

Official Notice

Election of the 2020 USASA Board

Nomination period:

16 September 9am

27 September 4pm

Voting period:

21 October 9am

25 October 4pm

Provisional Results Announced:

25 October 5pm

Vacant Positions	Qualifications for Candidature*
President	Any student enrolled at any campus
Postgraduate Student Representative	Any student enrolled in a postgraduate program**
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Representative	Any student who identifies as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
International Student Representative	Any student enrolled as an International student
City East Undergraduate Representative	Any undergraduate student with City East as their home campus
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City West Undergraduate Representative	Any undergraduate student with City West as their home campus
City West Representative	Any student with City West as their home campus
Magill Undergraduate Representative	Any undergraduate student with Magill as their home campus
Magill Representative	Any student with Magill as their home campus
Mawson Lakes Undergraduate Representative	Any undergraduate student with Mawson Lakes as their home campus
Mawson Lakes Representative	Any student with Mawson Lakes as their home campus
Mount Gambier Representative	Any student with Mount Gambier as their home campus
Whyalla Representative	Any student with Whyalla as their home campus

* in order to nominate and hold office, a Board member must be an onshore student of UniSA (not be an exchange student), must be eligible to hold a liquor license in SA, must never have previously been removed from (or involuntarily vacated from) a position on the USASA Board, and must have never been convicted of any indictable offence or any offence involving fraud, theft, or dishonesty. Permanent and fixed-term contract employees of USASA or UniSA are not eligible to nominate for any USASA Board position.

**A student enrolled in a postgraduate and undergraduate program concurrently is deemed a postgraduate student

Nomination Process

1. All nominations must be submitted through the specified online form.
2. All nominations must be received between 9am Monday 16 September and 4pm Friday 27 September.
3. Candidates may nominate for two positions on the Board but can only be elected to one.
4. Candidates must upload a copy of their student ID card when submitting the form.
5. Candidates will be required to make a declaration that they fulfil all the eligibility criteria for the role. This will be verified by USASA staff prior to the commencement of the new Board terms.

Requirements for submitting Policy Statements

- At the close of nominations, the Returning Officer will check the provisional eligibility of candidates by confirming that they meet the basic criteria for the roles they have nominated.
- Provisionally eligible candidates will receive an email link from BigPulse where they must submit a 200px x 200px photograph and a policy statement of no more than 250 words.
- The Returning Officer will confirm the deadline for the submission of the policy statement and photograph at the candidate briefings that will take place the week after nominations close.
- All candidates will receive an email confirming whether their nomination statements and photographs have been approved, or whether the Returning Officer requires them to resubmit.

Voting Method

- Voting will be conducted electronically via the online platform, BigPulse.
- All students will receive an email with a unique link to the electronic ballot form.
- Students may vote online any time between 9am Monday 21 October and 4pm Friday 25 October.
- All students may vote for the positions of President, Postgraduate Student Representative, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Representative, and International Student Representative.
- The remaining Undergraduate/Campus Representative positions can only be elected by students also enrolled at that home campus.
- The vote will be conducted using the optional preferential proportional representation method.