



The University of Sydney

Election of Student Members of faculties, colleges and board of studies to the Academic Board

NOTICE is hereby given that an election of student members of faculties to the Academic Board will be held on **4 November 2009** in accordance with the provisions of the University of Sydney Act 1989, University of Sydney By-law 1999 and the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 (as amended).

Each member so elected will hold office for one year from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010.

Student members of the Academic Board

One student to be elected from each of the faculties, colleges and boards of studies at the University of Sydney.

Eligibility for election and to vote

- (1) Seventeen elections will be held, one for each of the faculties, colleges and boards of studies defined in (4) below.
- (2) To be qualified to stand and vote for these elections, a person must have been elected or appointed as a member of a faculty, college or board of studies at the University of Sydney at the time of close of nominations for these elections.
- (3) The electoral rolls for these elections comprise those students elected or appointed as student members of the faculties, colleges or boards of studies at the University of Sydney for 2010.
- (4) The faculties, colleges and boards of studies at the University of Sydney are: Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning; Faculty of Arts; Faculty of Dentistry; Faculty of Economics and Business; Faculty of Education and Social Work; Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies; Faculty of Health Sciences; Faculty of Law; Faculty of Medicine; Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery; Faculty of Pharmacy; Faculty of Science, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Faculty of Veterinary Science and the Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies.

Definitions

For the purposes of election to the Academic Board, terms are defined as follows.

'**student**' means a person (other than a person who is an academic staff member) who is enrolled as a student of the University at the time for close of nominations for the election concerned, as specified in the notice of ballot for the election.

Nomination Procedure

- (1) Each nomination must be forwarded on a separate nomination form and reach the **Returning Officer (Elections), Secretariat, A14** no later than **4.00pm on 6 October 2009**.
- (2) Each nomination form must be signed by two persons (other than the person nominated) who are enrolled students at the University of Sydney in the same faculty, college or board of studies as the nominee, indicating that they propose and second the nomination.
- (3) Each nomination form must also be signed by the nominated candidate, who must meet the requirements for the election, to signify his or her consent to the nomination.
- (4) It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the nomination is in accordance with the Rules relating to these elections.

- (5) It is the responsibility of the candidate to brief any scrutineer whom the candidate has nominated on his or her role (see below).
- (6) Nomination forms are available from the Academic Board office (ext: 13306; e-mail: admin@academicboard.usyd.edu.au) or on the University's intranet at: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/about/elections.shtml>
- (7) A nomination may not be withdrawn once nominations have closed.

Information about Candidates

Each candidate may provide at the time of nomination a statement of not more than 100 words containing the following information:

- (1) full name;
- (2) academic year;
- (3) degree(s) and/or diploma(s) held;
- (4) age; and
- (5) positions or offices held in public bodies, clubs and institutions (including University and College clubs and societies) with dates of tenure.

Such information may be edited and printed as a summary of information about each candidate for distribution with the voting paper. Forms for this purpose are available from the Academic Board office (ext: 13306; e-mail: admin@academicboard.usyd.edu.au) during normal working hours, or on the University's intranet at: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/about/elections.shtml>

Method of Election

- (1) In the event that there is only one nomination from a particular faculty, college or board of studies, the candidate will be declared elected in accordance with the Rule.
- (2) In the event of there being more than one nomination from a particular faculty, college or board of studies, an election will be conducted by secret ballot in accordance with the Rules.
- (3) A roll of all qualified voters in each category will be available for inspection in the Academic Board Office during normal working hours from 20 October 2009.
- (4) All voting papers received by the Returning Officer not later than 4.00pm on 3 November 2009 will be counted in the ballot.

Scrutineers

- (1) Each candidate for election may nominate one person to be present as that candidate's scrutineer at any counting of votes for that election. Any nomination under this rule must be in writing, signed by the candidate, and given to the Returning Officer before counting of votes commences.
- (2) A candidate for election is not eligible to be appointed as a scrutineer.
- (3) A scrutineer is entitled to inspect any vote provided that scrutiny does not unreasonably delay the counting of votes in that election.

University Legislation

The *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* (as amended), which governs these elections, can be found at: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/policy/>

Use of Personal Details

At the time of nomination, a candidate agrees that if successful in the election, appropriate personal details of the candidate may be used in connection with the administration of elections, including the circulation of some details to the Students' Representative Council (SRC) and the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA).

Queries regarding this matter may be directed to Megan Kemmis, Secretariat on x13306, email: M.Kemmis@secretariat.usyd.edu.au.

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