

Thursday, 23 January 2020

Request for expressions of interest to conduct 2020 MAPS election

Pursuant to the Mature Age and Part time Students Association Constitution (2017) an election was held in late 2019 which was invalid.

Per the notice of 10 October 2019:

Recently, despite numerous recommendations to review the MAPS electoral process, the 2018/19 MAPS Executive Committee held elections that were invalid in their outcome. This leaves the MAPS constituency without a properly elected executive group. MAPS need this executive group to pass funds, make decisions in the interests of the cohort they are elected to represent and service the objectives as set out in their constitution.

In order to conduct the MAPS election a Returning Officer is required.

Per the MAPS Constitution:

3. Elections

3.1 Returning Officer

3.1.1 MAPSEC (MAPS Executive Committee) shall, within the first three (3) weeks of Semester 2, and after advertising and inviting nominations, appoint a returning officer to conduct an election for the positions referred to in section 1.1. No nominations shall be considered later than the closing date, namely at the end of week three (3) of Semester 2.

3.1.2 A returning officer so appointed may not be a member of MAPSEC or staff member of MAPS but must be a MAPS constituent. They shall not be eligible to nominate for a position referred to in section 1.1 whilst holding the position of returning officer, but otherwise shall have the absolute control of the election.

3.1.3 The appointment of the returning officer shall cease immediately after the declaration of the poll in respect of which he or she has been appointed.

3.1.4 In the event of the returning officer being unable or unwilling to act as and when required, whether during the conduct of any election or not, MAPS shall appoint another person to act as returning officer.

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The timeline of this process given the election invalidity of 2019 is reset to be relevant to Semester 1 (2020) rather than Semester 2 as listed in 3.1.1 of the MAPS Constitution. Thus we seek expressions of interest from suitably qualified applicants to be appointed as Returning Officer for the MAPS election. Another election will be held in Semester 2 to bring the election cycle back into line as per the MAPS Constitution.

As soon as possible in Semester 1 2020 a general meeting will be declared by the Returning Officer and chaired by the MSA President in the absence of a MAPSEC. At this meeting elections will be held following a process as defined in the MAPS Constitution. Once elected the MAPSEC will be responsible to the MAPS constituency to pursue its objects and purposes and exercise its powers in relation to mature age, part-time and distance education students, as per Section 2. Objectives of the MAPS Constitution

Applicants should forward their applications to:

msa-maps.ro@monash.edu

Applications should include a covering letter and a CV demonstrating relevant experience.

All applications should be received by C.O.B Friday 6 March 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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