

**University of Melbourne Graduate Student  
Association Inc.  
(GSA)**

**Regulations for Representative And Faculty  
Council Composition and Eligibility**

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## 1. Introduction

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- 1.1 Pursuant to GSA's Constitution, GSA's Governance Charter and GSA's electoral regulations, the GSA Board may set the composition and eligibility criteria for the Representative and Faculty Council.
- 1.2 The GSA Board establishes by these Regulations, requirements for the Representative Council and Faculty Council:
  - a) the composition of Representative and Faculty Council; and
  - b) the qualifications and/or eligibility requirements for Representative Councillor's representing particular constituencies.
- 1.3 These Regulations should be read in conjunction with GSA's Constitution.
- 1.4 In the event that there is an inconsistency between the Constitution and these Regulations, the Constitution will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 1.5 Words or expressions defined in the Constitution have the same meaning or effect as set out in the Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires.
- 1.6 "Rule or Rules" means a rule or rules within GSA's Constitution.
- 1.7 "Electoral Regulation" means a Regulation within GSA's Electoral Regulations.

## 2. Composition of Representative Council

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- 2.1 The Representative Council is a standing subcommittee of the GSA Board.
- 2.2 The Representative Council will consist of at least eight and up to fifteen Representative Councillors. (Rule 9.7 (a) of GSA's Constitution).
- 2.3 In accordance with rule 9.7 of the Constitution, the Representative Council will consist of up to 15 Representative Councillors, including at least eight Representative Councillors, as determined annually by the GSA Board. (Rule 5.2 of GSA's Electoral Regulations).
- 2.4 The GSA board determines the following representative council roles for 2025/2026 term to be elected in the 2025 general elections.
  - Activities Officer
  - Women's Officer
  - International Officer
  - Health and Welfare Officer
  - Families Officer
  - Queer Officer
  - Education (Coursework) Officer
  - Education (Research) Officer
  - First Nations Officer
  - Environment and Sustainability Officer
  - Disability and Equity Officer
  - Melbourne Online Officer

## 3. Eligibility Requirements for Representative Councillors

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- 3.1 The GSA Board may, set qualifications and/or eligibility requirements for Representative Councillor's representing particular constituencies. (Rule 9.2 (b) of GSA's Constitution).

- 3.2 In accordance with rule 9.2(b) of the Constitution, the GSA Board may, by Regulation, set additional qualifications and/or eligibility criteria for Representative Councillors who represent particular constituencies. (Rule 2.8 (a) of GSA's Electoral Regulations).
- 3.3 The representative councillor positions that will have additional eligibility requirements set in place will be stated as restricted constituencies.
- 3.4 Restricted constituencies refer to eligibility requirements for those representative councillor positions who identify as being part of that constituency and are eligible to nominate and stand for that officer role at elections.
- 3.5 The GSA board has set the following restricted eligibility requirements:
  - Women's Officer – those who identify as a woman.
  - International Officer – those who are enrolled as an international student.
  - Families Officer – those who identify as student parents or those with caring responsibilities.
  - Queer Officer – those who identify as Queer, including, but not limited to, being same-sex attracted, homosexual, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, intersex, trans, non-binary, or sex and/or gender diverse.
  - Education (Coursework) Officer – those who are enrolled in a graduate coursework program, as defined by the University of Melbourne.
  - Education (Research) Officer – those who are enrolled in a higher degree by research program, as defined by the University of Melbourne.
  - First Nations Officer – those who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
  - Disability and Equity Officer – those with long-term physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, learning disabilities as well as persistent chronic illnesses.
  - Melbourne Online Officer – those who are enrolled in an online program (preferred). In case, there are no nominations as such and due to Melbourne Online program being recently commenced, the first Melbourne Online Officer can be a graduate student who is not enrolled in the online program entirely, but one that is doing part of their program online and is prepared to start in the role and advocate for graduate students interests as the program is being developed and launched.

#### 4. Composition of Faculty Council

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- 4.1 The Faculty Council is a standing subcommittee of the GSA Board.
- 4.2 The Faculty Council will consist of at least nine and up to fifteen Faculty Councillors. (Rule 10.2 (a) of GSA's Constitution).
- 4.3 In accordance with rule 10.2 of the Constitution, the Faculty Council will consist of up to fifteen Faculty Councillors, including at least nine Faculty Councillors, preferably at least one Faculty Councillor from each faculty. (Rule 6.2 of GSA's Electoral Regulations).
- 4.4 The GSA Board should endeavour to ensure that the Faculty Council provides for fair representation of all students. (Rule 6.3 (b) of GSA's Governance Charter).
- 4.5 The GSA board determines the following faculty council roles for 2025/2026 term to be elected in the 2025 general elections.
  - Architecture, Building and Planning Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)
  - Arts Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)
  - Business and Economics Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)
  - Education Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)
  - Engineering and Information Technology Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)

- Fine Arts and Music Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)
- Law Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)
- Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)
- Science Faculty Councillor (*x1 Position*)

## 5. Eligibility Requirements for Faculty Councillors

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- 5.1 In accordance with rule 6.3 (a) (ii) of GSA's Electoral Regulations, faculty councillors representing relevant faculties should be enrolled and currently undertaking a course in the relevant faculty.