



## Election Fact Sheet for Student Council Nominees 2020 General Election

**Help make the student voice heard by standing in the upcoming elections.**

The Unitec Student Council (USC) represents the collective student voice within Unitec and is a great way to advocate for positive change for your student body.

**All students are encouraged to stand in the USC Elections**

### 1 Key Dates:

Process	Time	2020	Location
Nominations Close	5:00pm	Friday 28 August	n/a
Candidates' Briefing Meeting	4:30pm	Thursday 15 October	Building 180, Room 3022, Mt. Albert Campus & online
Candidates' Photos Due	3:00pm	Friday 7 September	n/a - completed
Campaigning Resumes	9:00am	Monday 26 October	On campus
Voting Opens	9:00am	Monday 2 November	Online
Voting Closes	4:00pm	Friday 6 November	Online
Election Results	Timing subject to availability	Friday 6 November	Via USC Election Committee

### 3 Student Council Roles and Terms:

**STUDENT PRESIDENT:**

This representative leads the Student Council, taking part in all Council activities and sits on Unitec's committees and boards representing the interests of the student body.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

This representative co-leads the Student Council, taking part in all Council activities and will sit on Unitec's committees and boards representing the interests of the student body.

### **MĀORI REPRESENTATIVE:**

This representative speaks on behalf of Māori students and will be a student member of Rūnanga and other relevant groups.

### **PACIFIC REPRESENTATIVE:**

This representative speaks on behalf of Pacific students and will be a student member of Fono and other relevant groups.

### **INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:**

This representative speaks on behalf of International students, and will maintain a relationship with the International Office and other relevant groups.

### **WAITĀKERE REPRESENTATIVE:**

This representative speaks on behalf of students studying at the Waitākere campus and must be based at Waitākere.

### **GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:**

This representative takes an active part in all Council activities and will sit on Unitec's committees and boards representing the interests of the student body.

- The Student President's term of office is for two calendar years and is a 35-hour per week paid position. To stand for this position you must be an enrolled Unitec student and have held a position of leadership within the Unitec Student Community (e.g. Sports Team Captain, Student Representative, or Member of a student club executive).
- The term of office for all of the other Student Council roles is one calendar year i.e. 1 January – 31 December.
- Student Council representatives are expected to work up to 10 hours per week throughout the academic semester.
- Student Council training will be held in early February.
- Council members are required to be available in the week before each Semester begins to assist with welcoming new students.
- All positions are paid.

## How to Stand and Run in the Election:

1. All candidates must be currently enrolled students at Unitec and a current Unitec student within the period elected for (except for the President).
2. Candidates must complete the nomination form using the online link below. You can run for more than one position but you can only hold one position during your term and will need to indicate your preference.
3. Another current Unitec student must endorse candidates.
4. Candidates must submit a blurb, with a limit of 200 words. It should state why they are running and what they want to achieve. The blurb will appear on the online voting form.
5. Attend the Candidate Briefing session (4:30pm, Thursday 15 October Building 180, Room 3022, Mt. Albert Campus).
6. Physical campaigning on campus is encouraged.
7. When voting opens, all students will receive an email containing a voting code and link and you should encourage your peers to participate in the election process.

By being a representative, you commit to adhering to the Unitec Student Council Constitution (rules), to attending regular meetings (including preparation and pre-reading), rostered shifts at the USC Student space, and attend training.

Link to online Nomination Form: <https://unitec.wufoo.com/forms/zbhn9c7047faff/>