

# Conduct of Elections By-law

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## 1 Definitions and Interpretations

**Electronic Campaigning** means electoral campaigning conducted using the internet or social media as a means, e.g. 'Facebook'

## 2 Electoral tickets

(a) A NUSA member may register an electoral ticket for the purpose of an election.

(b) The NUSA member who registered the ticket shall be the "ticket contact" for electoral ticket.

(d) The Returning Officer shall not allow any name to be registered or for any election material to be used in the election that is sexist, queerphobic, racist or otherwise offensive in such a manner that the Returning Officer believes that it would discriminate against, or be offensive to members of the university community.

(d) No ticket name shall:

- (i) in anyway incorporate the name of NUSA;
- (ii) breach any copyright or trademark legislation;
- (iii) be longer than four (4) words;
- (iv) be misleading or deceptive;
- (v) contain voting directives;
- (vi) be the same as, or similar to, any other ticket name.

(e) Applications for registration of an electoral ticket shall be made to the Returning Officer in a form approved by the NUSA Executive before the close of nominations and shall include:

- (i) The name of the electoral ticket and any abbreviation thereof;
- (ii) The name, contact details and signature of the ticket contact.

(f) In the case of competing claims to the same, or similar electoral ticket name, the Returning Officer shall decide which ticket contact, if any, may have rights to that name. The

time at which applications for the name were made shall not be used as a sole determinant, although it may be included as an element in the exercise of this discretion.

(g) To establish a claim to a name for the purposes of registration written permission of the ticket contact that last used the name must be given in writing unless a candidate was registered to the name greater than two (2) years prior to the election.

(h) A candidate wishing to register themselves as members of an electoral ticket for the purpose of an election must list the ticket name with the signature of the ticket contact on their nomination form.

(i) No candidate shall be eligible to be registered as a member of more than one (1) electoral ticket.

(j) The ticket name shall appear below the candidate's name on the ballot paper.

### **3 Electronic Campaign Material**

(a) Electronic campaigning for elections is permitted providing that all campaign material produced by a candidate or ticket:

- (i) is accessible to the returning officer;
- (ii) displays the name and student number of the candidate or ticket contact;
- (iii) if fully compliant with section five of the NUSA Rules and Regulations.

(b) Any request by the returning officer to remove material which they believe to be in breach of this clause or the NUSA rules and regulations must be complied with within 24 hours.

(c) With reference to 5.8.1 of the NUSA Rules and Regulations, electronic campaign material shall not be deemed a good if it is compliant with this clause.

### **4 General**

(a) A copy of this by-law shall be made available to all candidates in elections.

(b) Interpretation of this by-law is at the discretion of the Returning Officer.

# Electoral Ticket Registration

Name of ticket: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ticket Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Contact's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is an existing ticket and you wish to change the authorised Ticket Contact:

Name of current Ticket Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of current Ticket Contact: \_\_\_\_\_