



RMIT University Student Union

2021 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Monday 20 September – Friday 24 September 2021

NOTICE OF TRANSITIONAL CLAUSE – DISABILITIES AND CARERS OFFICER FOR RUSU

The Student University Council motion passed on the 21st of July 2021 enables the position of a RUSU Disabilities and Carers Officer to be included in the 2021 Annual Student Union Elections process.

The Disabilities and Carers Officer position will be on the ballot for the RUSU 2021 Annual Student Union Election process and an eligible candidate will be elected to take up office in the subsequent term, subject to the approval of Constitutional Changes which create this position. Eligibility criteria are set out below and are also included in the Notice of Election.

Should the Constitutional changes not be agreed to, this position will not be able to be taken up after the election by the successful candidate. If the changes are not agreed to, in effect there is no position to be elected to.

The Disabilities and Carers Officer must identify as someone with a disability and/or must have long term caring responsibilities for another person and must be nominated and seconded by students who meet the requirements to nominate and second candidate nominations at RUSU annual elections. For the avoidance of doubt, nominators and seconders for this position do not need to fit the definition of having a disability or being a carer.

The position shall be voted on by all eligible students enrolled at RMIT.

The definitions listed below provided clarification in relation to the role and criteria required to stand for the position (this is also the definition contained in the proposed RUSU Constitution):

Disability: Disability means an ongoing experience of one or more of, the following: physical, intellectual, psychiatric, mental health, sensory or neurological impairment, learning disabilities, long-term chronic medical conditions, developmental and/or autism spectrum disorders, which:

- Causes a substantially reduced capacity in their ability to participate in university life;
- Requires ongoing or long-term episodic support.

Carer: A carer is anyone provides unpaid support to a family member, partner or close friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, mental health problem or an addiction and who cannot cope without their support.

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