



## Election Fact Sheet for Student Council Nominees 2023 Bespoke 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	2021	Location
Nominations Open	9:00am	Monday 9 October	
Nominations Close	4:00pm	Friday 20 October	
Candidates' Briefing	5:00pm	Wednesday 25 October	Zoom
Campaigning Starts		Thursday 26 October	On campus and online
Voting Opens	10:00am	Wednesday 1 November	Online
Voting Closes	4:00pm	Friday 3 November	Online
Election Results		Timing subject to Availability	

## 2 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, supporting the Student President and leading the student council administration. This representative may also attend Unitec 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 one calendar year and is a 20-hour per week paid position. A student president is limited to a maximum of two terms. 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 academic calendar

- year i.e. from beginning of semester 1 to end of semester 2.
- 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.

### 3 How to Stand and Run in the Election:

#### **Nominations and Screening:**

- All nominees must be currently enrolled students at Unitec and a current Unitec student within the period elected for.
- Students and Staff can use the nomination form using the online link below. If nominating someone else, you must have their permission.
- All nominations will be screened to check the nominee's suitability. Shortlisted nominees will be interviewed.

#### **Successful nominees:**

- may run for more than one position but can only hold one position during their term and will need to indicate their preference.
- Must receive endorsement from another current Unitec student
- 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.

#### **Campaigning**

- All successful nominees must attend the Candidate Briefing session (5:00pm, Wednesday 25 October via Zoom).
- Physical campaigning on campus is encouraged.

#### **Voting**

- 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) attend training and support initiatives and events that benefit students.

Link to online Nomination Form: <https://unitec.wufoo.com/forms/m16xmafd0zot6ln/>