



# 2022 UOW General Elections

## BACKGROUND

Due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, 2022 UOW annual general elections are being held online. Whilst some candidates may be on campus, there are some students who are still studying remotely and do not have the opportunity to campaign face-to-face like they usually would.

The University is therefore assisting candidates running for the 2022 WUSA, WUPA, NUS, Academic Senate and University Council annual general elections to host their candidate materials online, as well as promoting the nomination and election period.

## OVERVIEW

UOW will provide an online presence, via the UOW Governance website, for candidates to house the following information:

CONTENT	SPECIFICATIONS
Elections Webpage	UOW have developed an elections webpage to contain the below information about each candidate. The webpage is housed on the UOW Governance website. Candidates will be responsible for the promotion of their candidate information. All material will be approved by the Returning Officer.
Photo	Candidates can provide one photo of themselves to be included on their candidate page. The photo should be 150 pixels wide and 200 pixels high in JPEG. This is provided with the nomination form.
Candidate Statement	Candidates can provide a statement about their candidature and what they offer to the position. Candidate statements must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the requisites set out in the nomination form and included at the time the nomination is submitted.
Video	Candidates can provide a link to a video, which can be included on their candidate page. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate will be responsible for developing their video.</li> <li>The candidate must provide a link to their video to UOW, who will host it on the UOW Youtube channel, UOWNOW.</li> <li>Video content provided must be in accordance with <a href="#">UOW's Social Media Policy</a>.</li> </ul>
How to vote card	Candidates can include a how to vote card on their candidate page. The How to Vote card should be provided in PDF format

Candidates should submit their nominations to the UOW Returning Officer **by no later than 20 September 2022**. Questions regarding the above can also be directed to the UOW Returning Officer, via email: [uow-elections@uow.edu.au](mailto:uow-elections@uow.edu.au).

During campaigning Candidates must comply with the [IT Acceptable Use Policy](#), [UOW Social Media House Rules](#), [University Code of Conduct \(staff candidates\)](#) and [Student Conduct Rules \(student candidates\)](#). UOW reserves the right to reject any content or collateral that may be considered inappropriate, offensive, obscene, unlawful or otherwise objectionable.

## PROMOTION OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS

UOW will promote the general elections in the following ways:

## **NOMINATION PERIOD (6 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2022)**

- SOLS message to all students advising that nominations are now open.
- Targeted email to all staff advising that nominations are now open.
- Communications via:
  - MyUOW App post;
  - Universe; and
  - UOW Current Students News Story.
- Social media posts announcing that nominations are now open via the:
  - UOW Students Facebook Page; and
  - Instagram.
- SOLS message reminder that the nomination period is closing.

## **VOTING PERIOD (5 – 7 OCTOBER 2022 FOR WUSA AND WUPA; 4 - 18 OCTOBER 2022 FOR COUNCIL AND ACADEMIC SENATE ELECTIONS)**

- SOLS message to all students advising that the voting period is open, with information on how to vote and a link through to Governance website for more information on candidates.
- Targeted email to all staff advising that the voting period is open, with information on how to vote and a link through to Governance website for more information on candidates.
- Communications via:
  - MyUOW App post;
  - Universe; and
  - UOW Current Students News Story.
- Social media post via announcing that voting is now open and link to Elections webpage for more information on candidates, via the:
  - UOW Students Facebook Page; and
  - Instagram.
- SOLS message reminder that the voting period is closing.

*NOTE: Periods may be extended for some elections if no nominations are received.*