



MSC 08/19

**Confirmed Summary of Passed
Motions**

[Summary for MSC 10/19]

Motion #3: Summary of Executive Financial Motions

That this MSC accepts all the summary of executive financial motions.

Moved: Helena Kalfas

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural Motion

That this MSC accepts Anvita Nair as a late proxy for Magdalena kozlowski.

Moved through the chair.

For: 19

Against: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #4: MSA Financial Statement

That this MSC accepts the submitted MSA financial statement

Moved: Helena Kalfas

Seconded: James McDonald

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural Motion

This MSA moves the above motion straight to a vote.

Moved: Jett Fogarty

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #5: Climate Change Motion

That this MSC:

Declares a Climate Emergency;

Condemns the government's inaction and negligence towards climate change;

Commends all groups and activists who have been fighting for the planet, such as the high school strikers, efforts to cease coal mine construction and the attendees at the recent Extinction Rebellion actions around the country;

Encourages all MSA Office Bearers and staff to attend and promote future actions, protests and meetings tackling the climate emergency and promote awareness and resources regarding the dire need for action.

Joins a number of other collectives, universities, and unions in urging our government to:

- tell the truth about climate breakdown and its causes
- declare a climate emergency
- Withdraw from and reverse policies and projects which exacerbate the

issue

- Begin a just transition to renewable, decarbonised economic model, such as a Green New Deal;

- Allow for the formation of a Citizens' Assembly to oversee the implementation of policies to ensure honesty in the process,

Moved: Harry Kennewell

Seconded: Santino Raftellis

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural Motion

This MSA moves the above motion straight to a vote.

Moved though the chair.

For: 18

Against: 2

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #6: Unique Candidates

Preamble:

The Returning Officer has noted there is often confusion in respect to the definition of what is a candidate for the purpose of clauses where numbers of candidates are called for. This amendment seeks to make clarification in this area with the inclusion of a defined “unique candidate”

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends Section 1 of the Election Regulations to insert below s1.1.10:

“s1.1.11. “unique candidate” means a candidate, running either on a ticket or as an individual, who is a single individual for the purposes of front-page voting. For the avoidance of doubt, an individual who nominates for multiple positions is considered to be only a unique candidate and not multiple candidates.”

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Josh Hanegbi

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstentions: 6

MOTION CARRIED

Procedural Motion

This MSC moves the above motion to formal debate and establish a speaking list and limit speaking time to one minute

Moved though the chair.

For: 17

Against: 3

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #7: Ticket Reform

Preamble:

The use of feeder tickets is an undemocratic election tactic which seeks to deceive voters through the exploitation of the ticketing system. This amendment seeks to make it more difficult to exploit the ticketing system by increasing the threshold to register a ticket.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends Section 20.1.1. of the Election Regulations to replace “15” with “30” and read:

“s20.1.1. they have found at least 30 students who supported the registration or reregistration of the ticket who must sign and provide their student numbers on Schedule 1.6; and”

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Josh Hanegbi

For: 12

Against: 5

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #8: Enforceability of S20

Preamble:

These amendments seek to enforce the spirit of Section 20 more accurately.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends Section 20.2. of the Election Regulations to insert s20.2.2 below s20.2.1:

“s20.2.2 that student’s signature does not count as a signatory for any ticket”

That this MSC amends

“s20.14. A student cannot be an authorised officer for more than one ticket and may not be a signatory to any ticket apart from the ticket of which they are the authorised officer.”

That this MSC amends

“s20.15. If it is found that a student has been an authorised officer for more than 1 ticket, or is a signatory of any ticket other than the ticket of which they are the authorised officer, then that student cannot be an authorised officer for any of the tickets and all the tickets the student has registered as an authorised officer for will lapse.”

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Josh Hanegbi

For: 20
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #9: Ticket Names

Preamble:

The current election regulations allow for an individual's name to be used without their permission for the electoral benefit of a ticket. This amendment seeks to remove the use of names to stop this from happening.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends Section 20.11. of the Election Regulations to insert s20.11.10 below s20.11.9:

“s20.11.10: it does not contain the name of any person, or is not so similar to the name of any person as to be confused with or mistaken for, or be reasonably associated with, that person”

Moved: Jett Fogarty **Seconded:** Josh Hanegbi

For: 19
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1
MOTION CARRIED

Motion #10: Voting Locations

Preamble:

The 2018 MSA Election Report, prepared by the Returning Officer, included the recommendation to ‘increase the number of places students can vote during election week’ (Recommendation 1/2018) to avoid overcrowding and increase student engagement with the MSA elections

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends Section 33 of the Election Regulations to amend s33.1.2 to read:

“s33.1.2. every day for at least four hours between 9am-5pm each day in the ground floor of the Hargrave Library”

That this MSC amends Section 33 of the Election Regulations to insert s33.1.3 below s33.1.2:

“33.1.3.every day for at least four hours between 9am-5pm each day in the ground floor of the Learning and Teaching Building”

That this MSC amends Section 33 of the Election Regulations to insert s33.1.4 below s33.1.3:

“33.1.4.two days for at least two hours between 9am-5pm in a Monash Residential Services space”

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Josh Hanegbi

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

Procedural Motion

This MSC moves the above motion to formal debate and establish a speaking list and limit speaking time to one minute

Moved though the chair.

For: 17

Against: 3

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #11: Booklet Voting

Preamble:

The 2018 MSA Election Report, prepared by the Returning Officer, included the recommendation to ‘allow voting booklets with front page ticket voting’ (Recommendation 2/2018) to reduce the time and complexity of the voting process and increase student engagement with the MSA elections.

Amending directives:

That this MSC deletes the content of Section 35 of the Election Regulations and insert the following:

“35.1.The ballot paper must be in the form of a booklet, except for the ballot papers for Women’s Officer and Indigenous Officer which must be printed separately

35.2. The cover page of the booklet must:

35.2.1. list each ticket that has completed a valid application to be set out as a ticket and has nominated at least 15 unique candidates as part of that ticket;

35.2.2. provide instructions that give effect to the method of casting a vote pursuant to Regulation 38.2.1; and

35.2.3. make provisions for voters to identify as a member of their relevant autonomous group for the purposes of voting for an autonomous position

35.3. The second page of the booklet must:

35.3.1. be separately segmented for each office-bearer position provided for in clauses 32.3, 32.5 and 32.6 of the Constitution;

35.3.2. list the candidates (and ticket if applicable) for each office-bearer position in the corresponding segment for that position; and

35.3.3. provide instructions that give effect to the method of casting a candidate vote pursuant to 38.2.2

35.3.3.1. The segment on the second page to vote for Queer Officer must have in writing either above or below the ballot that says "Please only vote in this ballot if you are non-heterosexual identifying"

35.3.3.2. The segment on the second page to vote for Disabilities and Carers Officer must have in writing either above or below the ballot that says "Please only vote in this ballot if you identify as having a disability or being a carer"

35.3.3.3. The segment on the second page to vote for the People of Colour Officer must have in writing either above or below the ballot that says "Please only vote in this ballot if you identify as a person of colour"

35.4. The third page of the booklet must:

35.4.1. be separately segmented for each office-bearer position (provided for in clauses 32.1(a)-(j) of the Constitution);

35.4.2. list the candidates (and ticket if applicable) for each office-bearer position in the corresponding segment for that position; and

35.4.3. provide instructions that give effect to the method of casting a candidate vote pursuant to regulation 38.2.2

35.5. For every other position where more than one position is to be elected:

35.5.1. a page must be contained in the ballot booklet for that position;

35.5.2. the page must list the candidates (and ticket if applicable) for that position; and

35.5.3. the page must contain instructions that give effect to the method of counting candidate votes

35.6. In the event that the application of regulation 35.5 would result in the page being illegible, the Returning Officer may determine that additional pages are to be included in the booklet and that any number of the segments required by regulation 35.5. be printed on those pages."

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Josh Hanegbi

For: 12

Against: 7
Abstentions: 1
MOTION CARRIED

Motion #13: Accessibility Amendments

Preamble:

Non-binary people exist, but currently there is quite binary language in the election regulations. We would like to change this so it is more inclusive. Also not all people who identify as or with women use she/her/hers pronouns so it is more inclusive to use they/them/theirs.

As Schedule 1.1 is based off sub-paragraph 43(a) of the MSA Constitution changing male to non-female is the only way to make Schedule 1.1 more inclusive.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends amend Schedule 1.1 to replace all instances of:
“male” with “non-female identifying”;
“man” with “non-woman identifying candidate”;
she” with “they”, and conjugate any verbs affected appropriately;
“her” with “them”;

to read:

As stipulated by sub-paragraph 43(a) of the MSA Constitution, where there are multiple positions to be elected in the same ballot at least half of the candidates elected must be women, provided sufficient women candidates have nominated. If the filling of a vacancy in one of a number of positions to which the above applied at the time of the original election by a non-woman identifying candidate would result in less than half of those positions being held by a women, the vacancy must be filled by a woman. When this situation occurs, the following counting method must be applied:

- Exclude the remaining non-female identifying candidates;
- Take all the ballot papers off the table (including those of unelected female candidates);
- Make a new place marker for each female candidate not yet elected, and a new count-sheet for the affirmative action count carrying forward previous quotas, remainders, etc. (note: all such candidates are reintroduced to the count at zero votes, regardless of how many votes they had earlier in the count), then re-introduce any defeated female candidates into the count at a zero number of points;

- Distribute any surpluses not previously distributed from the already elected candidates, in the order they were declared elected, between the female candidates on the table. If a candidate is elected on this surplus, they are not allocated any further ballot papers;
- Re-distribute any previously exhausted ballot papers bundle by bundle in the order in which they were previously declared exhausted. Each continuing female candidate is allotted those ballot papers on which they are indicated as preferred to any other continuing female candidate, at the same values at which the papers were originally excluded, keeping every bundle of ballot papers separate. Once a candidate reaches the quota they are not allocated any further ballot papers beyond the bundle that elected them;
- Re-distribute in an order determined by lot the ballot papers of any female candidate still in the count at the time affirmative action was applied, bundle by bundle in the order in which they were received by the female candidate. Each continuing female candidate is allotted those ballot papers on which they are indicated as preferred to any other continuing female candidate, at the same values at which the ballot papers were originally received by the first mentioned female candidate, keeping every bundle of ballot papers separate. Once a candidate reaches the quota they are not allocated any further ballot papers beyond the bundle that elected them;
- Re-distribute in an order determined by lot the ballot papers of the excluded non-female identifying candidate, bundle by bundle in the order in which they were received by the non-female identifying candidate. Each continuing female candidate is allotted those ballot papers on which they are indicated as preferred to any other continuing female candidate, at the same values at which the ballot papers were originally received by the excluded non-female identifying candidate, keeping every bundle of ballot papers separate. Once a candidate reaches the quota they are not allocated any further ballot papers beyond the bundle that elected them;
- After all the votes taken off the table under this clause have been allocated, commence the distribution of any surpluses of the women elected by virtue of the Affirmative Action provisions;
- Continue the count until the required number of female candidates are elected in accordance with the standing rules applying to quota and exclusion as practised in optional preferential proportional ballots.

Moved: Ed King-Cain

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #14: Declaration of Election

“That this MSC sets the date for the 2019 MSA annual elections to be from September 23-27, 2019.

Polling times and places will be as follows:

Campus Centre Foyer:

Monday 23rd : 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday 24th: 9:30AM - 6:00PM

Wednesday 25th: 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Thursday 26th : 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Hargrave Andrew Library:

Monday 23rd 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday 24th 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Wednesday 25th 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Thursday 26th 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Learning and Teaching Building Ground Level:

Monday 23rd 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday 24th 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Wednesday 25th 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Thursday 26th 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Note the above times for the Learning and Teaching Building Ground Level can be reduced and removed at the discretion of the retuning officer

Monash Residential Services Space:

Monday 23rd: 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Tuesday 24th: 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Further, this MSC appoints a representative of OGL Group to act as Returning Officer and appoints David Shaw to act as the Electoral Tribunal, pursuant to the MSA Election Regulations.”

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Josh Hanegbi

For: Unanimous: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #16: Environment and Social Justice Officer

That this MSC, pursuant to s42 (5) of the MSA Constitution, appoints Jessica Garcia to fill Thomas Benning’s vacancy as the Environment and Social Justice Officer.

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Santino Raftellis

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #17: NUS NDA on Climate Action

Preamble:

The IPCC Report last year found that we have 11 years from now to halt the climate catastrophe that we are already witnessing the effects of around the world. Our future on this planet depends on the actions we take in the next decade. The effects of the catastrophe are being felt here already. Last year saw the Great Barrier Reef suffer the greatest bleaching event in its history, while Queensland suffered devastating floods and horrific fires raged through Tasmania at the start of this year. Yet we have seen totally inadequate action from the Liberals and their conservative allies in Parliament.

The Liberals have continued their dogged commitment to coal, exemplified in their enthusiastic support of the Adani Carmichael Coal mine in the Galilee Basin. Since the Coalition's re-election in the recent federal election, symbolising to many environmental activists another three years of environmental destruction, thousands have hit the streets in cities around the country to demand climate action, in some places occupying intersections and causing disruptions, most notably in Brisbane in order to "stop cities to stop Adani".

A recent survey conducted by the National Union of Students found that for 70% of students, climate change is the issue that they are most concerned about. In light of this the NUS has called a National Day of Action on August 9 to demand serious action on climate change.

Motion:

1. This MSC endorses the National Union of Student's August 9 National Day of Action for climate action.
2. This MSC supports students who are walking out of class on August 9 to demand climate action and encourages Monash students to participate.
3. This MSC encourages MSA office bearers to attend and promote the NDA, including sharing it with their networks: posting from Facebook pages, emailing email lists.
4. Charges this ESJ, EdAc and EdPub departments of the MSA with approving all relevant publications and media made in association with this event to ensure planning for this event is both democratic and considers all stakeholders.

Moved: Santino Raftellis **Seconded:** Harry Kennewell

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY