become binding on the name and colour.
- 62.6 Upon the lodgement of a completed Schedule Nine form, the use of the electoral group name and colour will be governed by the conditions set out within that electoral group's completed Schedule Nine form. The conditions in the electoral group's completed Schedule Nine form will be binding upon that name for a period of ten years after the lodgement of the form, unless a longer or shorter period is stated within the completed Schedule Nine form.
- 62.7 In the case where a completed Schedule Nine form is silent on altering the terms governing the use of an electoral group name and colour, the conditions set down in the most recent previous Schedule Nine form, if any, registering the name and colour must be adhered to.
- 62.8 The Electoral Tribunal Registrar will be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a register of electoral group names and the conditions (if any) surrounding their use. This register shall be used by the Returning Officer to ensure compliance with this Regulation.
- 62.9 The name of an electoral group must be no longer than five words, including any acronym.
- 62.10 The name of an electoral group must not include any words that are or are a substantial part of:
- (a) a registered trademark of the University;
 - (b) the names of businesses at the University;
 - (c) the names of the University's faculties or schools; or
 - (d) the name of an affiliated body.
- 62.11 The name of an electoral group must not:
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- (a) be one that a reasonable person would think suggests that the electoral group can or cannot provide a good or service, or a thing by which a person may obtain a good or service, free of charge or at a significant discount;
- (b) be one that a reasonable person would think suggests that the electoral group can or cannot provide a means by which students do not have to pay, or incur a debt with respect to, some or all of the costs of attending the University;
- (c) be one that a reasonable person would think suggests that the electoral group supports or opposes a means by which students do not have to pay, or incur a debt with respect to, some or all of the costs of attending the University;
- (d) include the name, or an abbreviation, variation or derivative of the name, of another electoral group;
- (e) include a word that so nearly resembles the name, or an abbreviation, variation or derivative of the name, of another electoral group, that it may be confused with or mistaken for that name;
- (f) be one that a reasonable person would think suggests that a connection or relationship exists between the electoral group and another electoral group, or between the electoral group and any of the items referred to in Rule 62.10 or Rule 78;
- (g) include the words "independent", "non-aligned" or "voucher", or some abbreviation, variation or derivative thereof;
- (h) be obscene; or
- (i) bring the Guild into disrepute.

62.12 In Rules 62.11(d)-(f), the use of the phrase 'electoral group' includes electoral group names that are protected by the lodgement of a Schedule Nine form.

62.13 An electoral group may only stand for office as many candidates for an office as the total number of positions to be filled.

62.14 A complete list of all candidates who are members of an electoral group and the offices for which they are standing, must be submitted to the Returning Officer by the close of nominations.

62.15 An electoral group may submit before the close of nominations a list of its candidates for councillor who are members of that electoral group and the order in which they are to appear on the Ballot Paper.

62.16 If a nomination for an electoral group does not comply with these Regulations and is rejected, the Returning Officer must notify the campaign manager by telephone, if a telephone number has been included on the nomination form, or, if the campaign manager cannot be contacted by telephone, send notification to the campaign manager by 9:00am one academic day following receipt of the nomination. The notification must state the reasons for the rejection and include the email address of the Electoral Tribunal Registrar.

62.17 No decision of the Returning Officer to reject a nomination for an electoral group may be appealed to the Electoral Tribunal after 5.00pm two academic days after the close of nominations.

62.18 The Returning Officer must not, prior to the close of nominations, make available any information about electoral group registrations received for that annual election. This Regulation does not apply to confirmation of receipt of a registration to the campaign manager of the electoral group, or advising a campaign manager in accordance with Rule 62.16.

62.19 As soon as possible after the close of nominations, the Returning Officer must display on the Guild Noticeboard a list of electoral group registrations received.

R63 Campaign Managers

63.1 Candidates who register an electoral group must nominate the name and all contact details required by Schedule Five of a student to be the campaign manager for the electoral group.

63.2 The Returning Officer may contact the campaign manager before contacting other candidates in the electoral group on matters regarding the electoral group.

63.3 Nothing in Rule 63 shall abrogate any responsibilities of the Returning Officer to contact candidates directly.

R64 Close of Nominations

64.1 Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer by 12:00 noon on the Friday after the opening of nominations.

R65 Uncontested Offices

65.1 If the number of eligible candidates for any office does not exceed the number to be elected, the Returning Officer must declare those candidates elected within one day of the close of nominations.

R66 Draw for Ballot Papers

66.1 If the number of eligible candidates for any office exceeds the number to be elected, the Returning Officer must determine by lot the order in which those candidates will appear on the Ballot Paper.

66.2 The Returning Officer will first draw by lot the names of the electoral groups as they will appear on the Above the Line Ballot.

66.3 Where all of the candidates for an office belong to an electoral group, the order of the Below the Line Ballot Paper for that office will not be drawn by lot, but will be the same as the order of the Above the Line Ballot.

66.4 For offices other than councillor, if there are candidates for an office that do not belong to an electoral group, the Returning Officer will determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the Below the Line Ballot Paper for the office by drawing by lot:

- (a) for candidates who are a member of an electoral group, the name of the electoral group; and
 - (b) for candidates who are not a member of an electoral group, by the candidates' names.
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66.5 For the office of councillor, if there are candidates that do not belong to an electoral group, the Returning Officer will determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the Below the Line Ballot Paper by drawing by lot:

- (a) first, the order in which the electoral groups and "Ungrouped-Independent" will appear on the Below the Line Ballot Paper; and
- (b) second, the order in which candidates who are not members of an electoral group will appear under the "Ungrouped-Independent" grouping.

66.6 For the office of councillor, councillors who are members of an electoral group will appear on the Below the Line Ballot Paper under the name of that electoral group in the order submitted under Rule 62.15. If no such order was submitted, the Returning Officer will draw the order by lot.

66.7 The draws under this Rule are to be open to any student who wishes to observe them.

66.8 The campaign manager for each electoral group and all candidates who do not belong to an electoral group must be given 24 hours' notice of the time of the ballot and its location.

R67 List of Candidates

67.1 The Returning Officer must, by 5:00pm seven days after the day nominations close, place on the Guild Noticeboard a list of candidates in the order they will appear on the Ballot Paper.

R68 Withdrawal of Nomination

68.1 A candidate may only withdraw their nomination before the close of nominations or by a mutual agreement with the Returning Officer after the close of nominations.

68.2 Any candidate who nominates for more than one office on Guild Council (including a shared nomination) must withdraw all but one nomination to conform with the provisions of C18.3.

68.3 Withdrawals must be:

- (a) in the form of Schedule Four;
- (b) contain the full name of the candidate as it appears on the candidate's nomination; and
- (c) contain the original signature of the candidate wishing to withdraw.

68.4 The withdrawal takes effect upon its receipt by the Returning Officer or the date the Returning Officer agrees to the withdrawal, whichever is the later.

R69 Publicity

69.1 Rule 69 applies to all publicity intended to or calculated to or likely to affect the result of the annual election.

69.2 The following publicity is prohibited:

- (a) leaflets or posters reproduced on gloss or coated paper;
 - (b) the distribution of publicity in libraries and in lecture theatres or tutorial rooms;
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- (c) leaflets or posters affixed to any immovable object other than general noticeboards;
- (d) multiple sheets of paper used to form an overall poster;
- (e) chalking;
- (f) stickers, buttons, and skywriting;
- (g) publicity in newspapers, on radio and on television;
- (h) the use of performers who are not students;
- (i) any banner hung in a position not approved by the Returning Officer or any banner larger than 5m x 3m; and
- (j) publicity not approved in writing by the Returning Officer in accordance with Rule 70.

69.3 When any publicity represents or is intended to represent a candidate's name, that candidate's name must appear in full as it will or does on the Ballot Paper. No abbreviation, variation or derivative of a candidate's name, nor a preferred name, nickname or name in common use by the candidate, may be published on any campaign material. A candidate can at their discretion omit their middle name(s) on any campaign material. Where a candidate has adopted an anglicised name, the candidate may elect to use their legal name and/or their anglicised name.

R70 Authorisation and Approval of Publicity

- 70.1 All leaflets, posters, banners and web pages intended to or calculated to or likely to affect the result of an annual election must be authorised by a student.
- 70.2 The student's full legal name must appear legibly in print on the leaflet, poster, banner or webpage prior to approval by the Returning Officer or distribution or display.
- 70.3 A student seeking the Returning Officer's approval of publicity must give the Returning Officer the student's current contact telephone number and email address.
- 70.4 A copy of every leaflet and poster, and a drawing or design of every banner or clothing item and a printout of every webpage must be approved in writing by the Returning Officer before it is distributed or displayed. The Returning Officer must note the time and date of receipt of each leaflet or poster drawing or design.
- 70.5 The Returning Officer must approve publicity in writing unless it is:
- (a) false;
 - (b) defamatory; or
 - (c) would not comply with Rule 69 (aside from Rule 69.2(j)).
- 70.6 Leaflets, posters or banners or clothing items may not be distributed and a webpage not displayed until the Returning Officer has provided written approval.

R71 Revoking Approval of Publicity

- 71.1 The Returning Officer's approval of publicity under Rule 70 may only be revoked in accordance with this Rule 71.
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- 71.2 The student seeking the revocation must lodge an appeal against the Returning Officer's decision to grant approval with the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer must note the date and time the appeal was lodged.
- 71.3 The appeal must be in the form of Schedule Six. The appeal form must detail the substance of the appeal.
- 71.4 On receiving the appeal, the Returning Officer must request a meeting between the student making the appeal and either:
- (a) the campaign manager for the electoral group distributing the material or the campaign manager's nominee; or
 - (b) if the material was not distributed by an electoral group, the student who authorised the material.
- 71.5 This meeting must occur as soon as reasonably possible after the receipt of the appeal, but not at any time at which polls are open. The time of meeting must be agreed by all three parties.
- 71.6 Should the student appealing the approval fail to attend the meeting at the agreed time, the appeal will lapse.
- 71.7 Should the student described in Rule 71.4(a) or (b) fail to attend the meeting at the agreed time, the appeal may be dealt with in their absence.
- 71.8 For the sake of clarity, should both parties fail to appear, the appeal will lapse.
- 71.9 The meeting will aim to mediate the dispute.
- 71.10 Where the dispute can be successfully mediated, the following must occur:
- (a) The Returning Officer must note the date and time that agreement was reached;
 - (b) The Returning Officer must write a statement that outlines the agreement. This statement must reduce the agreement to writing;
 - (c) The statement must be signed by all parties in attendance;
 - (d) The Returning Officer must give a copy to the student who made the appeal and the student described in Rule 71.4(a) or (b);
 - (e) Where necessary, any material must be withdrawn from the elections at the end of the day. At the start of the next day, the Returning Officer must ensure that the material was withdrawn.
- 71.11 If mediation fails to resolve the dispute, the Returning Officer must forward the appeal to the Electoral Tribunal Registrar for consideration under Rule 93.

R72 Defamatory Conduct

- 72.1 The Guild does not indemnify any person for defaming another person during an election campaign.
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R73 Dates of Polling

- 73.1 Polling for the annual elections must be held in Semester Two. There must be at least five academic days in the week immediately prior to the commencement of polling.
- 73.2 Polling for the annual elections must be held over five consecutive academic days, commencing on a Monday.
- 73.3 The Guild Secretary is responsible for fixing the polling dates in accordance with the Regulations.

R74 Polling Places

- 74.1 For annual elections there must be polling booths open at the following places and times:
- (a) in the Level 4 Atrium, Z Block, QUT Gardens Point, from 9:30am to 4:00pm on the Monday and Wednesday of polling, and from 9:30am to 7:00pm on the Tuesday of polling;
 - (b) in Level 3, C Block, QUT Kelvin Grove, from 9:30am to 7:00pm on the Thursday of polling, and from 9:30am to 4:00pm of the Friday of polling;
 - (c) in Level 1 of B Block, QUT Caboolture, from 10:30am to 2:30pm on the Wednesday of polling; and
 - (d) at other places and times as determined by a simple majority of Guild Council, upon the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

R75 Voting

- 75.1 A student may only vote once in each election. Any additional votes of a student who votes or attempts to vote more than once are invalid and shall not be counted.
- 75.2 The Returning Officer may use any appropriate means to ensure Rule 75.1 is complied with.
- 75.3 A student may only vote for councillors in one faculty they are enrolled in. If a student is enrolled in more than one faculty, that student must elect, at the time of the issuing of ballot papers, the faculty they are enrolled in and want to vote in.
- 75.4 The Returning Officer shall, in the Returning Officer's discretion, accept such proof of eligibility to vote under C18.7, C18.8, C18.9 and C18.10.

R76 Form of Ballot Paper

- 76.1 The Above the Line Ballot Paper must take the form of Schedule Ten and must be printed on paper size A4 (210mm x 297mm) if there are two electoral groups, A3 (297mm x 420mm) if there are three or four electoral groups, or A2 (420mm x 594mm) if there are five or more electoral groups. The Returning Officer shall not alter the text, formatting or any other aspect of the Above the Line Ballot Paper, with the exception of entering the electoral year, the electoral group names and candidate's names where indicated upon the Above the Line Ballot Paper, in the order determined in accordance with Rule 66.
- 76.2 Notwithstanding Rule 76.1, the Returning Officer shall place all electoral groups on the Above the Line Ballot Paper and depending on the number of electoral groups at that election, must
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ensure that all columns containing the names and offices of an electoral group's candidates are of equidistant width, height and spacing. The text within the columns must be of consistent size, font and spacing.

76.3 The Below the Line Ballot Paper must:

- (a) for each office, list the names of all candidates for that office, in the order determined in accordance with Rule 66;
- (b) use the candidate's full legal name as verified by their enrolment advice lodged with their nomination. No variation or abbreviation of a candidate's name shall be permitted except where the candidate has adopted an anglicised name in which case they may elect to have their legal name and/or the anglicised name;
- (c) on ballots for offices other than councillor, next to the name of the candidate list the name of the electoral group of which the candidate is a member or if the candidate is not a member of an electoral group the word "independent";
- (d) on ballots for councillors, list the name of the electoral group above the name or names of candidates representing the same electoral group or the words "Ungrouped-Independent" above the name or names of candidates who are not a member of an electoral group;
- (e) be in a form enabling:
 - (i) the inclusion of instructions on how to formally complete the ballot paper;
 - (ii) the voter to indicate the voter's preference for the candidates; and
 - (iii) the votes to be counted under the relevant sections in this Regulation; and
- (f) be consecutively numbered; and
- (g) be fastened into booklets.

76.4 The Below the Line Ballot Paper may contain on any one page the ballot paper for more than one office, so long as it clearly distinguishes between the different offices.

76.5 All Ballot Papers must be in a form and may be accompanied by documents the Returning Officer decides are necessary to ensure that votes are cast by only those entitled to vote and that the ballot remains secret.

R77 Attendance

77.1 Each voter must produce their student card.

77.2 The poll clerk must:

- (a) verify that the voter is the student whose card it is by checking the signature and the photograph;
 - (b) initial or stamp with an authorised Returning Officer stamp each Ballot Paper for the offices the student is entitled to vote for in accordance with C18; then
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- (c) issue an Above the Line Ballot Paper, unless the voter requests a Below the Line Ballot Paper.

77.3 When the pole clerk issues an Above the Line Ballot Paper, the pole clerk will mark upon the voting entitlement grid, either by initial or with an authorised Returning Officer stamp, the voter's applicable faculty (for the election of councillors) and any additional officers (listed in C18.7 – C18.10 inclusive) that the voter is eligible to vote for.

R78 Voter Participation in Annual Elections

78.1 All students who are issued a Ballot Paper in the annual elections will receive a voucher redeemable at any Guild operated outlet.

78.2 The value of the voucher will be set at least \$5.00 and indexed in line with CPI and rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

78.3 The voucher may be used to purchase any item for sale at a Guild operated outlet up to the value determined in Rule 78.2 excluding alcohol and tobacco products. If the total value of the items is less than the value of the voucher, the student is not entitled to receive change in the form of cash.

78.4 The voucher is not redeemable for cash.

R79 Spoilt Ballot Papers

79.1 A voter who spoils a Ballot Paper may request a fresh Ballot Paper from the poll clerk.

79.2 The voter must return the spoilt Ballot Paper to the poll clerk.

79.3 The poll clerk must:

- (a) seal the spoilt ballot paper in an envelope marked "Spoilt Ballot Paper" and place it in the ballot box; then
- (b) issue the voter with a fresh ballot paper in accordance with Rule 77.2.

79.4 If a voter requests a Below the Line Ballot Paper, after having already been issued with an Above the Line Ballot Paper, the Above the Line Ballot Paper that was issued to them is deemed to be spoilt and must be returned to the poll clerk and dealt with in accordance with Rule 79.3.

79.5 If a voter requests an Above the Line Ballot Paper, after having already been issued with a Below the Line Ballot Paper, the Below the Line Ballot Paper that was issued to them is deemed to be spoilt and must be returned to the poll clerk and dealt with in accordance with Rule 79.3.

R80 Above the Line Voting

80.1 Rule 80 shall apply only to votes cast using an Above the Line Ballot Paper and not to votes cast using a Below the Line Ballot Paper.

80.2 Voters who vote using an Above the Line Ballot Paper, shall vote in accordance with the instructions prescribed on the Ballot Paper.

80.3 For the purposes of Rule 80:

- (a) The placement of a number [1] below an electoral group's name shall be considered a formal vote.
- (b) Where the voter has placed a number [1] below an electoral group's name and has then indicated subsequent preferences for other electoral groups, those subsequent preferences shall be disregarded and the number [1] vote shall be regarded as a formal vote.
- (c) Where the voter has placed a [X] or a tick below an electoral group's name and has then allocated subsequent numerical preferences to other electoral groups, the subsequent preferences shall be disregarded and the [X] or the tick shall be regarded as the formal vote.
- (d) A vote is formal even if:
 - (i) the voter places a [1], rather than an [X], below the electoral group's name;
 - (ii) the voter ticks a box, rather than places an [X], below the electoral group's name;
 - (iii) the voter places some other marking within the box, rather than an [X], where the voter's intention is otherwise clear; or
 - (iv) the voter makes other markings, or indicates additional preferences upon the candidate lists, upon the voting entitlement grid, or upon any other space within the ballot paper.

80.4 In the event that a student gives their first preference to an electoral group on an Above the Line Ballot Paper and subsequently marks an indication of numerical preference for another electoral group or candidate, only the votes for the electoral group for which the first preference is clearly indicated shall be considered formal.

80.5 For the sake of clarity, an electoral group does not have the ability to direct preferences for votes that have been cast by students on an Above the Line Ballot Paper.

80.6 Where a vote using an Above the Line Ballot Paper is formal it is deemed to be:

- (a) for offices other than councillor, a formal vote for that electoral group's candidate for each office, with no further preference exercised;
- (b) for councillor, a formal vote for each of the electoral group's candidates for councillor, with the voter's order of preference being the same as that submitted by the electoral group under Rule 62.15, with no preferences exercised for candidates who are not members of the electoral group.

R81 Below the Line Voting

81.1 Rule 81 shall apply only to votes cast using Below the Line Ballot Papers and not to votes cast using Above the Line Ballot Paper.

81.2 Voters must indicate their order of preference for candidates by placing the number 1 against the name of the candidate of their first preference and consecutive higher numbers against the names of as many other candidates of lower preference in order as they wish.

81.3 For the purposes of Rule 81.2:

- (a) a number against the name of a candidate indicates a preference for that candidate ahead of all candidates with higher numbers or no number against their name;
- (b) a vote is formal even if:
 - (i) the lowest number is not 1;
 - (ii) the numbers are not consecutive;
 - (iii) numbers are repeated;
- (c) a tick against the name of a candidate where there is no number 1 or cross against the name of another candidate is deemed to be the number 1; and
- (d) a cross against the name of a candidate where there is no number 1 or tick against the name of another candidate is deemed to be the number 1.

R82 Casting of Votes

82.1 Votes must be cast by placing the Ballot Papers in a sealed ballot box provided for that purpose at each polling place.

R83 Security of Ballot Papers

83.1 Ballot boxes may only be unsealed by the Returning Officer.

83.2 Whenever a sealed ballot box becomes full the Returning Officer must lock it in a secure place.

83.3 At the close of polling each day, the Returning Officer must lock all ballot boxes and unissued Ballot Papers in a secure place.

83.4 Immediately after the end of all polling for an annual election, the Returning Officer shall lock and seal all unissued Ballot Papers in a secure place other than the designated scrutiny room.

83.5 Before commencement of the scrutiny, the Returning Officer must nominate a secure place which shall be used as the designated room for the duration of the scrutiny. This room is to be kept secure when counting is not taking place. The Returning Officer shall not allow Ballot Papers to be removed from the designated scrutiny room.

83.6 Upon the conclusion of the scrutiny the Returning Officer must lock all issued and unissued Ballot Papers in a secure place to be stored as such under the direction of the Electoral Tribunal.

83.7 Issued Ballot Papers must be kept for twelve months after the declaration of the election.

83.8 In Rule 83 “secure place” means a place or places determined by the Returning Officer.

R84 Counting of Votes and Scrutiny

84.1 The only persons who may be present during the scrutiny are:

- (a) the Returning Officer, any assistant returning officers and poll clerks, and members of the Electoral Tribunal;
 - (b) scrutineers for the office being counted; and
 - (c) others specially authorised by and under the supervision of the Returning Officer.
- 84.2 The Returning Officer may exclude from the place of the scrutiny any person disrupting the scrutiny.
- 84.3 If the scrutiny of any office is adjourned, the Returning Officer must place a notice on the Guild Noticeboard stating when and where the scrutiny of that office will resume.
- 84.4 Upon lodging a nomination, or at any time thereafter up to the declaration of the result of an election, each candidate and each campaign manager may appoint students to be scrutineers by providing a notice to the Returning Officer in the form of Schedule Seven. Scrutineers so appointed may observe and scrutinize any part of the election process, provided that at no time shall the number of scrutineers appointed by any candidate or campaign manager exceed the number of staff engaged in any election process.
- 84.5 Candidates are not eligible to be scrutineers at any scrutiny for an office in which they are a candidate.
- 84.6 Scrutineers must not take part in a scrutiny except as observers.
- 84.7 The Returning Officer shall exclude from any polling place, place of scrutiny or election process any scrutineer who handles any Ballot Paper or ballot box.
- 84.8 Scrutineers are subject to the direction of the Returning Officer and any assistant returning officer.

R85 Informal Votes

- 85.1 Only the Returning Officer may rule a vote to be informal.
- 85.2 The Returning Officer shall not rule a vote informal if it does not comply with Rule 80 for Above the Line Ballot Papers or Rule 81 for Below the Line Ballot Papers if the voter's intention is otherwise clear.
- 85.3 A Ballot Paper will be informal if it discloses the identity of the voter.

R86 Method of Counting – Offices other than Councillor

- 86.1 Rule 86 shall apply to the counting of Ballot Papers for offices other than councillor.
- 86.2 Votes shall be counted as follows:
- (a) The Ballot Papers will be sorted by first preference votes given for each candidate. If, after ascertaining the first preference votes given for each candidate:
 - (i) no candidate has an absolute majority of votes, the Returning Officer will take the steps in Rule 86.2(b) below; or
 - (ii) if a candidate has an absolute majority of votes, that candidate is elected.
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- (b) If Rule 86.2(a)(i) applies, the candidate who has received the fewest first preference votes shall be excluded, and each Ballot Paper counted to that candidate shall be counted to the candidate next in the order of the voters' preference. If a voter did not express a further preference, the Ballot Paper exhausts, and the number of votes required for an absolute majority is adjusted accordingly.
- (c) The process of excluding the candidate who has the fewest votes, and counting each of his or her Ballot Papers to the unexcluded candidate next in the order of the voters' preference, shall be repeated until:
 - (i) only two candidates remain in the count, in which case the candidate with the most votes shall be elected; or
 - (ii) if, following the exclusion of a candidate and the distribution of preferences described in Rule 86.2(b), a candidate has an absolute majority of votes, that candidate shall be elected.

R87 Method of Counting – Councillor

87.1 For the purpose of Rule 87 the following words will have the meaning ascribed:

- (a) "ballots" mean formal Ballot Papers cast for the office of councillor;
- (b) "useable ballots" shall mean those ballots still disclosing a preference capable of being distributed;
- (c) "formal ballots" shall mean those ballots which are formal pursuant to Rule 80 for above the line ballots or Rule 81 for below the line ballots;
- (d) "progress total" shall mean the total number of points of a candidate at a given time during the counting of the ballot;
- (e) "quota" shall mean the number of formal ballots multiplied by 1000 and divided by the number of vacancies to be filled plus one and taking this result to the next whole number;
- (f) "surplus", in relation to a particular candidate, shall mean the number of points in excess of quota received by the particular candidate, and shall be calculated by subtracting the quota from the number of points received by that particular candidate;
- (g) "transfer value" shall mean the value attributable to useable ballots in distributing them according to expressed preferences, and shall be calculated by dividing the surplus of the candidate whose ballots are being distributed by the number of that candidate's useable ballots and taking this result; and
- (h) "exhausted ballot", in relation to a particular distribution of ballots according to expressed preferences, shall mean a ballot on which no further consecutive or sequential preference is expressed.

87.2 Rule 87 shall apply to the counting of ballots for councillors for each faculty, and for any other office established and so proscribed by the Regulations.

87.3 The ballots shall be sorted and recorded on a tally sheet according to the first preference shown for each candidate and each ballot shall be given a value of 1000 points.

- 87.4 Quota shall be calculated once the ballots have been distributed according to their first expressed preference and before any ballots are distributed according to their second expressed preference.
- 87.5 Quota shall not be recalculated during the counting of the ballot.
- 87.6 All candidates whose value of first preference votes equals or exceeds quota shall be declared elected in order of the number of points obtained commencing with the highest.
- 87.7 If, after a distribution of ballots according to preferences expressed, vacancies remain to be filled, and one or more of the candidates elected has a surplus, the surplus of each candidate shall be distributed in accordance with this Rule:
- (a) The useable ballots of the first elected candidate who received a surplus shall be distributed among the candidates who are not yet elected, according to the preferences expressed on that candidate's ballots, at a transfer value calculated in accordance with this Rule;
 - (b) For the purposes of clause (a) of this Rule, any exhausted ballots and any remainder from the calculation of the transfer value shall be recorded;
 - (c) For the purposes of clause (a) of this Rule if the transfer value is more than 1000, then, notwithstanding anything in this Regulation, the transfer value for each of the useable ballots shall be 1000 points and the remaining unused total shall be recorded on the count sheet as exhausted ballots.
- 87.8 Rule 87.7 shall be applied to each elected candidate successively in order of election until all surpluses have been distributed.
- 87.9 When a candidate receives a surplus as a result of a preference distribution, then only the bundle of ballots received in a distribution and which advance the candidate above quota is to be used in calculating the transfer value of the useable ballots to be distributed among the continuing candidates as provided for in Rule 87.7 and the remainder of the ballots shall no longer be used in the election.
- 87.10 The Returning Officer may delay, at the Returning Officer's discretion, the transfer of a surplus in circumstances where the value of that surplus together with the value of the surplus of elected candidates not yet transferred:
- (a) is less than the difference between the quota and the highest progress total of a continuing candidate; and
 - (b) is less than the difference between the progress totals of the two lowest continuing candidates, provided that the transfer of surplus that was delayed must be transferred prior to any subsequent distribution of surplus being made.
- 87.11 If all surplus points have been distributed, remaining vacancies shall be filled as follows:
- (a) All candidates with no points shall be recorded as eliminated from the count;
 - (b) The candidate with the lowest total of points shall be declared eliminated and that candidate's papers shall be distributed according to the preferences expressed, bundle by bundle, in the order in which they were received, and allotted to continuing candidates at the same values at which the papers were received;
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- (c) When a candidate receives a quota by this method, no further papers shall be allotted to that candidate beyond the bundle which gave that candidate a surplus and the distribution of the eliminated candidate shall be completed before the new surplus is transferred.

87.12

- (a) In determining the order of elimination of candidates with equal points the candidate whose progress total was lower when they last had unequal totals shall be eliminated first;
- (b) In determining the order of distribution of candidates with equal points, the candidate whose progress total was higher when they were last unequal shall be distributed first;
- (c) If in either case the candidates were equal at every progress total, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot which candidate is to be eliminated or distributed first.

87.13

The procedure of transferring the surplus of successful candidates and of eliminating candidates shall continue until the election is finished. The election is finished when:

- (a) The number of candidates required are elected;
- (b) Only one vacancy remains and two continuing candidates remain, in which case the candidate with the highest progress total shall be recorded as elected; or
- (c) Where the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of vacancies not yet filled, in which case all such candidates shall be recorded as elected.

R88 Declaration of Election

88.1

The Returning Officer must declare the results of an annual election as soon as practicable after completing the scrutiny.

88.2

The Returning Officer must place a notice of the declaration of the annual election in the form of Schedule Eight on the Guild Noticeboard immediately after declaring the election. The declaration must list the elected candidates and include information regarding the process for students who may wish to appeal the results.

R89 Returning Officer's Report

89.1

The Returning Officer must as soon as practicable after the election submit a report to the Guild Secretary for formal noting by Guild Council which includes:

- (a) the results of the elections;
 - (b) the number of Ballot Papers issued and returned;
 - (c) a complete breakdown of voting statistics at the various polling locations;
 - (d) the number of complaints (if any) made to the Returning Officer during the election;
 - (e) action taken by the Returning Officer in respect of those complaints;
 - (f) any rules governing the annual election, which, because of ambiguity or other reason, were difficult to interpret or apply; and
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- (g) any other information the Returning Officer thinks fit.

R90 Prohibited Conduct

90.1 Any dishonest conduct in an annual election is prohibited.

90.2 Without limiting the generality of Rule 90.1, the following are specifically prohibited:

- (a) providing false information in or interfering with any form lodged with the Returning Officer;
- (b) interfering with the Returning Officer in the performance of their duties;
- (c) voting or attempting to vote except in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations;
- (d) interfering with Ballot Papers or ballot boxes;
- (e) violating the secrecy of the ballot at the ballot booths;
- (f) campaigning or attempting to influence a voter within the defined area of a polling place;
- (g) campaigning unless a student;
- (h) paying a person to campaign;
- (i) offering free gifts and services, or items and services at less than cost price which, in the opinion of the Returning Officer, can be related in any way to campaigning or an inducement to vote for a particular candidate or electoral group;
- (j) using for campaign purposes Guild or University facilities not generally available to all students;
- (k) damaging Guild or University property;
- (l) campaigning in libraries or in lecture theatres or tutorial rooms;
- (m) distributing or displaying publicity prohibited by Rule 69, including publicity that is not authorised in accordance with Rule 70; and
- (n) failing to comply with a direction of the Returning Officer or a ruling of the Electoral Tribunal.

90.3 For the purposes of Rule 90.2(f) the Returning Officer must wherever practicable mark a line defining the polling place.

90.4 The Returning Officer may direct a person breaching Rule 90.1 or Rule 90.2 to cease doing so.

R91 Appointment of Electoral Tribunal and Electoral Tribunal Registrar

91.1 The members of the Electoral Tribunal must be appointed by the close of nominations for the annual election.

- 91.2 Each member of the Electoral Tribunal remains a member unless they:
- (a) resign;
 - (b) their appointment is withdrawn by their appointer who so appointed them under C17.1; or
 - (c) their appointer appoints another person in accordance C17.1.

- 91.3 Members of the Electoral Tribunal shall be entitled to:
- (a) such honorarium as may be agreed, from time to time, between the members of the Electoral Tribunal and the Executive Committee; and
 - (b) the use of such Guild resources that enables the members of the Electoral Tribunal to carry out their duties as defined in the Constitution and Regulations.

91.4 The Electoral Tribunal Registrar shall be a Guild employee as appointed by the Guild Secretary.

R92 Procedure of Electoral Tribunal

- 92.1 The Electoral Tribunal may meet by conference telephone or communicate by any other electronic means and, subject to these Regulations, regulate its own proceedings.
- 92.2 Decisions of the Electoral Tribunal may only be made by agreement of at least two members of the Electoral Tribunal.
- 92.3 The Electoral Tribunal must meet in camera.
- 92.4 Parties are entitled to be assisted by one student in a hearing before the Electoral Tribunal. No further representation or assistance shall be allowed unless the Electoral Tribunal decides that without representation a party will be unable to fairly put its case.
- 92.5 The Electoral Tribunal must decide questions of fact on the balance of probabilities, except where a student is accused of engaging in prohibited conduct, in which case the complainant bears the onus of proving beyond reasonable doubt that the accused student engaged in the prohibited conduct.
- 92.6 The Electoral Tribunal is responsible for interpreting these Regulations.
- 92.7 Proceedings of and documents associated with the Electoral Tribunal, other than its formal decisions, are confidential and may not be reported. Findings of the Electoral Tribunal must be in writing. Such findings must set out the facts and be available for inspection by any student from the Electoral Tribunal Registrar and the Returning Officer.
- 92.8 Where in the view of the Electoral Tribunal it is unnecessary that a hearing be held, the Electoral Tribunal may without meeting give a direction or ruling by unanimous resolution in writing.
- 92.9 Decisions of the Electoral Tribunal are final and shall not be appealed against or reviewed in any court or tribunal.
- 92.10 The email address for the Electoral Tribunal Registrar must be freely available from Guild reception.
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- 92.11 The Guild Secretary shall be invited to make submissions to the Electoral Tribunal with respect to any appeal or proceeding, except in the case of hearings relating to prohibited conduct.
- 92.12 The Electoral Tribunal shall conduct itself in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations.

R93 Appeals Against Decisions of the Returning Officer

- 93.1 A student may appeal against a decision of the Returning Officer by contacting the Electoral Tribunal Registrar.
- 93.2 The Electoral Tribunal Registrar must send the appeal to the Electoral Tribunal members and convene a meeting of the Electoral Tribunal upon the lodging of the appeal.
- 93.3 Where a meeting of the Electoral Tribunal is convened, it must be held as soon as practicable and necessary given the urgency of the matter.
- 93.4 Upon a meeting time being set, the Electoral Tribunal Register must send all appeal documentation to the respondent.
- 93.5 The respondent must be given the opportunity to respond in writing to the Electoral Tribunal Registrar, not later than two days after the respondent receives the complaint. The Electoral Tribunal Register must send the response to the Electoral Tribunal members and the appellant.
- 93.6 Where an appeal relates to the eligibility of a candidate, or an electoral group, the Electoral Tribunal must make a determination by no later than three academic days before the commencement of polling.
- 93.7 An appeal under this Regulation is by way of a reconsideration of the matters subject to the appeal.
- 93.8 At the meeting the student appealing must be given an opportunity to present their case.
- 93.9 The Returning Officer must be given an opportunity to respond.
- 93.10 The Electoral Tribunal may hear submissions from any other interested person.
- 93.11 The Electoral Tribunal must then rule on the matter.
- 93.12 The Electoral Tribunal may make declaratory rulings.
- 93.13 The Electoral Tribunal may not make any ruling which alters the result of any Election which has been declared if the appeal has been brought after the time set in Rule 95.1.
- 93.14 The Returning Officer may appeal against his or her own decision if subsequently satisfied it was wrong and if the decision is not otherwise able to be reversed.
- 93.15 Rule 93 will also apply where Rule 71.11 applies.
- 93.16 In Rule 93, “decision” includes omission and failure to act.
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93.17 Where the Electoral Tribunal fails to comply with Rule 93, the Returning Officer's determination shall stand and may not be subsequently appealed to the Electoral Tribunal nor be raised at or taken into account in any subsequent appeal to the Electoral Tribunal.

R94 Complaints of Prohibited Conduct

94.1 The Returning Officer or any student may report a breach of Rule 90 to the Electoral Tribunal Registrar.

94.2 The Electoral Tribunal Registrar must send the complaint to the Electoral Tribunal members and convene a meeting of the Electoral Tribunal upon the lodging of the complaint.

94.3 Where a meeting of the Electoral Tribunal is convened, it must be held as soon as practicable and necessary given the urgency of the matter.

94.4 Upon a meeting time being set, the Electoral Tribunal Registrar must send all complaint documentation to the respondent.

94.5 The respondent must be given the opportunity to respond in writing to the Electoral Tribunal Registrar, not later than seven days after the respondent receives the complaint. The Electoral Tribunal Registrar must send the response to the Electoral Tribunal members and the complainant.

94.6 At the meeting the person who has reported the breach must be given an opportunity to present their case.

94.7 The respondent must be given an opportunity to respond.

94.8 The Electoral Tribunal may hear submissions from any other interested person.

94.9 The Electoral Tribunal may, whether it finds there has been a breach or not, give such directions as it sees fit.

94.10 If the Electoral Tribunal finds that there has been a breach it may formally reprimand the person reported.

94.11 If the Electoral Tribunal finds that there has been a serious breach it may disqualify the person reported from:

(a) standing;

(b) voting; or

(c) both standing or voting, in:

(i) that election;

(ii) that election and a specific number of future elections; or

(iii) all elections.

94.12 For the purposes of Rule 94.11 and without limiting the generality of the words "serious breach", a breach of Rule 90.2(a) to (d) or a failure to comply with a direction or ruling of the Electoral Tribunal is automatically a serious breach.

- 94.13 If a candidate is disqualified, the Returning Officer must proceed as if that person had never nominated in the current election.
- 94.14 The Electoral Tribunal may not disqualify a person from standing in an election which has been declared if the report has been made after the time set in Rule 95.1.

R95 Appeals Against Results of Elections

- 95.1 A student may appeal against the result of an election in writing to the Electoral Tribunal Registrar by 5.00pm three academic days or five days, whichever is the lesser, of the declaration of the election.
- 95.2 The respondent must be given the opportunity to respond in writing, not later than seven days after the respondent receives the complaint.
- 95.3 A student may only appeal against the result of an election on the ground that there has been a defect in the conduct of the election which has materially affected the result.
- 95.4 The student appealing must notify the Returning Officer in writing of the appeal immediately after they contact the Electoral Tribunal Registrar.
- 95.5 The Electoral Tribunal Registrar must send the appeal to the Electoral Tribunal members and convene a meeting of the Electoral Tribunal within one week of the lodging of the appeal.
- 95.6 Upon a meeting time being set, the Electoral Tribunal Registrar must send all appeal documentation to the respondent.
- 95.7 The respondent must be given the opportunity to respond in writing to the Electoral Tribunal Registrar, not later than four days after the respondent receives the complaint. The Electoral Tribunal Register must send the response to the Electoral Tribunal members and the appellant.
- 95.8 At the meeting the student appealing must be given an opportunity to present their case.
- 95.9 The Electoral Tribunal may hear submissions from any interested person.
- 95.10 If the Electoral Tribunal is satisfied that there has been a defect in the conduct of the election which has materially affected the result it may order a new election or elections.
- 95.11 The Electoral Tribunal may determine the timetable for any election ordered under Rule 95.10.
- 95.12 In all proceedings of the Electoral Tribunal regarding an appeal against the result of the election, the Electoral Tribunal shall accord natural justice to all students who were candidates in the election affected by the appeal.
- 95.13 The Electoral Tribunal shall afford due consideration to the financial impact that any decision or ruling it makes, or contemplates to make, may have upon the Guild.

R96 Election not Invalid

- 96.1 An Election is not invalid because of:
- (a) a defect of a merely formal nature; or
 - (b) inadvertent failure to deliver or send election documents to a person.
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R97 Application of Amendments

97.1 No amendment to this Regulation, including to this clause, made during the election period shall have effect until the conclusion of the election period unless approved by the Electoral Tribunal.

Part 9 – Dictionary

R98 Definitions and Interpretation

98.1 Definitions in the Constitution apply to these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears.

98.2 A reference to a time means the time according to the Telstra dial-it time service (or successor service) and not a second later.

98.3 For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

Above the Line Ballot Paper means the ballot paper described in Rule 76.1.

Academic days means a day during the first or second semester which is not a Saturday, Sunday or University holiday.

Ballot Paper means an Above the Line Ballot Paper or a Below the Line Ballot Paper as the case may be.

Below the Line Ballot Paper means the collection of ballot papers described in Rule 76.3.

Budget means the annual budget for expenditure of the Guild's funds for a financial year.

Campus means a campus of the University.

Chair means the person elected or appointed to the chair of the Guild body in accordance with the Constitution or Regulations (i.e. the Chair, in the case of Guild Council, the President, in the case of the Executive Committee and the President's nominee in the case of Clubs and Societies Committee) or, where the context requires, such other student as is elected or appointed from time to time to chair a meeting or part thereof in the absence of the normal chair or where that person declines to chair the meeting.

Election period means the period commencing from the time nominations are opened and ending at the time following the final resolution of outstanding appeals or the final date for appealing results of the election, whichever is later.

Financial Procedures Manual means the manual described in Rule 51.

Guild means Guild Council, the Executive Committee and the Clubs and Societies Committee.

Guild Noticeboard means the Guild noticeboard immediately outside the entrance to the Guild offices, Level 2, C Block, QUT Kelvin Grove.

Rule means and refers to the rules provided by these Regulations.

Semester means that period of time prescribed and published by the University for semesters to begin and end.

Standing Orders means the Rules in Part 1 of the Regulations.

Schedule Two

Form of Nomination

CANDIDATE

Surname: _____ Given names: _____

Enrolled program (*ie B.Bus/B.CI*): _____

Student number: _____ Gender: [] Female [] Male [] Intergendered

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Contact Details:

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

If elected, do you wish your address and phone number to be distributed to other officers? [] Yes [] No

I consent to be nominated as a candidate for the office of:

(position) (electoral group)

I declare that I will accept the position if elected. I agree to comply with the Guild's Constitution and Regulations in regard to this election. I understand these include provisions whereby if this form is not correctly filled out (including student numbers etc) my nomination will be rejected.

I authorise the Returning Officer to confiscate any material in contravention of the Constitution or Regulations produced by or for the benefit of myself and my electoral group (if applicable) where such material is in contravention of the Constitution and Regulations, or is defamatory and where such material is published anywhere on the University campus and I acknowledge that any costs incurred by the Returning Officer in so doing may be recovered against me as a civil debt.

If you are sharing this nomination with another candidate or candidates, please list his/her/their name(s) below.

personal signature of candidate

NOMINATOR

surname given names student number enrolled program

personal signature of nominator

SECONDER

surname given names student number enrolled program

personal signature of seconder

Schedule Four

Withdrawal of Nomination

____/____/____

Dear Returning Officer,

I, _____ (*name as it appears on nomination form*), wish to inform you of my desire to withdraw from the position of _____ in the upcoming ballot.

Signed,

(*signature of candidate wishing to withdraw*)

Student Number: _____

Schedule Five

Electoral Group Registration

Proposed Name of Electoral Group (*up to five words*):

Proposed Colour of Electoral Group:

Please provide name and contact details for a student formally nominated as campaign manager by the candidates of this proposed electoral group (for the purposes of communication between the Returning Officer and the electoral group):

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Contact number: () _____ Email address _____

Student number: _____

The registration of an electoral group requires twenty-four candidates, at least three of which must be for the position of President, Guild Secretary and Treasurer and at least three of which must be for the offices of Caboolture Campus Officer, International Students Officer and Postgraduate Students Officer.

Name signature student number candidate for

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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A complete list of all candidates who are members of this Electoral Group must be submitted to the Returning Officer by the close of nominations, and the order in which they should appear on the ballot, if applicable.



Schedule Seven

Scrutineer Application

I, _____, being a candidate for _____

do hereby appoint the following student as a scrutineer.

Name: _____

Student No: _____

Signed

Schedule Nine

Electoral Group Standard Protection

This form is to be used to alter that standard protection of electoral group names set out in the Election Regulations.

Name of electoral group: _____

Conditions on future use of Electoral Group Name:

Signed consent of ___ candidates part of Electoral Group

Signed consent of named person(s): _____

Other conditions: (please clearly detail below)

Signed:

Campaign Manager

Presidential Candidate

QUT STUDENT GUILD ANNUAL ELECTION (YEAR) BALLOT PAPER

**The ballot paper must be completed by you, the voter, personally.
Do not put any mark or writing on the ballot paper by which you can be identified.**

ABOVE THE LINE VOTING (APPLIES TO THE ATTACHED POSITIONS ONLY)

Students who wish to vote for a single Electoral Group and who **do not wish** to preference any other candidates, or any other electoral groups, may indicate their preference on this ballot paper. Students who indicate their preference for a particular Electoral Group will have their vote allocated amongst candidates in the order of candidates specified by that Electoral Group.

The order of candidates specified by an Electoral Group is as printed on this ballot paper. Students who wish to preference other Electoral Groups or individual candidates for various positions, may request a below-the-line ballot paper from the polling clerk. This ballot paper will be disregarded if you request a below-the-line ballot paper. Additional voting entitlements have been marked by the polling clerk at the bottom of this ballot paper. Your above-the-line vote shall carry to all of the positions marked. Do not mark the grid.

To vote for an Electoral Group, please place [X] in the box under the Electoral Group name.
QUT STUDENT GUILD ANNUAL ELECTION (YEAR)
BALLOT PAPER

TEAM 1

PRESIDENT
CANDIDATE

GUILD SECRETARY
CANDIDATE

TREASURER
CANDIDATE

VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

VICE-PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY RIGHTS)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

VICE-PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

VICE-PRESIDENT (SPORT)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

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CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two & CANDIDATE, Three &
CANDIDATE, Four & CANDIDATE, Five & CANDIDATE, Six &
CANDIDATE, Seven & CANDIDATE, Eight & CANDIDATE, Nine
& CANDIDATE, Ten

ENVIRONMENT OFFICER
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

CABOOLTURE CAMPUS OFFICER
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

INDIGENOUS OFFICER
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS OFFICER
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

BUSINESS FACULTY COUNCILLOR
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

LAW FACULTY COUNCILLOR
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FACULTY COUNCILLOR
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

HEALTH FACULTY COUNCILLOR
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES FACULTY COUNCILLOR
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

EDUCATION FACULTY COUNCILLOR
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

TEAM 2

PRESIDENT
CANDIDATE

GUILD SECRETARY
CANDIDATE

TREASURER
CANDIDATE

VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

VICE-PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY RIGHTS)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

VICE-PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

VICE-PRESIDENT (SPORT)
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

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CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two & CANDIDATE, Three
& CANDIDATE, Four & CANDIDATE, Five & CANDIDATE, Six
& CANDIDATE, Seven & CANDIDATE, Eight & CANDIDATE,
Nine & CANDIDATE, Ten

ENVIRONMENT OFFICER
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

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CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

INDIGENOUS OFFICER
CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER
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CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

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CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

TEAM 3

PRESIDENT
CANDIDATE

GUILD SECRETARY
CANDIDATE

TREASURER
CANDIDATE

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CANDIDATE, One & CANDIDATE, Two

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