Board of Trustees Election 2013

NOMINATION FORM

Postgraduate Student Member

Nominee: Full Name .............................................................................................................
Student ID......................................................................................................................
Course ................................................................................................................................
Signature ..........................................................................................................................

In signing this nomination I declare that I am a postgraduate student eligible to stand/vote in this election. I have read and understood the “Information for Nominees” document (see attached).

Proposer: Full Name .............................................................................................................
Student ID......................................................................................................................
Course ................................................................................................................................
Signature ..........................................................................................................................

In signing this nomination I declare that I am a postgraduate student eligible to stand/vote in this election.

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In signing this nomination I declare that I am a postgraduate student eligible to stand/vote in this election.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible to stand and/or vote a person must, as at 4 pm Friday 12 April 2013, be on the Roll of Postgraduate Students. The Roll of Postgraduate Students contains the names of students who are enrolled at the University as candidates proceeding to a postgraduate degree, diploma or certificate, but whose names are not entered on the Rolls of Academic or General Staff of the University. Note that a staff member is defined as a person who is working half time or greater and who has accepted and started duty in a position with tenure of one year or more.

Nomination forms and candidate statements must be lodged with the Returning Officer, Board of Trustees Elections, by 4.00pm, Friday 12 April 2013.

Scanned and emailed to: returningofficer@uws.edu.au

Mailed or delivered to: Returning Officer, Board of Trustees Postgraduate Elections
University of Western Sydney
Building AD, Werrington North, Penrith Campus
Locked Bag 1000
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Information for Nominees

The Board of Trustees is the governing authority of the University and has eighteen members who collectively bring a range of experience, qualifications, backgrounds and perspectives to the work of the Board. The Board’s key functions as outlined in the University of Western Sydney Act 1997 (s. 11) are:

(a) the development of broad policies and strategic plans with respect to the University,
(b) generally defining the University’s educational profile,
(c) the management of the University’s resources and the monitoring of the University’s performance,
(d) presentation of the University as occasion requires.

The Act also details the object and functions of the University, the constitution of the Board, and the powers of the Board. The Board’s detailed functions are contained in section 22 of the Act which is copied below. It must be stressed that the Board is a strategic, policy setting and oversight body, not a management committee.

The Board meets, normally, six times per year and it is supported by a number of formal committees. In most cases, each of these committees is chaired by a Board member and there are also Board members who are general members of the committees. A number of members also have involvements with other groups in the University. Board members for instance have served on the Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Awards Panels, alumni committees, special purpose task forces, and the Student Non-academic Misconduct Appeals Committee.

The role of a Board member is similar to that of a company director and a formal induction is provided to all incoming members. The ‘duties’ of Board members are prescribed in the Act (Schedule 2A copied below) and these include a requirement for members to act in good faith and in the best interests of the University as a whole.

Participation on the Board carries significant responsibility. The Board operates in collegial manner and needs active members who will attend all meetings, read the papers with care, contribute to discussion from their perspective, and ask questions. Board members’ responsibilities and the Standing Orders can be viewed at:
http://www.uws.edu.au/about_uws/uws/governance/governance_resources/board_member_responsibilities

It is important for nominees and voters to understand that elected members do not ‘represent’ the constituencies from which they are drawn in the way that a member of Parliament represents their constituents. Rather they are expected to bring a graduate, student or staff perspective, as the case may be, to the Board. All members, whether appointed or elected, are required by law to act at all times as trustees of the University and in the interests of the University rather than as delegates representing sectional interests.

A large part of the Board meeting is open to the public. Confidentiality is expected with regard to those matters discussed in closed session.

Details about the Board and its role, along with the list of current members and Board committees can be obtained at:

The University of Western Sydney Act 1997 and the University of Western Sydney By-law 2005 can be accessed via the NSW Parliamentary Counsel’s web site at:

Professional development opportunities are available to all Board members related to their governance role.