

MGAEC 2022/2023 Elections – Returning Officer report

1. Nominations and Results

Campus-Tagged Representatives

Table 1: Candidates and elected members for campus-tagged representatives for the MGAEC. There is one position for each campus.

Clayton campus nominations (4)	Caulfield campus nominations (5)
Rutharra Ghayadthri Manisekaran	Neesha Shinde
Anumanthram Senthilkumar	Gagan Navin Chordiya
Pavan Kumar	Serra D'mello
Lily Wen (elected by ballot)	Sonia Daga
	Yiming Lin (elected by ballot)
Peninsula campus nominations (0)	Parkville campus nomination (0)

General Representatives (elected by ballot)

Table 2: Candidates and elected members for general representatives for the MGAEC. There were 25 nominations for 11 positions. HDR = Higher Degree Research, CW = Coursework.

Nominees	Elected Candidates	Faculty, Enrolment
- Sneha Kharbanda	- Kyra Fabianke	- Maggie Gendy <i>Eng, HDR</i>
- Eng Hwa Lim	- Gagan Navin Chordiya	- Ken Chiu <i>IT, CW</i>
- Neesha Shinde		- Ziyi Huang <i>MNHS, HDR</i>
- Rishabh Krishnan		- Sonia Daga <i>BusEco, CW</i>
- Rutharra Ghayadthri Manisekaran		- Phil Kairns <i>Edu, HDR</i>
- Arnab Biswas		- Serra D'mello <i>BusEco, CW</i>
- Akash Goyal		- Sarah May Comley <i>Arts, HDR</i>
- Pavankumar Manjalagiri		- Anumanthram Senthilkumar <i>MNHS, CW</i>
Suresh		- J. Maria Lammerding <i>Arts, CW</i>
- Harsh Gupta		- Radhik Rammohan <i>Eng, HDR</i>
- Nguyen Tra My Le		- Sahampath Upekha Hettiarachchi <i>MNHS, HDR</i>
- Parikshit Banerjee		

Voting numbers

Table 3: number of votes by poll

Poll	Number of votes	Electorate size	Percentage
Clayton	923	16,410	5.62%
Caulfield	387	4,936	7.84%
General	832	22,715	3.66%

2. Items of note - 2020/2021 MGAEC Elections

- To ensure voting numbers on the general representative elections are on par with campus-tagged representative elections, the MGAEC should consider amending the voting schedule to either run both polls (if needed) simultaneously or reversing the order. Any changes would impact the existing process (i.e. successful campus-tagged representatives not being considered for general representative positions), so will need to be considered carefully.
- There were some issues with electronic signatures, but less so than in previous years. Nevertheless, the pdf form can be problematic with some candidate statements' unable to be copy and pasted. The candidate statement boxes should be removed from the pdf form and submitted via a word doc in future.
- The importance of writing a clear, thoughtful and informative nominee statement needs to be highlighted to future nominees. This is often all the electorate have to go by when they are making their voting decision, and the standard of statements (information, clarity, spelling and grammar etc.) varied enormously. This has been mentioned by the Returning Officer in previous reports and should be addressed before the elections next year.
- It should be noted that, as with previous years, Monash's Student Enrolment and Business Services unit helped out with data and background checks in a very supportive and timely way. It was greatly appreciated.