

NOTICE FOR ALL RUSU MEMBERS

Proposed Regulation Changes

The following is the proposed changes to the RUSU Regulations which will be considered at the Student Union Council Meeting on 17 October 2018.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SUMMARY

SECTION 1: STANDING ORDERS/MEETING PROCEDURES

Minor changes to section 1 have been proposed to improve the functioning of SUC and Secretariat Meetings. They are:

Quorum – Replace section 1.2.3 with the following clause:

1.2.3 If the quorum at any SUC meeting lapses, the General Secretary shall suspend the business of the meeting for up to thirty (30) minutes while seeking to regain quorum. If quorum is not regained in that time, the General Secretary shall close the meeting, and notwithstanding that subsequently a quorum shall reappear, the meeting shall remain closed.

Proxies – Replace section 1.10.2 with the following clause:

A proxy must be given in writing to the General Secretary twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the advertised meeting start time. They must include a current contact phone number and contact email. The General Secretary may phone the candidate to confirm the validity of the proxy vote.

1.10.2.1 Proxies may be given from members who shall be:

- (a) absent from a meeting; or*
- (b) who expect to be absent at the time when the motion is put.*

1.10.2.2 In respect of motions of which notice has been given or foreshadowed motions by a person:

- (a) who is present at the time when notice is given, or the motion is foreshadowed; but*
- (b) who expects to be absent when the motion is put.*

1.10.2.3 Where a member will be absent from the meeting a proxy may be given for specific motions and agenda items or may be given as a blanket proxy for all items under consideration at the meeting. Any specific instructions regarding the use of a proxy vote need to be submitted to the General Secretary with the proxy. If no specific instructions are received it will be assumed it is a blanket proxy.

SECTION 2: SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat membership listed is out of date and needs to be updated to match the Constitution.

It is proposed to replace section 2.1 with the following clause:

Section 2.1 Membership

2.1.1 Pursuant to Section 7 of the Student Union Constitution there shall be a Secretariat of the Student Union Council that shall include the following voting members:

- » President of the SUC.*
- » General Secretary.*
- » Education Officer*
- » Brunswick Co-ordinator.*
- » City Co-ordinator.*
- » Bundoora Co-ordinator.*
- » One (1) other officer of the student union elected by the first SUC meeting, as per article 7.1.7 of the constitution.*

It is proposed to replace Section 2.3.9 with the following clause

2.3.9 To appoint the RUSU Complaints people at the first meeting of the Secretariat as per clause 3.3 of these Regulations.

SECTION 3: STUDENT UNION COUNCIL

It is proposed that a new section 3.3 be added to outline the Complaints People as follows:

3.3 Complaints Process

3.3.1 The Student Union shall have a process for dealing with complaints about the Student Union.

3.3.2 The Complaints people will be:

- » President*
- » Governance & Development Officer*
- » One (1) member of the SUC appointed at the first Secretariat*
- » One Student Union staff member (appointed by the Secretariat)*



3.3.3 There will be an advertised complaints contact email for people who want to make a complaint about the Student Union, administered by an appropriately trained Student Union staff member, who shall direct complaints to specific complaints people as appropriate to the type of complaint and issue.

Section 4: Clubs, Committees and Collectives

Significant changes have been proposed to section 4. The current regulations in section 4 are outdated and in some instances refer to positions, RMIT and Student Union structures and committees that no longer exist or which have been renamed or restructured.

Further, the general requirements of the collectives and committees are repeated for each committee or collective in the current version of the regulations, making the regulations repetitive and cumbersome. In the proposed revised regulations the key provisions governing all collectives or committees are stated up front in section 4.2 and then no longer repeated for each committee.

The current committee and collective structures are very prescriptive, formal and restrictive. The revised regulations allow for more flexibility and are more inclusive. They provide clarity about the roles of the committees and collectives.

It is proposed that section 4 be deleted and replaced with the new proposed section 4. The proposed new regulations can be found on the RUSU website at www.rusu.rmit.edu.au/regulations

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Section 5 – Finance

As an organisation RUSU has grown considerably in size since these regulations were last updated. Our regulations need to move with the times and the operational needs of an organisation of this size. Many of our new processes have been dealt with through procedures that comply with the Constitution and sit alongside these regulations. It is time to update the regulations to incorporate these procedures.

It is proposed that section 5 be deleted and replaced with the new proposed section 5. The proposed new regulations can be found at www.rusu.rmit.edu.au/regulations

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