



Notice of Special General Meeting

Notice is given that a Special General Meeting of the members of Deakin University Student Association Incorporated (DUSA) will be held on Wednesday 29 November 2017, commencing at 3:00pm at Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood VIC 3125 DUSA Building A, Level 2 Meeting Room, (and via Virtual Meeting Point 39382@deakin.edu.au, Waterfront – Room AD5.202, Warrnambool – Room D1.30, Waurin Ponds – Room JB3.303)

The meeting will be for the purpose of considering and, if thought appropriate, passing the following special resolution:

THAT the constitution of the Deakin University Student Association Incorporated comprising its rules be amended as follows:

To change clause 12 from:-

12: Expiry and Renewal

- 12.1 The membership of student members and associate members expires on:
 - (a) 31 December each year, or
 - (b) The date specified in the regulations for that subcategory of membership, subject to clauses 12.2 and 12.3.
- 12.2 Student members and associate members may renew their membership by paying the membership fee no later than 3 months after the expiry date.
- 12.3 Student members and associate members who have not renewed their membership by the expiry date are suspended until the membership fee is paid.

To:-

12: Expiry and Renewal

- 12.1 The membership of a member (other than an honorary life member) expires one year after the member,
 - (a) was admitted as a member, or
 - (b) paid their membership fee,whichever is later?
- 12.2 Student members and associate members may renew their membership by paying the membership fee no later than 3 months after the expiry date.
- 12.3 Student members and associate members who have not renewed their membership by the expiry date are taken to have resigned.
- 12.4 If renewal occurs during the three-month period between the date of expiry and the end of the renewal period, upon renewal, the lapsed student members and associate members hold the status of renewing members.
- 12.5 During the three-month period, the lapsed student members and associate members are not entitled to any benefits bestowed upon paying DUSA members.



To change clause 15 from:-

15: Resignation

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15.2 Members (other than honorary life members) who fail to renew their membership within 3 months of the expiry date are taken to have resigned.

To change clause 16 from:-

16. Cessation

16.1 Members cease to be members on expiry of membership, resignation, expulsion or death.

16.2 If a member ceases to be a member:

(a) the date of ceasing to be a member must be entered in the register of members; and

(b) the address and date of becoming a member of the former member must be removed from the register of members; within 14 days. See sections 56(3) and 56(4) of the Act*.

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To change clause 28 from:-

28. Term of Office

28.1 Student representatives hold office from the time of their election until their successors take office.

28.2 Officers hold office from 1 January following their election until their successors take office.

28.3 Members of DUSA bodies* other than student representatives and officers have the terms of office specified in the regulation* or resolution establishing the body.

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To change clause 29 from:-

29. Vacancies

- 29.1 The position of a student representative, officer or member of a DUSA body* becomes vacant if they:
- (a) resign by writing* to the General Secretary (or, in the case of the General Secretary, to the President);
 - (b) cease to be eligible to hold the position under clause 27;
 - (c) without leave of absence under clause 56, fail on 3 consecutive occasions to attend within 30 minutes of the time of which at least 7 days notice in writing* has been given to them of a meeting of a DUSA body* of which they are a member;
 - (d) are removed by resolution of the Student Council passed by an absolute majority* on the ground that they have been certified by a registered medical practitioner to be incapable of carrying out the responsibilities of the position because of injury or illness;
 - (e) are removed by special resolution* at a general meeting;
 - (f) are removed by disciplinary action under clause 14;
 - (g) become insolvent under administration; or See section 38 of the Victorian Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984.
 - (h) become a represented person under the Victorian Guardianship and Administration Act 1986. Compare section 78(2) of the Act*.
- 29.2 Clause 29.1(c) applies to student representatives and officers who are members of DUSA bodies* by virtue of their position, in which case their position also becomes vacant.
- 29.3 The position of an officer also becomes vacant if they cease to be a student representative other than by the expiry of their term of office under clause 28.1 (except for the International Officer and the Queer Officer).
- 29.4 The position of a Campus Co-ordinator also becomes vacant if they cease to be a student representative of that campus* other than by the expiry of their term of office under clause 28.1.
- 29.5 Vacancies must be filled within 28 days:
- (a) in the case of student representatives – by the Campus Committee of which that student representative was a member, and
 - (b) in the case of officers elected by the Electoral College – by the Electoral College; and
 - (c) in the case of the International Officer and the Queer Officer - in accordance with the regulations*; subject to clause 29.6.
- 29.6 A vacancy that occurs after 1 November may be left unfilled.
- 29.7 DUSA bodies* may continue to act despite vacancies in their membership.

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29.6 A vacancy that occurs after 1 September may be left unfilled.

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To change clause 43 from:-

43. Meetings:

43.1 The Executive must meet at least once each fortnight from mid January to mid December.

43.2 Executive meetings must be chaired on the same basis as Student Council meetings.

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To change clause 62 from:-

62. Budget

62.1 In this clause:

- (a) “incoming” means those members of the body who will take office on 1 January; and
- (b) “outgoing” means those members of the body who will go out of office on 31 December.

62.2 After the annual elections each year the incoming Executive in consultation with the outgoing Executive must prepare a draft budget for DUSA for the following financial year.

62.3 In November or December each year the incoming Student Council must:

- (a) consider the draft budget; and
- (b) adopt the budget for DUSA for the following financial year.



62.4 At its first meeting the following year the Student Council must ratify the budget, subject to any amendments it considers appropriate.

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62.2 After the annual elections each year the incoming Executive, in consultation with the outgoing Executive, are responsible for drafting a new budget for DUSA for the following financial year.

62.3 In November or December each year the incoming Student Council must consider the draft budget; and ratify the budget, subject to any amendments it considers appropriate.

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To add clause:-

77. Transitional

77.1 In this clause, “the old constitution” means the constitution of DUSA before the amendment of clauses 28, 29, 43, 62.

77.2 The officers elected on 6 October 2017 will serve their terms in line with the old constitution dated 30/11/2016.

- a) for the purposes of this clause, the filling of any vacant positions occurring during the 2018 term will be governed by the old constitution dated 30/11/2016.
- b) Office Bearers elected at the 2018 annual Electoral College elections will not commence their terms until 1 January 2019, and will then only serve in their positions until October 31 of the same year.

Note: This is proposed as a special resolution and must be passed by three quarters of the members who are present at the meeting and entitled to vote (in person or by proxy) on the resolution, and who do vote, in accordance with section 64 of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic).

Comment by Student Council: The Student Council unanimously believes that these changes are in the best interests of the organisation.

N. O'Neill, DUSA General Secretary, Wednesday 25 October 2017
By authority of the Student Council

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