

**Dear Candidates,**

### **Executive 2021 Elections info sheet**

Good luck for the upcoming elections. Below are some important notes for you to remember. There information is on our website.

#### **Nominations**

Nominations open at 9am 10 September 2021 and close at 4pm on 16 September 2021. You, your mover and seconder need to come into the OUSA office with your student I.D. cards before closing. **In the first instance please ask if you can see the Association Secretary with your forms, see reception or you can download them off our website.** <https://www.ousa.org.nz/executive/elections--referenda>

#### **Changes made in 2019**

**Please note:** There have been many changes to the Constitution and Rules, including some Executive positions. You **must** have read Section B and C of the Constitution. This information will familiarise you with the executive positions and the elections process. Also please ensure you have read the latest job descriptions. They are all on our website. [www.ousa.org.nz](http://www.ousa.org.nz) under the executive page.

#### **Candidate's meeting.**

All candidates must attend a rules briefing and meet the Returning Officer in the Otago Room of the clubs and societies building at 5pm on 16 September. If you can't make it you could send a friend along or contact Donna Jones on [secretary@ousa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ousa.org.nz) or the Returning Officer [returningofficer@ousa.org.nz](mailto:returningofficer@ousa.org.nz).

**"Blurbs at Critic by 6:00pm on 16 September. 150 words for the Presidential candidates and 100 words for the others. Please NO bullet points and they must NOT exceed the word count.** Email them to [critic@critic.co.nz](mailto:critic@critic.co.nz) if you are late with your blurbs they will miss being printed in Critic. The photographer at Critic will take your photos and they will be used for advertising purposes and promotional material. The photographer will be available from 4-5pm on the 16 September at the Critic office on the first floor of the OUSA main offices, overlooking the balcony. If you cannot make 4-5pm for a photo then please email [critic@critic.co.nz](mailto:critic@critic.co.nz) to arrange an **earlier time**. Photos will not be taken after Wednesday evening."

#### **A poster for advertising on a bollard.**

If you could email a colour A3 (portrait) poster of yourself with name and position you are running for to [designer@ousa.org.nz](mailto:designer@ousa.org.nz) the Marketing team will have it placed on a bollard for you.

## Forum dates and information

22 September at noon in the Main Common Room (MCR) – Administrative Vice President, Finance and Strategy Officer, Academic Representative and Welfare and Equity Representative and perhaps another position once we see how many are standing. Then in the evening the Presidential candidates on 22 September at 7.30pm at the Starters Bar, Clyde Street.

23 September at noon in the Main Common Room (MCR) – Postgraduate Representative, International Representative, Clubs and Societies Representative, Political Representative, and Residential Representative then **Presidential candidates to follow**.

These forums are a chance for you to give a spiel and answer questions. These will be co-hosted by Critic and Radio One. Radio One will broadcast one of these on air.

## On air chat

Jamie Green our Radio One Breakfast Host has offered to have the Presidential candidate on air at 8.30am and the Welfare and Equity Representatives on air at 9.30am **Friday 25 September 2020**. Please don't be late.

## Voting

Voting will be via electronic means opening at 9am 28 September – 1 October at 4pm. Go to: [voting.ousa.org.nz](https://voting.ousa.org.nz)

The results will be announced around 5:00pm on 1 October in the Main Common Room in the University Union area opposite the cafeteria.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Donna Jones, Association Secretary – [secretary@ousa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ousa.org.nz) – 0210353407, 479 5331. Or the Returning Officer Connor Seddon on [returningofficer@ousa.org.nz](mailto:returningofficer@ousa.org.nz) .

Good Luck ☺

Kind regards

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