

Deakin University Student Union Election 2019

28/08/2019

Ruling of the returning officer

Background

The Unite ticket registration was found to not satisfy clause 17.2 (c) of the election regulations, that is, it did not have the support of 30 members according to the DUSA member roll supplied to the returning officer.

The Unite ticket registrant, Connor Grant, has appealed this ruling by the returning officer.

Ruling

1. The DUSA election regulations clearly limit the right to vote and stand in DUSA elections to its members.
2. According to election regulation 6.2; *the DUSA roll must include all current members at the close of the roll*
3. According to election regulation 9 (b); *the DUSA roll must be closed by midday on the Wednesday of the week notice of election is given;*
4. The DUSA elections page (<https://dusa.org.au/2019-elections/>) clearly shows the date that the DUSA roll closes.
5. Custom and practice holds that in elections where nominations are required to be supported by seconders, those seconders must be entitled to vote.
6. The purpose for requiring 30 members to support a ticket registration is to demonstrate a level of electoral support for the ticket, something that a non voter cannot provide.
7. A non DUSA member student's entitlement to stand for election to National Union of Students delegate is not affected by the ticket processes.
8. According to Section 4 of the election regulations, *the Returning Officer may decide all matters not provided for in the Constitution or these regulations;*
9. The Returning Officer hereby upholds the ruling that the Unite ticket application was out of order

James Wangmann

Returning Officer