

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW
STUDENTS' SOCIETY INC.



Melbourne University
Law Students' Society

REGULATIONS

Interpretation

1. For the purposes of these Regulations:
 - a) 'Constitution' means the 'Constitution of University of Melbourne Law Students' Society Inc';
 - b) 'Association' means the 'University of Melbourne Law Students' Society Inc';
 - c) 'Voting area' means any level of Melbourne Law School where votes may be cast in person, to be determined prior to each election period at the Leadership Team's discretion.
 - d) these Regulations are to be interpreted in accordance with the Constitution;unless otherwise specified.

Committee Meeting Proxy Notice

2. A notice appointing proxy for a Committee meeting is not valid unless:
 - a) it specifies the names of:
 - i. the Committee Member appointing a proxy;
 - ii. the Committee Member being appointed as proxy holder;
 - b) it specifies a reasonable excuse for non-attendance at the Committee meeting in accordance with r 48(e) of the Constitution;
 - c) it is sent by email to the Secretary not less than 24 hours before the commencement of the Committee meeting at which a proxy is being appointed; and
 - d) the email is to be communicated to the Committee Member being
 - i. appointed as proxy holder.

General Meeting Proxy Notice

3. A notice appointing a proxy for a General Meeting is not valid unless—
 - a) it specifies the names, addresses, University of Melbourne email addresses and University of Melbourne student numbers of:
 - i. the Association member appointing a proxy;
 - ii. the Association member being appointed as proxy holder;
 - b) it attaches a photocopy or scan of the University of Melbourne student card of the Association member appointing a proxy;
 - c) it is sent by email to the Secretary not less than 24 hours before the commencement of the General Meeting at which a proxy is being appointed; and
 - d) the email is carbon copied to the University of Melbourne email address of the member being appointed as proxy holder for the General Meeting.

Election Standing Rules

4. The following list is exhaustive of all legitimate methods of campaigning for Law Students' Society elections:
 - a) one A4 sized poster, to be delivered to the Returning Officer at the time of submission of the nomination form for display on a designated Law Students' Society noticeboard and on the official Law Students' Society website;
 - b) one online profile, of no more than 250 words, to be delivered to the Returning Officer at the time of submission of the nomination form for display on the official Law Students' Society website;
 - c) lecture bashing in law lectures with the permission of the lecturer, provided the candidate does not speak for more than one minute;
 - d) word of mouth in the course of ordinary conversation and when approached by electors;
 - e) emails in the course of ordinary email correspondence (this excludes emails sent to people with whom the candidate is not familiar and spamming);
 - f) informing others via the candidate's personal 'status' on Facebook and personal profiles on similar media;
 - i. to avoid doubt, no candidate is permitted to do, or to allow any third party to do, any of the following for the purposes of campaigning for any candidate:
 1. create, share or post in, any group, page or event, whether public or private;
 2. 'tag' any candidate or third party in any post or status;
 3. 'share' any post or status with any candidate or third party, except where they are running as a pair.
 - g) where requested, written responses to questions prepared by the incumbent Leadership Team, to be published on the official Law Students' Society website and via any other media deemed appropriate by the Leadership Team.
5. Campaigning is limited to the week prior to, and the week of elections.
6. A candidate must not make direct contact with the Returning Officer regarding LSS election issues, except with the permission of the Secretary or, if the Secretary is nominating for election, by permission of the member(s) of the Leadership Team who is or are not nominating for election, and who appointed the Returning Officer under the Constitution r 43.
7. A candidate in an election must not remain in the voting area during voting times, unless:
 - a) Casting a vote (the candidate must vacate the voting area immediately after their vote is cast);
 - b) Attending a lecture near the voting area; and/or
 - c) Using an amenity available only in the voting area.
8. In any case requiring a decision to be made as to whether rr 4-8 were breached, the decision of the Returning Officer will be final.
9. A breach of rr 4-8 may result in any one or more of the following penalties, to be made at the sole discretion of the Returning Officer:

- a) A deduction of between 5% to 30% of the post-distribution votes of the breaching candidate;
 - b) Disqualification from one or more of the positions contested by the candidate; and/or
 - c) A bar from future nomination in Law Students' Society elections.
10. In deciding if there has been a breach of rr 5, 7 or 8, the Returning Officer shall:
- a) consider evidence and arguments of the person or persons who reported the breach; and
 - b) consider the evidence and arguments of the accused candidate.
11. A candidate may be held responsible for any contravention of the Election Standing Rules by any third party, at the discretion of the Returning Officer.

Election Online Voting Form

12. The online voting form shall not be validly submitted unless:
- a) It specifies the University of Melbourne username, email-address and student number of the association member voting; and
 - b) In the absence of adequate security measures to confirm voting eligibility, it attaches a photocopy or scan of the University of Melbourne student card of the association member; and
 - c) It is electronically submitted before the close of in-person ballots.
13. All identifying information collected via the online voting form will be used only for the purpose of verifying the association member's eligibility to vote.