

UNE CONVOCATION ELECTIONS

Expectations for Election Candidates

In order to maintain the public confidence in the electoral process by promoting conditions conducive to the conduct of free and fair elections; and to provide general guidance to candidates on what is considered fair and reasonable conduct in elections, these expectations apply to all candidates in the UNE Convocation elections.

1. Election Candidates Conduct

Candidates' conduct should be fair and reasonable. This requires that a candidate will:

- a. Act honestly in making representations about the candidate's own claims for election, and their intention to represent the electorate;
- b. Refrain from knowingly acting dishonestly in making representations about the claims of other candidates for election;
- c. Avoid making public statements which the candidate knows, or ought to know, are untrue, about any matter and especially an opponent's personal affairs;
- d. Avoid making vexatious complaints against an opponent during a campaign;
- e. Avoid conduct which is contrary to Federal, State, Local Government and University legislation, regulations or policy including but not limited to racial and religious vilification offences; breaches of the UNE Privacy Policy; or Criminal Code offences; and
- f. Avoid conduct which would tend to compromise a free and fair election process.

2. Campaigning Guidelines

These campaigning guidelines are consistent with the Code of Conduct used for Council and Council Committee Elections.

Election material is any publicity material utilised by a candidate or their agent, or any material that directly supports any candidate and has the purpose of influencing the election of any candidate.

All election material produced, published, or issued by or on behalf of a candidate should follow the principles as set out below.

Election material:

- a) Shall include a statement that the material has been authorised by the candidate;
- b) Shall not be misleading or deceptive;
- c) Shall not be false;
- d) Shall not be defamatory;
- e) Shall not disclose confidential information;
- f) Shall avoid bringing the University into disrepute; and
- g) Shall not expose the University to legal proceedings or prosecution.

Candidates must abide by the following campaigning guidelines:

- a) A copy of any campaigning material issued by a candidate is to be emailed to convocation@une.edu.au; a copy of the campaign material (format permitting) will be posted on the UNE Convocation [webpage](#) for the convenience of the electorate.
- b) Should any material be found to be inconsistent with the campaign guidelines, the Returning Officer may ask for it to be withdrawn.

Approved by **Returning Officer**