

CURTIN STUDENT GUILD ELECTION NOTICE

In accordance *Student Guild (Election and Referenda) Regulations 2018*

2021 Annual Guild and NUS Elections

Nominations are invited from interested and eligible persons for the following positions in the 2021 Annual Guild and NUS elections:

- President
- Vice President Education
- Vice President Activities
- Faculty of Business and Law Representative
- Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative
- Faculty of Health Sciences Representative
- Faculty of Humanities Representative
- International Students Committee President
- Postgraduate Students Committee President
- Queer Officer
- Women's Officer
- First Nations Officer
- Accessibility Officer
- Guild Councillors (6) (at least 3 identifying as women)
- Representation Board Members (6) (at least 3 identifying as women)
- National Union of Students Delegates (NUS) (7)

Nomination forms will be accepted from **10.00 am Monday 16 August 2021**. Nomination forms, group registration and other election forms are available between 9.00 am and 4:30pm on business days from the Curtin Student Guild Office at the following location: Building 106F, Curtin University, Kent Street, BENTLEY and may be downloaded from the Guild webpage.

Note that the term of office is:

- (a) for Guild Councillors, 2 years commencing 1 December 2021;
- (b) for NUS Delegates, from being declared elected until successors are declared elected in the 2022 election; and
- (c) for all other roles, 1 year commencing 1 December 2021.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – NUS DELEGATE

A candidate for NUS Delegate shall be an enrolled student at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of nominations.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – GUILD OFFICER

A candidate shall be eligible to be an Officer if they:

- (a) hold the general qualifications listed in Schedule B(1) of the *Student Guild (Guild Council) Regulations 2018*, namely:
 - i. be an enrolled student at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of nominations;
 - ii. be a Guild Member at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of nominations;
 - iii. study at Curtin University at a Curtin University campus in Western Australia or otherwise reside in the State of Western Australia;
 - iv. where a candidate for Guild Council, be eighteen (18) years of age or older, as at the date the candidate commences as an Officer; and
 - v. is enrolled in an award course at Curtin University.
- (b) do not hold any of the general disqualifications specified in Schedule B, Clauses (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the *Student Guild (Guild Council) Regulations 2018*: specifically a candidate shall be ineligible to be an officer if they meet any of the following (at the commencement of or during their term);
 - i. is currently or have within the last five (5) years been a staff member of the Guild (casual staff and Officers of the Guild are not a 'staff member');
 - ii. is a staff member of the University (casual staff of the University are not a staff member);
 - iii. is an undischarged bankrupt, or a debtor against whose estate there is a subsisting receiving order in bankruptcy;
 - iv. is incarcerated;
 - v. has been convicted on indictment of an offence for which the indictable penalty was or included imprisonment for life or imprisonment for more than five (5) years;
 - vi. is disqualified under any provision of the Guild Statute Book;
 - vii. is disqualified due to any requirement of a visa they may hold;
 - viii. is an editor of the Guild publication "GROK";
 - ix. is disqualified due to any act, statute, regulation, rule or by-law in force in the State of Western Australia over the Guild;
 - x. have served for more than five (5) years as an officer or where their term of office would cumulatively exceed five (5) years' service as an officer and this includes acting in an officer position;
 - xi. have been elected or appointed to the same officer position two or more times;

- xii. have held an officer position or acted in an officer position for more than six (6) months and have been re-elected or re-appointed to the same officer position more than once; and
- xiii. have been appointed as Chair of the Remuneration Tribunal (a current officer shall not be disqualified from their current position but may not stand for re-election or be re-appointed in the next term of office).

and

- (c) meet the specific qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable to that particular office specified in Schedule B(6) of the *Student Guild (Guild Council) Regulations 2018*, namely a candidate shall meet the following specific qualifications for the following roles:

President

A candidate for President shall not hold a visa that limits the amount of work in which a person may be engaged to less than 75 hours a fortnight.

Vice President - Education

A candidate for Vice President - Education shall not hold a visa that limits the amount of work in which a person may be engaged to less than 75 hours a fortnight

Vice President - Activities

A candidate for Vice President - Activities shall not hold a visa that limits the amount of work in which a person may be engaged to less than 75 hours a fortnight

Faculty Representative

A candidate for Faculty Representative must be currently enrolled within an undergraduate course in the Faculty they seek to represent.

International Students Committee President

A candidate for International Students Committee President must be an international student.

Postgraduate Students Committee President

A candidate for Postgraduate Students Committee President must be a postgraduate student.

Queer Officer

A candidate for Queer Officer must be queer.

Women's Officer

A candidate for Women's Officer must identify as a woman.

Accessibility Officer

A candidate for Accessibility Officer must be disabled.

First Nations Officer

A Candidate for First Nations Officer must be Indigenous.

NOMINATIONS

A person may nominate only for one (1) position that is a member of Guild Council and one (1) position that is a member of the Representation Board.

Example: A person who is eligible could nominate to be a Guild Councillor and the Faculty of Business and Law Representative. However a person could not nominate to be President and Faculty of Business and Law Representative as the President is also a member of the Representation Board.

Example: A person who is eligible could nominate to be a Guild Councillor, the Faculty of Business and Law Representative and a NUS Delegate.

A person cannot nominate to be Vice President – Activities and a member of the Representation Board.

A nomination form shall be signed by two Guild members (nominators) who shall:

- (a) be represented by the position that they are nominating a candidate for;

Example: A person cannot nominate a candidate for Women's Officer unless they identify as a woman. A Health Sciences student cannot nominate a Humanities Representative.

- (b) be Guild Members; and

- (c) support the nomination of only one (1) candidate per position.

Example: A person cannot nominate two persons to be President.

In addition, a nomination form shall be signed by a witness who shall sight the nominee's Curtin student identification card; this witness must be a member of Guild Administrative staff, the Returning Officer or a Justice of the Peace. On satellite campuses,

University staff members on that campus act as acceptable witnesses, in the absence of Guild Administrative staff, the Returning Officer or a Justice of the Peace. Guild Administrative staff may not sign nominations forms if they are enrolled Curtin students.

CLOSE OF ROLLS AND ELECTORS

Roll close for the Guild Members is **10.00 am Monday 9 August 2021**.

Roll close for Electors for the 2021 Annual Guild and NUS elections is **midnight Friday 20 August 2021**.

An elector shall be an enrolled student of Curtin University at the Semester Two Census Date and not be otherwise disqualified. Only enrolled students who identify as women may vote in an election for the office of Women's Officer.

LODGEMENT OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations, completed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Guild, must be lodged in a **sealed envelope** with the Returning Officer in person, or by placing into the locked nomination box located in the Curtin Student Guild Office or posted to the Curtin Student Guild Office at Building 106F, Curtin University, Kent Street, BENTLEY, to be received by the Returning Officer not later than the close of nominations, **12.00 noon Thursday 2 September 2021**.

Prospective candidates wishing to nominate outside Curtin Student Guild business hours, **must** first contact the Returning Officer to arrange a suitable time to lodge a nomination or other prescribed form. **No nomination can be accepted later than 12.00 noon Thursday 2 September 2021**.

You may include a policy statement of up to 500 words on a portable digital storage device or emailed to the Returning Officer from the candidates student email account. You may also include a recent digital head and shoulder photo (in jpeg format and no larger than 1MB in file size).

A nomination deposit of \$10 per candidate is required, payable using EFTPOS at the Curtin Student Guild Office Reception desk and must accompany the nomination(s) form(s). A refund of the deposit will be made to all candidates elected.

No nomination deposit is payable for NUS nominations.

LODGEMENT OF GROUP REGISTRATION FORMS

Group Registration forms shall be lodged with the Returning Officer in person or by placing into the locked nomination box located in the Curtin Student Guild Office to be received not later than the close of Group Registration, **12.00 noon Thursday 2 September 2021**.

DRAW FOR BALLOT PAPER POSITIONS AND ALLOCATION OF COLOURS

The draw for ballot paper positions and allocation of colours will take place at **9.00am Friday 3 September 2021** in the Guild Offices.

POLLING

Polling will take place at the Bentley campus between **10.00 am** and **4.00 pm** from **Monday 20 September 2021** to **Thursday 23 September 2021** inclusive.

POSTAL VOTE APPLICATIONS

Postal vote applications may be made to the Curtin Student Guild Office on the form available from the office. Postal Vote Application forms can also be downloaded from the Guild web page. A completed signed and witnessed application form must be received by the Returning Officer **no later than 12:00 noon Tuesday 14 September 2021**.

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2 August 2021