
SECTION 3 - UWA STUDENT ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR NUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS REGULATIONS

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REGULATIONS NUS ELECTIONS

R18 Election of Delegates

- 18.1** Each member organisation must elect its delegates to meetings of National Conference at its annual Elections.
- 18.2** Delegates must be elected:
- (i) by secret ballot;
 - (ii) using optional preferential proportional representation;
 - (iii) in a separate ballot in which other positions are not elected;
 - (iv) from the Students represented by that organisation; and
 - (v) by the Students represented by that member organisation.
- 18.3** A delegate of 1 member organisation is not eligible to be elected as the delegate of another member organisation.
- 18.4** A delegate who ceases to be a Student represented by the member organisation on whose behalf that delegate was elected ceases to be a delegate.
- 18.5** A member organisation that has held its annual Elections before it was admitted as a member organisation:
- (i) may elect its delegates without complying with regulation R18.1; and
 - (ii) if National Executive is satisfied that it is not possible for the member organisation to comply with regulation R18.2(e), National Executive may by resolution passed by an absolute majority allow the governing body of the member organisation to elect its delegates.
- 18.6** If a member organisation amalgamates after the annual meeting of National Conference and before 1 July:
- (i) it must elect new delegates:
 - (A) within 2 months of the amalgamation, or
 - (B) before 1 May, whichever is the later; and
 - (ii) in the meantime, its delegates are the combined delegates of the member organisations that have amalgamated, subject to regulation R18.1.
- 18.7** If a member organisation amalgamates on or after 1 July and before the annual meeting of National Conference, its delegates are the combined delegates of the member organisations that have amalgamated (unless it elects new delegates), subject to regulation R18.1.
- 18.8** Delegates elected in accordance with regulation R18.1 hold office from the beginning of the next annual meeting of State Conference until the beginning of the following annual meeting of State Conference.

- 18.9** Delegates elected in accordance with regulation R18.5 hold office from the time of their election until the beginning of the annual meeting of State Conference in the year after their election.
- 18.10** Delegates elected in accordance with regulation R18.6(a) hold office from the time of their election until the beginning of the next annual meeting of State Conference.
- 18.11** By nominating for election, delegates agree to comply with the rules of NUS.

R19 Number of Delegates

The number of delegates to be elected by each member organisation is:

EFTSLs	number of delegates
1-2,000	2
2,001-5,000	3
5,001-8,000	4
8,001-12,000	5
12,001-18,000	6
more than 18,000	7

where “EFTSLs” are the Equivalent Full-Time Student Load of the Students represented by the member organisation.

BY-LAWS

B3 Notification of Election

Each member organisation must notify the National General Secretary of the Election:

- (i) By certified mail,
- (ii) at least 2 Weeks before the close of nominations.

B4 Nominations

4.1 Notice of the close of nominations must be:

- (i) published in at least 1 issue of the official publications of the member organisation; or
- (ii) prominently advertised in some other way practical for the member organisation.

4.2 Nominations must remain open for at least 5 academic Days.

4.3 The Returning Officer for the Election must issue all candidates with a receipt for their nomination.

4.4 Nominations must close at least 2 academic Days before the commencement of voting.

B5. Ballot

- 5.1** There must be a ballot to determine the order of election, unless the delegates are elected unopposed.
- 5.2** Voting must take place
 - (i) on at least 3 consecutive academic Days, and
 - (ii) for at least 5 hours each Day.
- 5.3** The following must be widely advertised on all campuses of the member organisation:
 - (i) the times and place or places of voting, and
 - (ii) any brief policy statements submitted by candidates before the close of nominations.

B6 Returning Officer's Report

- 6.1** Within 2 Weeks of the end of the Election, the member organisation must send to the Accreditations Committee a report on letterhead signed by the Returning Officer:
 - (i) stating that the Election was conducted in accordance with B3-B5;
 - (ii) setting out the names of the delegates in the order in which they were elected; and
 - (iii) including:
 - (A) the rules under which the Election was conducted, and
 - (B) details of voting.
- 6.2** If delegates have been elected unopposed, the member organisation must send to the Accreditation Committee within 2 Weeks of the close of nominations a report signed by the Returning Officer:
 - (i) stating that B4 was complied with; and
 - (ii) setting out an order of Election agreed to and signed by each delegate.
- 6.3** If the Accreditation Committee does not receive an agreed order of election as required by B6.2(ii), it must determine the order of election by lot.

PART 8 – ELECTIONS GENERALLY

B107 Optional Preferential Proportional Representation

For the purposes of regulation R18.2(ii), the Election must be conducted in accordance with the following procedure:

- (i) the voter must indicate an order of preference for 1, some or all of the candidates by placing the number 1 against the candidate of first

preference and consecutive higher numbers against candidates of lower preference in order;

- (ii) each ballot paper must be given a value of 1;
- (iii) the value of each paper must be allocated to the candidate against whose name appears the lowest number on the ballot paper among those candidates not elected or eliminated;
- (iv) a ballot paper that does not show a valid preference for at least 1 continuing candidate is exhausted and may not be allocated further;
- (v) a “stage of counting” is when all ballot papers have been allocated to candidates not yet elected or eliminated;
- (vi) a quota must be calculated at each stage of counting by dividing the total value of ballot papers allocated to continuing candidates by 1 or more than the number of positions remaining to be filled and rounding up the answer so obtained in at least the 6th decimal place;
- (vii) if at any stage of counting a candidate is allocated a value in excess of the quota, that candidate must be declared elected, and each ballot paper allocated to that candidate must be assigned a new value obtained by multiplying its current value by the candidate’s transfer value;
- (viii) the “candidate’s transfer value” is an elected candidate’s value, less the quota, all divided by the elected candidate’s value;
- (ix) if at any stage of counting no candidate is allocated a value in excess of the quota, the candidate with the lowest value must be eliminated; If there are 2 or more candidates with an equal value and no candidate has a lower value at an earlier stage of the counting the returning officer must determine by lot which of these candidates is to be eliminated; and
- (x) the procedure in B107(i) – B107(ix) must be followed in order until the number of positions to be filled is filled.

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