

Official Notice of Election

Vacancy: UniSA Online Student Representative (term ends 31 December 2021)

General Information

The University of South Australia Student Association is a not-for-profit, student-run organisation that exists to support all students at UniSA. USASA has recently recognised UniSA Online as being a 'home campus' of the University and is required to hold an election for the vacancy of a UniSA Online Student Representative.

For the nomination form and more information visit USASA.SA.edu.au/Election.

Returning Officer: Debra Arnold (debra@thirdsectormanagement.com.au)

Assistant Returning Officer: Bridget Laffy (bridget.laffy@unisa.edu.au)

Important Dates

Nominations Open:

9am Monday 24 May– 4pm Friday 4 June (ACST)

Voting Open:

9am Monday 28 June– 4pm Friday 2 July (ACST)

Provisional Results Announced:

5pm Friday 2 July (ACST)

Eligibility Criteria

UniSA Online Student Representative

You are eligible to nominate for this election if you:

1. Are enrolled with UniSA Online as your home campus; **and**
2. Are an onshore student of UniSA (physically located in Australia); **and**
3. Have never previously been removed from (or involuntarily vacated from) a position on the USASA Board; **and**
4. Are **not** a permanent or fixed-term contract employee of USASA or UniSA; **and**
5. Have never been convicted of any indictable offence or any offence involving fraud, theft, or dishonesty; **and**
6. Agree to comply with all the requirements and conditions of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner (SA) that may be imposed on Board Members in connection with any application for a liquor license by USASA.

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How to Nominate:

1. All nominations must be submitted through the specified online form which will be accessible from USASA.sa.ed.au/election from 9am Monday 24 May
2. All nominations must be received during the specified nomination period
3. You must select a compulsory candidate briefing session to attend (conducted live via Zoom on either Tuesday 8 June, **or** Wednesday 9 June at 5:30pm (ACST). (You may also apply for a reasonable alternative *at the discretion of the Returning Officer* if you cannot attend either of these sessions). Candidates who do not attend will be taken to have withdrawn their nominations.
4. You will receive the Zoom link for your chosen session when you receive confirmation that your nomination has been provisionally accepted
5. You must upload a copy of your enrolment summary, or photo/scan of your student ID card, and must check the box to declare that you fulfil all the eligibility criteria for the role

How to Submit Policy Statement:

1. It is a requirement that all candidates submit a policy statement and photograph to the Returning Officer
2. Policy statements and photographs are due by 12pm Friday 11 June (ACST)
3. You will be emailed a specific upload link for these once nominations have closed and the Returning Officer has checked your provisional eligibility
4. Policy statements must be no more than 200 words and are what students will see before they cast a vote (write what you want the voters to know about you)
5. Photographs must be 200x200 px, be *.jpg or *.png, and be smaller than 256kb
6. All candidates will receive an email confirming whether their nomination statement(s) and photograph(s) have been approved, or whether the Returning Officer Requires them to be revised and resubmitted

How to Vote:

1. If more than two nominations are received for any position, an election will occur
2. Voting will be conducted electronically via the online platform, BigPulse
3. All students with a UniSA Online home campus recorded by Student Academic Services will receive an email with a unique link to the electronic ballot form
4. Students may vote any time after receiving the email until 4pm Friday 2 July (ACST)
5. Recording [1] against someone's name will indicate that they are your first preference and you have the *option* to number the remaining candidates according to your preference with [2], [3], and so on
6. The vote and count will be conducted using the optional preferential proportional representation method

Please contact USASA.StudentVoice@unisa.edu.au with any enquiries