

## **Elections Regulations 2016 (Amendment No. 2)**


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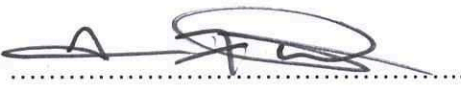
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### 1. Objective

The objective of this Regulation is to amend the *Elections Regulations 2016* made under section 41 of the *Governance, Academic and Student Affairs Statute 2013*.

### 2. Commencement

This amending Regulation will come into effect on the day it is made by the Council under Section 53 of the *Governance, Academic and Student Affairs Statute 2013*.

### 3. Amendments

- (1) In Part 1 sub-regulation 3(e):
  - a. for “section 15” **substitute** “section 15(2)”; and
  - b. **insert** at the end the words “, where the returning officer means the person appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to be the returning officer”.
- (2) **Insert** the following sub-regulation after Part 1 sub-regulation 3(e):
  - (f) “Senior Officer” means University Staff employed at Level 4 and above in the Leadership Levels Framework.
- (3) **Omit** the Note at the end of Part 1 Regulation 1.
- (4) In Part 2 Division 1 sub-regulation 5(f) **insert** at the end the word “and”.
- (5) In Part 3 sub-regulation 12(3)(b) **insert** the words “, including international on-shore students,” after the words “resident in Victoria”.
- (6) **Substitute** Part 3 sub-regulation 12(5) with:
  - (5) A person is ineligible to be nominated for election as a staff member of the Council or Academic Board if they are deemed to be a Senior Officer of the University.
- (7) **Omit** the words “of University Bodies” from the Part 4 heading.
- (8) **Insert** the following regulation after Part 4 Regulation 13 and renumber the following regulations consequently:

#### 14. Term of elected members of the Academic Board

- (1) Subject to Regulation 14(2), the term of the elected staff member of the Academic Board is two (2) years.

- (2) An elected member will immediately cease to be a member of the Academic Board if, at any time during their term, they cease to meet the criteria which entitled them to be nominated for election in accordance with Regulation 12(4).
- (9) In Part 5 Division 1 sub-regulation 15(2)(a) **insert** at the end the word “and”.
- (10) **Substitute** Part 5 Division 1 sub-regulation 15(7) with:
- (7) A candidate may withdraw their nomination after the nomination period has closed, and before the ballot period opens.
- (11) In Part 5 Division 2 sub-regulation 16(5)(b) **insert** the word “dishonest,” before the words “misleading or deceptive”.
- (12) In Part 5 Division 2 sub-regulation 16(5)(c) **substitute** the word offensively with “offensive, derogatory,”
- (13) In Part 5 Division 3 sub-regulation 18(1)(b)(iii) **substitute** the words “candidates; or” with “vacancies.”
- (14) **Omit** Part 5 Division 3 sub-regulation 18(1)(b)(iv).
- (15) In the Note under Part 5 Division 4 sub-regulation 21(1) **insert** the word “, electronic” after the word “postal”.
- (16) In Part 5 Division 4 sub-regulation 21(2) for “19” **substitute** “20”.
- (17) In Part 5 Division 5 sub-regulation 26(1) for “24” **substitute** “25”.
- (18) In Part 5A sub-regulation 30(4) for “29” **substitute** “30”.
- (19) In Part 5A sub-regulation 31(1) for “29” **substitute** “30”.
- (20) In Part 5A sub-regulation 31(3) for “28” **substitute** “29”.
- (21) In Part 5C Regulation 35:
- a. after the words “member of the Council” **insert** the words “or the Academic Board”;
- b. after the words “Regulation 13(3)” **insert** the words “or 14(2)”; and
- c. in sub-regulation (a) for “30” **substitute** “31”.
- (22) In Part 6 sub-regulation 36(1), **omit** the words “in accordance with Regulation 18”.
- (23) In Part 6 sub-regulation 36(1)(a), **omit** the words “under Regulation 18”.
- (24) In Part 6 sub-regulation 36(1)(b):
- a. **omit** the words “under Regulation 18”; and

- b. for the words “then Regulation 17 (2) to (7) applies;” **substitute** “then Regulation 35(a) applies.”;

(25) In Part 6 sub-regulation 36(1)(c):

- i. **omit** the words “under Regulation 16”; and
- ii. for “17” **substitute** “18”.

(26) **Omit** Part 6 sub-regulation 36(1)(d).

(27) **Insert** the following note at the end of Part 6 sub-regulation 36(1)(d):

Note: if holder of the position was appointed in accordance with Regulation 18 and that position becomes vacant after the person holds office, then Regulation 187 (2) to (7) applies.

(28) **Insert** the following regulations after Part 8 sub-regulation 38(1) and renumber the following regulations consequently:

(2) Election candidates must not engage in any of the following activities in the course of campaigning, including during any of the election activities as set out in the Election Activity Practice Guide:

- (a) any conduct that is violent, threatening or abusive;
- (b) providing false information in or interfering with any form lodged with the Returning Officer;
- (c) failing to comply with a direction of the Returning Officer;
- (d) interfering with any document, record or equipment used to conduct the election;
- (e) paying a person to campaign;
- (f) interfering with the campaign material of other candidates;
- (g) disrupting the campaign activities of other candidates;
- (h) conducting campaigning activities during time which would ordinarily be used for the discharge of academic or professional duties;
- (i) disrupting normal University activities through excessive noise, disruptive behaviours or physical obstructions;
- (j) damaging or defacing University property or facilities in the course of campaigning
- (k) using any means to pressure, threaten, intimidate or entice a person to vote, or to vote for or against a particular candidate;



- (l) engaging in any form of harassment, intimidation, bullying, vilification or discrimination against a member of University staff.
- (3) An election candidate who is found to have engaged in the behaviours as outlined in Regulation 38(2), will be subject to Part I of the [Appropriate Workplace Behaviour Policy](#) for staff, and Regulation 6 of the [Student Misconduct Regulations 2019](#) for students.