

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELECTIONS WITHIN THE ALLSORTS QUEER COLLECTIVE.

1. DEFINITIONS:

1.1 'Allsorts queer collective' (Allsorts) is the autonomous collective which provides support and social and political engagement for queer students at the University of Wollongong.

1.2 'Meetings' are defined as the regular weekly meetings of Allsorts.

1.3 'Queer space' is the physical space, located in building 19 at the University of Wollongong where the Allsorts meetings are held. This space will be where elections are held.

1.4 'Returning Officer' (RO) is the person elected by Allsorts to conduct the elections. During the election period the RO will be responsible for interpreting these regulations.

1.5 'Queer Representative' is a queer identifying student elected to sit on the council of the Wollongong Undergraduate Students Association (WUSA)

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATIONS

2.1 To be eligible for nomination a candidate for the position of queer representative must identify as queer or within the queer spectrum.

2.2 Candidates must have attended at least three Allsorts meetings in the academic year that elections are held.

2.3 Nominations will only be accepted if the candidate has nominated themselves.

3. JOINT NOMINATIONS.

3.1 Two people may submit a joint nomination for the position of Queer Representative.

3.2 Both people must be eligible to nominate, as per s2.

3.3 The RO shall consider both people as being a single candidate for the purposes of the election.

3.4 Upon election, the Co-Representatives shall share a single vote on WUSA Council.

4. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

4.1 Election timeframe:

4.1.1 Allsorts shall elect an RO during a meeting before the end of September following a period of one week of the position being advertised within the Queer Space.

4.1.2 Nominations will open upon the election of an RO and shall remain open for one week.

4.1.3 After the one week nomination period the RO will declare the candidates during the Allsorts meeting of that week.

4.1.4 The RO will then conduct the elections in the following week.

4.2 Election of RO:

4.2.1 The RO must have attended at least three Allsorts meetings in the academic year that elections are held.

4.2.2 The RO is ineligible to run as the Queer Representative.

4.2.3 The RO will be elected by a two-thirds majority show of hands during an Allsorts meeting.

5. ELECTION PROCEDURE

5.1 Conducting elections:

5.1.1 All voting shall be held in the Queer Space with votes cast into a ballot box, which is to be provided by the RO.

5.1.2 There shall be two voting periods, one for the duration of the Allsorts meeting during the voting week, and another for a one hour lunch time period during that week but prior to the Allsorts meeting.

5.1.3 The RO is responsible for advertising both voting periods on the Allsorts mailing list, and on the noticeboard within the Queer Space.

5.1.4 Voting shall be by means of a secret ballot, and the RO is required to ensure that voting is secure and confidential.

5.1.5 Each person shall be entitled to a single vote.

5.1.6 No postal or proxy votes shall be permitted.

6. COUNTING OF VOTES

6.1 The RO shall count the votes after voting closes at the end of the Allsorts meeting in which voting is held. This should be carried out in the presence of those attending the meeting.

6.2 The candidate with the highest number of votes is elected.

6.3 The result must be advertised immediately during the meeting in which counting takes place, as well as on the Allsorts mailing list and on a noticeboard within the Queer Space within 24 hours.

7. CONTESTING RESULTS

7.1 Any person that objects to the results may call for a re-vote, with the permission of the majority of any one Allsorts meeting.

8. ALTERATION OF REGULATIONS

8.1 These regulations may be altered if alterations are agreed to by a two-thirds majority of any one Allsorts meeting.

8.2 Suggested amendments must be made available in writing both on the Allsorts mailing list and within the Queer Space for a period of one week before they are proposed and voted upon within a meeting.