



Tasmania University Union

Annual Elections 2011



Candidate Information

As a candidate for election to the Council, Board of Management or Student Representative Council, you will want to encourage as many UTAS students as possible to vote for you. All current students at the University of Tasmania are entitled to vote. It may be in your best interest to not only talk to students on your campus, but to get down to the satellite campuses and find out what students want and need there too.

To get your message across about why people should vote for you, you can use almost any method you like. Be as creative as you want, however, there are a few rules that you must follow and there are electoral offences that may carry a fine. The election is conducted in a similar mode to state and federal elections. Polling booths are set up around the University at different places and times. (These details will be advertised). Voting will take place from *10:00am Tuesday 13th September through to 5.00pm Thursday 15th September, 2011*. This means the period during which people can cast their votes is quite short, however there is an extensive campaigning period leading up to this time. The most common tried and true campaign methods involve posters, leaflets and speaking to students, where possible.

The following is an outline of the regulations you **MUST** follow during your election campaign.

POSTERS - The maximum size allowed for election posters is A3. You may place posters on allocated TUU notice boards, however you **MUST** arrange for your poster to be stamped prior to placement, otherwise they may be removed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask at the Contact Centre in Launceston or Hobart and at the TUU office at the Cradle Coast campus.



Some other important things to remember:

- Do not cover other candidate's posters with your own, remove or deface them.
- Do not make defamatory remarks.
- Only use photos with the owners permission.
- Do not say things about other candidates without their written permission.
- Any posters that are oversized or unauthorized will be covered over and the candidate contacted.

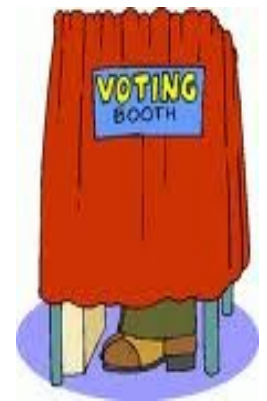
ELECTION MATERIAL -All election material must be authorized. Every article, poster, painting or other form of electoral material commenting on the candidate or electoral issues, must be signed by the author (or authors), giving their true name (s) and address (es). If you have posters printed outside the TUU, you must also include the name and address details of the printer (business or individual). For example, if you design a poster with your name, photo and campaign slogan, and have it printed, you must include these details on the poster in the following form: Authorised by: full name, address. Printed by: name, address.

LEAFLETS –Candidates produce leaflets and other material relevant to their election campaign.

BALLOT PAPERS – After the close of nomination, the returning officer will open the ballot and remove each nomination. The nomination forms are checked and the names of the candidates on each ballot paper are then drawn by lot. The order in which they are removed is the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.



SCRUTINEERS –Scrutineers are people who check to ensure that the polling booths are operating correctly and that the counting of votes is being conducted fairly and in accordance with the election regulations of the TUU. All candidates may appoint scrutineers, however, only one scrutineer per candidate is allowed. Scrutineers are not to communicate with or hassle voters. A candidate can not be a scrutineer for other candidates. Scrutineers may be present for the counting of the votes. To appoint a scrutineer the candidate must complete the scrutineer form available from the TUU Contact Centres and give it to the assistant returning officer.



ELECTORAL OFFENCES - There are additional offences that have not been described on this information sheet. Only the most common have been mentioned here.

If you wish to make a complaint about the way the election is being conducted or about the behaviour of another candidate, you can contact the assisting returning officer, TUU administration – Hobart, who will hear your complaint. Alternative for any queries, please contact the returning officer at the Tasmanian Electoral Commission on the number below.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Tasmanian Electoral Commission: Peter Weldon, Returning Officer, Phone: 1800 801 701