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University of New South Wales (Elections) Rules 2026

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Preamble

The *University of New South Wales (Elections) Rules 2026 (Elections Rules)* are made by Council under the *University of New South Wales Act 1989 (UNSW Act)* and in particular under section 28 (the general power to make rules) and clause 64 (the general power of Council to make rules) of the *University of New South Wales By-law 2005 (UNSW By-law)*.

These Elections Rules are to be read in conjunction with the UNSW Act, UNSW By-law, *University of New South Wales (General) Rules 2026*, Council Constitution Rules, Council Charter and Council resolutions, as applicable.

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1. Preliminary

Application

- 1.1 These Elections Rules commence on Day Month 2026.
- 1.2 These Elections Rules apply to elections for:
 - (a) academic staff members of Council
 - (b) non-academic staff members of Council
 - (c) student members of Council
 - (d) professorial members of the Academic Board
 - (e) non-professorial academic staff members of the Academic Board
 - (f) undergraduate student members of the Academic Board
 - (g) postgraduate student members of the Academic Board
 - (h) President and Deputy President of the Academic Board
 - (i) staff members of faculty boards
 - (j) student members of faculty boards
- 1.3 For the purpose of these Elections Rules:
 - (a) a reference to the University means the University of New South Wales
 - (b) a reference to a faculty includes UNSW Canberra and a reference to a dean includes the Dean and Rector, UNSW Canberra.
- 1.4 These Elections Rules do not apply to elections for the offices of Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor, which are conducted in accordance with procedures approved by Council.

Definitions for the purpose of these Elections Rules

- 1.5 For the purpose of all elections conducted under these Elections Rules, definitions of **academic staff**, **non-academic staff**, **undergraduate students** and **postgraduate students** are as set out in clause 10 of the UNSW By-law.

Note – clause 10 of the UNSW By-law provides that:

Academic staff are those persons who:

- (i) hold the post of professor, associate professor, principal lecturer, senior lecturer, lecturer or associate lecturer at the University (or, if an alternative designation is adopted for any of those posts, the post as so designated), and
- (ii) hold a full-time, or not less than 0.5 fractional, appointment to the post concerned,

Non-Academic staff are those persons who hold a full-time, or not less than 0.5 fractional, appointment to a post at the University other than a academic staff.

Undergraduate students are those persons who are enrolled as students of the University proceeding towards:

- (i) a bachelor's degree, or
- (ii) a diploma other than a graduate diploma,

Postgraduate students are those persons who are enrolled as students of the University proceeding towards:

- (i) a degree other than a bachelor's degree, or
- (ii) a graduate diploma, or
- (iii) a graduate certificate.

- 1.6 For the purpose of elections to Academic Board or a faculty board:

- (a) **postgraduate coursework students** are students enrolled in a postgraduate award program of study at the University that leads to the award of a graduate diploma, graduate certificate or masters degree by coursework, and
- (b) **higher degree research candidates** are postgraduate students enrolled in a higher degree research program of study at the University that leads to the award of a degree of doctor of philosophy, master of philosophy or master by research, or a professional doctorate.

- 1.7 A student ceases to be enrolled:

- (a) on the date their withdrawal from their enrolled program becomes effective (provided they do not immediately enrol in another award program of the type for which they were elected); or
- (b) by not re-enrolling by the deadline for re-enrolment (for the relevant teaching period); or
- (c) on the date their application for program leave becomes effective or on the date they commence enforced medical or other leave; or
- (d) on the date they are suspended or excluded from enrolment by the University; or

- (e) on their completion date, being the date recorded within the University's student information management system and on their academic transcript indicating that they have satisfied all requirements for the award of the degree, diploma or certificate.

2. Council Elections

Elections of staff and student members to Council

- 2.1 Required elections for membership of the Council will be held on a date determined by the Returning Officer and in accordance with these Rules.

Note – the current **Council constitution rules** made under section 8D(1) of the UNSW Act prescribes the following number of elected members of the Council:

- (a) 2 academic staff
- (b) 1 non-academic (professional) staff
- (c) 1 undergraduate student
- (d) 1 postgraduate student

- 2.2 For the purpose of Part 3 of the UNSW By-law, the requirements to be a fit and proper person are as prescribed by the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* (Cth).

Casual vacancy¹ in the office of an elected member to Council

- 2.3 When a casual vacancy occurs, the Returning Officer will advise Council of the next eligible candidate who polled the greatest number of votes of the unsuccessful candidates at the most recent election, for appointment to the vacancy by Council.
- 2.4 Where the casual vacancy cannot be filled in accordance with Rule 2.3, the Council is to appoint an eligible member to the vacancy after appropriate consultation.
- 2.5 Where the casual vacancy is for a period of three meetings or less, the Council may determine not to fill the vacancy.
- 2.6 A person filling a casual vacancy in the office of an elected member is to hold office for the balance of the term of the former elected member whose place they have filled.

¹ As defined in Schedule 1 of the UNSW Act

3. Academic Board Elections

Election of staff members to Academic Board

3.1 Elections will be held every 2 years for:

- (a) 2 persons per faculty elected by and from the eligible professors of the faculty; and
- (b) 2 persons per faculty elected by and from the eligible non-professorial academic staff members of the faculty,

on a date determined by the Returning Officer and in accordance with these Rules.

3.2 Eligibility criteria for the purpose of election to Academic Board:

- (a) each eligible professorial and non-professorial academic staff member must belong to one of the faculties of the University, each of which is an electorate;
- (b) each professorial and non-professorial academic staff member who belongs to one of the faculties of the University and has an appointment at 0.5 FTE or greater across the University at the close of the election roll for the Academic Board election is eligible to stand for and vote in an election to Academic Board, subject to Rules 3.2 (c), 3.2 (d) and 3.4;
- (c) each eligible professorial and non-professorial academic staff member will belong to the faculty where their professional time is occupied, subject to Rules 3.2(d), 3.2 (e) and 3.2(f);
- (d) where an eligible member of the academic staff is employed to undertake duties in more than one faculty, they will be included on the election roll for the electorate where the greater amount of their professional time is occupied;
- (e) in the event that equal time is spent in more than one faculty, that person must self-nominate and vote in the electorate in which they wish to belong; and
- (f) the Returning Officer will determine the appropriate electorate for an eligible professorial or non-professorial academic staff member who does not belong to an electorate by the operation of Rules 3.2 (c), 3.2 (d) and 3.2 (e), for example where a staff member's professional time is occupied outside a faculty, such as in a Division.

3.3 The term of office for staff members elected to Academic Board in accordance with these Rules is 2 years beginning on 1 January following their election, except for as prescribed in Rule 3.12.

3.4 Elected staff members may serve up to 3 consecutive terms of office.

Election of student members to Academic Board

3.5 Elections will be held annually for:

- (a) 1 undergraduate student elected by and from the eligible undergraduate students;
- (b) 1 postgraduate coursework student elected by and from the eligible postgraduate coursework students; and
- (c) 1 higher degree research candidate elected by and from the eligible higher degree research candidates

on a date determined by the Returning Officer and in accordance with these Rules.

3.6 Eligibility criteria for the purpose of election to Academic Board:

- (a) each undergraduate student and postgraduate coursework student and higher degree research candidate enrolled at the close of the election roll for the Academic Board election is eligible to stand for and vote in an election to Academic Board, subject to Rule 3.6 (b), 3.8; and
- (b) a person is not eligible to stand for and vote in an election to Academic Board as a student member if they are employed as an academic staff member of the University at 0.5 FTE or greater.

3.7 The term of office for student members elected to Academic Board is 2 years beginning on 1 January following their election, except for as prescribed in Rule 3.13.

3.8 Elected student members may serve up to 3 consecutive terms of office.

Casual vacancy for elected members of Academic Board and faculty boards

3.9 The office becomes vacant if:

- (a) in its discretion, the Council, by a majority decision, determines to remove a member from the Academic Board who has been found to have breached a University Code of Conduct and Values;
- (b) being an academic staff member:
 - (i) dies; or
 - (ii) resigns office in writing, addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, if President of the Academic Board; to the President of the Academic Board, if an elected member on Academic Board or Deputy President of the Academic Board; or to the dean of the faculty of the relevant faculty board to which they are elected; or
 - (iii) leaves the service of the University; or
 - (iv) is absent without leave for 3 consecutive meetings of the board of which they are a member; or

- (v) ceases to be eligible for election, noting non-professorial elected staff members on Academic Board who are promoted to a professor of the University during their elected term of office will remain eligible for membership of the electorate which elected them to the Academic Board; or
 - (vi) becomes an ex-officio member on the relevant board; or
 - (vii) if a Deputy President has been co-opted to the office of President of the Academic Board.
- (c) being a student member:
- (i) dies; or
 - (ii) resigns office in writing, addressed to the President of the Academic Board, if an elected member on Academic Board; or to the dean of the faculty of the relevant faculty board to which they are elected; or
 - (iii) ceases to be enrolled; or
 - (iv) is absent without leave from 3 consecutive meetings of the board of which they are a member; or
 - (v) ceases to be eligible for election; or
 - (vi) becomes an ex-officio member on the relevant board.

Casual vacancy in the office of an elected member to Academic Board

- 3.10 When a casual vacancy occurs, the Returning Officer will advise the President of the Academic Board of the next eligible candidate who polled the greatest number of votes of the unsuccessful candidates at the most recent election for appointment to the vacancy by the President of the Academic Board.
- 3.11 Where the casual vacancy cannot be filled in accordance with Rule 3.10, the President of the Academic Board is to appoint an eligible member to the vacancy on advice of the relevant dean of the faculty (for academic staff members) or the relevant student bodies (for student members).
- 3.12 Where the casual vacancy is for a period of three meetings or less, the President of the Academic Board may determine not to fill the vacancy.
- 3.13 A person filling a casual vacancy in the office of an elected member is to hold office for the balance of the term of the former elected member whose place they have filled.

Election of Academic Board President and Deputy Presidents

- 3.14 Elections will be held every 2 years for:
- (a) a President; and
 - (b) up to 2 Deputy Presidents

elected by and from the members of the Academic Board, in accordance with Clause 57(1) of the UNSW By-law, on a date determined by the Returning Officer, and in accordance with these Rules.

- 3.15 As soon as practicable after the results have been declared in the Academic Board staff and student members elections the Returning Officer must issue a notice of elections and call for self-nominations to the positions of President and Deputy President(s).
- 3.16 Eligibility criteria for the purpose of standing for the Academic Board President and Deputy President(s) election:
- (a) members of the Academic Board who are to take office on 1 January are eligible to stand for election, subject to Rules 3.16 (b) and 3.20;
 - (b) all candidates must be a fit and proper person for the purposes of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011 (Cth) to be eligible to stand for election to the offices of Academic Board President and Deputy President.
 - (c) candidates may self-nominate for one or both positions.
- 3.17 Eligibility criteria for the purposes of voting in the Academic Board President and Deputy President(s) election:
- (a) all appointed, nominated and ex-officio staff and student members of the Academic Board who are members of the Academic Board at the close of the election roll and all elected staff and student members of the Academic Board who are to take office on 1 January following their election are eligible to vote.
- 3.18 Where an election is being conducted for both offices, the votes for the President will be counted before the votes for the Deputy Presidents. If one of the candidates for the offices of Deputy President has already been declared elected as President, that candidate will then be excluded from the election for Deputy President and any ballot for that election in which such candidate receives a vote will be managed as though the candidate's name did not appear on the ballot.
- 3.19 The term of office for the President and the Deputy Presidents of Academic Board is 2 years beginning on 1 January following their election, except for as prescribed in Rule 3.24.
- 3.20 A President may serve up to 3 terms in the office of President of the Academic Board and a Deputy President may serve up to 3 terms in the office of the Deputy President of the Academic Board, with a combined maximum of 6 terms of office in these two positions. These terms are in addition to the limit in clause 3.4.

Casual vacancy in the office of the Academic Board President or Deputy President

- 3.21 The Academic Board will fill a casual vacancy in the office of the President by co-opting a Deputy President to the position of President:
- (a) by mutual agreement of the Deputy Presidents; or
 - (b) failing agreement on (a), the Academic Board will co-opt a Deputy President, unless the matter is urgent and cannot wait until the next scheduled Academic Board meeting, in which case the Academic Board Advisory Committee (ABAC) will co-opt the Deputy President and report the outcome to the next Academic Board meeting; or
 - (c) if neither of the Deputy Presidents is available or willing to be co-opted to the position of President of the Academic Board, the casual vacancy in the office of the President will be filled by the Academic Board by co-opting a member of the Academic Board on the advice of ABAC, unless the matter is urgent, in which case ABAC will co-opt a member of the Academic Board and report the outcome to the next Academic Board meeting.
- 3.22 The Academic Board will fill a casual vacancy in the office of Deputy President by co-opting a member of the Academic Board nominated by the President of the Academic Board on the advice of ABAC, unless the matter is urgent and cannot wait until the next scheduled Academic Board meeting, in which case ABAC will co-opt a member of the Academic Board nominated by the President of the Academic Board on the advice of ABAC, and report the outcome to the next Academic Board meeting
- 3.23 Where the casual vacancy in the office of Deputy President is for a period of three meetings or less, the Academic Board may determine not to fill the vacancy.
- 3.24 A person filling a casual vacancy in the office of the President or Deputy President of the Academic Board is to hold office for the balance of the term of the former President or Deputy President of the Academic Board whose place they have filled.
- 3.25 If a person is co-opted to fill a casual vacancy in the office of the President or Deputy President of the Academic Board in which less than 12 months of the term of office remains, that term of office is not to be counted as a term of office for the purpose of Rule 3.20.

4. Faculty Board Elections

Election of academic staff members to faculty boards

- 4.1 Elections will be held every 2 years for:

- (a) at least 4 persons elected by and from the eligible academic staff of the faculty on a date determined by the Returning Officer and in accordance with these Elections Rules, unless
- (b) the dean determines that all eligible academic staff of the faculty must be members, in which case no elections are required.

4.2 Eligibility criteria for the purpose of election to faculty boards:

- (a) each academic staff member of the faculty who has an appointment at 0.5 FTE or greater within that faculty at the close of the election roll for a faculty board election is eligible to stand for and vote in an election for membership of that faculty board, subject to Rule 4.2 (b); and
- (b) where an eligible academic staff member is employed to undertake duties in more than one faculty, that person must self-nominate and vote in the faculty in which they wish to belong.

4.3 The term of office for academic staff members elected to a faculty board in accordance with these Rules is 2 years beginning on 1 January following their election, except for as prescribed in Rule 4.10.

Election of student members to faculty boards

4.4 Elections will be held annually for at least 3 students, including:

- (a) at least 1 undergraduate student elected by and from the eligible undergraduate students;
- (b) at least 1 postgraduate coursework student elected by and from the eligible postgraduate coursework students; and
- (c) at least 1 higher degree research candidate elected by and from the eligible higher degree research candidates

on a date determined by the Returning Officer and in accordance with these Rules.

4.5 Eligibility criteria for the purpose of election to faculty boards:

- (a) each undergraduate student, postgraduate coursework student and higher degree research candidate enrolled in an award program offered by that faculty at the close of the election roll for a faculty board election is eligible to stand for and vote in election for membership to that faculty board, subject to Rules 4.5 (b) and 4.5 (c);
- (b) a person is not eligible to stand for election to a faculty board as a student member if they are employed as an academic staff member of the University at 0.5 FTE or greater; and

- (c) where a student meets the eligibility criteria to stand for election and vote in an election for membership of more than one faculty board, they must self-nominate for and vote in the election for membership of that faculty board in which they wish to belong.

4.6 The term of office for student members elected to faculty board is 1 year beginning on 1 January following their election, except for as prescribed in Rule 4.10.

Casual vacancy in the office of an elected member to faculty boards

- 4.7 When a casual vacancy occurs, the Returning Officer will advise the dean of the relevant faculty of the next eligible candidate who polled the greatest number of votes of the unsuccessful candidates at the most recent election for appointment to the vacancy by the relevant faculty dean.
- 4.8 Where the casual vacancy cannot be filled in accordance with Rule 4.7, the dean of the relevant faculty is to appoint an eligible member to the vacancy. For student members, this will be on the advice of the relevant student bodies.
- 4.9 Where the casual vacancy is for a period of three meetings or less, the relevant faculty dean may determine not to fill the vacancy.
- 4.10 A person filling a casual vacancy in the office of an elected member is to hold office for the balance of the term of the former elected member whose place they have filled.

5. Elections Procedures

Returning Officer

5.1

- (a) An election referred to in this section is to be conducted by the University Secretary who is the Returning Officer for the election.
- (b) The Returning Officer may appoint a Deputy Returning Officer and delegate to the Deputy Returning Officer any one or more of the Returning Officer's powers and functions under these Rules. References to the Returning Officer in this section will include the Deputy Returning Officer exercising the relevant power or function under delegation.
- (c) The Returning Officer may prescribe any necessary procedures or forms for the conduct of the election, provided they are consistent with these Rules and any other instruments under which the election is conducted.
- (d) The Returning Officer may issue guidelines that regulate the conduct of elections.
- (e) Candidates and voters must comply with any guidelines issued by the Returning Officer.

- (f) The Returning Officer's decision is final on all matters affecting the eligibility of candidates, the conduct and results of an election, and such other matters as may from time to time affect the conduct of an election.

Consultation draft

Timing of elections

5.2

- (a) Elections are to be held at times specified by the Returning Officer and in line with the timeframes set out in Rule 5.2 (b).
- (b) The election process will be conducted within the timeframes set out in the table below:

Event	Minimum number of days prior to close of voting
Issue of notice of election, call for self-nominations and closing of election rolls	21
Closing date for self-nomination of candidates	14
Notification by email (pursuant to Rule 5.18(a)) to eligible voters of ballot details	7

Notice of elections and call for self-nominations

- 5.3 The Returning Officer must issue a notice of elections and call for self-nominations. The notice must be:

- (a) published on the University website; and
- (b) in such places and in such manner as the Returning Officer determines.

- 5.4 For the purposes of Rule 5.5, the notice must:

- (a) state that an election is to be held to fill the position or positions concerned;
- (b) specify the time and date for the conduct of the election (being a date that is at least 21 days before the close of voting);
- (c) specify the number of positions to be filled and their respective terms;
- (d) invite eligible persons to self-nominate to be a candidate for the election;
- (e) specify the way in which self-nominations are to be made, including the date and time by which self-nominations must be received by the Returning Officer (being a date that is at least 14 days before the close of voting);
- (f) specify eligibility criteria for each position; and
- (g) contain such other information relating to the election as the Returning Officer may determine.

Self-nominations

5.5

- (a) Self-nominations are to be made by eligible candidates who wish to stand for election.
- (b) Self-nominations are made in the form prescribed under Rule 5.4 (e) to the Returning Officer by the time and date specified in the notice under Rule 5.4 (e). A self-nomination will not be valid unless it meets the requirements of Rule 5.4 and is received by the Returning Officer before the close of self-nominations.

5.6 As part of their self-nomination, a candidate may provide a recent photograph and a statement of not more than 150 words ("Candidate Statement").

5.7 The Returning Officer may edit any Candidate Statement for the purpose of correcting obvious errors or request or make editorial changes, as appropriate, including to ensure that a Candidate Statement contains no more than 150 words.

5.8 The Returning Officer is to reject a self-nomination if satisfied that:

- (a) the self-nomination is not made in accordance with these Rules; or
- (b) the self-nominated person is not eligible to stand for election.

5.9 Prior to the closing date for self-nominations the Returning Officer must keep confidential information concerning particular self-nominations, but nothing in this Rule 5.9 prevents the Returning Officer from disclosing to the Chair of the relevant body whether sufficient self-nominations have been received.

5.10 A person may withdraw their self-nomination at any time prior to the close of self-nominations.

Notice of candidates

5.11 As soon as practicable after the close of self-nominations, on the University website and in such places and in such manner as the Returning Officer determines:

- (a) the Returning Officer will publish by notice a list of the valid candidates;
- (b) where the number of candidates in any electorate is the same as the number of positions available, the Returning Officer will publish by notice a declaration that the candidates are elected;
- (c) where the number of candidates in any electorate exceeds the number of positions available in that electorate, the Returning Officer will publish by notice the date upon which an election will be held; and
- (d) where the number of candidates in any electorate is less than the number of positions available, the Returning Officer will:

- (i) publish by notice a declaration that all of the candidates are elected; and
- (ii) at the same time or after the publication of the notice referred to in Rule 5.11 (d)(i), publish by notice a declaration that the persons appointed in accordance with Rule 5.12 (b) are deemed to be elected.

Insufficient number of self-nominations

5.12 Where insufficient self-nominations are received in respect of an electorate, the Returning Officer will:

- (a) notify, as applicable, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, President of the Academic Board, and the dean of the faculty involved of that fact; and
- (b) request that the applicable Appointer set out in the Table below, following consultation, select and appoint a person in respect of each position available:

BODY	ELECTED POSITION/VACANCY	APPOINTER	CONSULTATION
Council	Academic staff	Council	
	Non-academic (professional) staff		
	Undergraduate student		Relevant student bodies
	Postgraduate student		
Academic Board	Professorial academic staff member	Academic Board President	Relevant faculty dean
	Non-professorial academic staff member		
	Undergraduate student		Relevant student bodies
	Postgraduate student		
	Higher degree research (HDR) candidate		
	Deputy President/s	Academic Board	Academic Board
	President	Academic Board	Academic Board
Faculty board (s) – including UNSW Canberra at ADFA	Faculty academic staff	Faculty dean	
	Faculty student		Relevant student bodies

Election Roll

5.13 Where an election is required to be held, the Returning Officer will:

- (a) prepare a roll of eligible voters, for each relevant electorate; and
- (b) make the relevant roll as per Rule 5.13 (a) available for inspection by any person eligible to vote in the election during the period from the close of self-nominations to the close of voting.

Voting

5.14 Voting is to be conducted by way of an online voting program which has been approved for use by the Returning Officer, based on the independent assurance referred to in Rule 5.15. A reference to “ballot paper” means the medium by which a person may cast a vote.

5.15 The Returning Officer may approve an online voting program for use where they have received independent assurance from an appropriately qualified person that the program:

- (a) will provide a voter with instructions on how to vote;
- (b) will allow a voter to indicate their choice of candidate(s);
- (c) will not allow a person to find out how a particular voter cast their vote;
- (d) will not allow a voter to vote more than once for any ballot;
- (e) will only allow a voter to vote in an election for which they are eligible to vote; and
- (f) is designed to give the same result as would be obtained if the ballot were conducted by post or by in-person voting.

5.16 The Returning Officer may from time-to-time commission a security and integrity review of an approved online voting program.

5.17 The order of candidates on the ballot is to be determined randomly by the Returning Officer or the online voting program.

5.18 For online voting:

- (a) each voter is to be emailed (at least 7 days prior to the close of voting) a notice detailing the nature of the election, a list of the candidates, instructions on how to access the online voting program, and the closing date and time by which a vote can be submitted;
- (b) the fact that a person whose name is on the relevant election roll did not receive the email notice described in Rule 5.18 (a) does not invalidate an election;

- (c) each candidate statement and photograph supplied by the candidate are to be published online and accessible by way of a link included in the email sent to each voter in accordance with Rule 5.18 (a);
- (d) voters are to submit their vote in accordance with the instructions provided in the online voting program;
- (e) all votes submitted through the online voting program before the close of voting are to be counted;
- (f) no voter may vote more than once in any ballot; and
- (g) no ballot will be issued or accepted after the close of voting.

Procedure on close of voting

5.19 As soon as practicable after the close of voting, the Returning Officer is to review the number of votes for each candidate and ascertain the results of the voting in the manner set out below.

5.20 The candidates with the highest numbers of votes for the positions to be filled will be declared elected.

5.21 If an equality of votes between two or more candidates prevents the declaration of elected candidates, the Returning Officer will oversee a process as follows:

- (a) the names of those candidates with such an equality of votes will be written on separate and similar slips of paper;
- (b) the slips must be folded so as to prevent identification and mixed and drawn at random;
- (c) the candidate whose name is first drawn will be declared elected; and
- (d) this process is to continue until all remaining positions are filled.

Notice of election results

5.22

- (a) As soon as practicable after the close of voting, on the University website and in such places and in such manner as the Returning Officer determines, the Returning Officer will publish a notice of the election results.
- (b) The results of the voting must remain confidential until declared by the Returning Officer.
- (c) The Returning Officer must not in any way disclose or aid in disclosing the manner in which any voter has voted.

- (d) The Returning Officer will make available the results of the most recent vote count to any student or staff member of the University.

Consultation draft