



Election Fact Sheet for Student Council Nominees 2026 General Election

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

The Manukau Institute of Technology and Unitec (MITU) Student Council (SC) represents the collective student voice within MIT and Unitec and is a great way to advocate for positive change for your student body.

All students are encouraged to stand in the Student Council Elections.

1 Key Dates:

MITU Student Council Elections Timeline		
ACTIVITY	START DATE	END DATE
Nominations Period	Monday, 24 August 2026	Friday, 11 September 2026
<i>Vetting and Interviews</i>	<i>Monday, 24 August 2026</i>	<i>Friday, 18 September 2026</i>
<i>Campaign Briefing</i>	<i>Monday, 21 September 2026</i>	<i>Monday, 25 September 2026</i>
Campaign Period	Monday, 28 September 2026	Monday, 26 October 2026
Voting Period	Tuesday, 27 October 2026	Monday, 2 November 2026 <i>*Declaration of results published</i>
Election Outcome	Thursday, 5 November 2026	<i>*Declaration of results communicated widely</i>

2 Student Council Roles and Terms:

STUDENT PRESIDENT:

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

VICE PRESIDENT (CENTRAL/WEST)

This representative co-leads the Student Council, supporting the Student President and leading the student council administration across our Central (Mt. Albert) and West (Waitākere) Campuses. This representative may also attend Manukau Institute of Technology and Unitec committees and boards representing the interests of the student body.

VICE PRESIDENT (SOUTH)

This representative co-leads the Student Council, supporting the Student President and leading the student council administration across our South (Manukau, Ōtara, Tech Park) Campuses. This representative may also attend Manukau Institute of Technology and 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 will speak on behalf of International students and will maintain a relationship with the International Office and other relevant groups.

WELLBEING REPRESENTATIVE:

This representative will advocate for wellbeing on behalf of students. Please provide your expression of interest.

DISABILITY REPRESENTATIVE:

This representative will advocate for safe and inclusive spaces and experiences for students with disabilities.

RAINBOW REPRESENTATIVE:

This representative will advocate for safe and inclusive spaces and experiences for students who identify as a member or ally of the Rainbow community.

MANUKAU REPRESENTATIVE:

This representative will speak on behalf of students studying at the Manukau campus and must be based at Manukau.

MT. ALBERT REPRESENTATIVE:

This representative will speak on behalf of students studying at the Mt. Albert campus and must be based at Mt. Albert.

ŌTARA REPRESENTATIVE:

This representative will speak on behalf of students studying at the Ōtara campus and must be based at Ōtara.

TECH PARK REPRESENTATIVE:

This representative will speak on behalf of students studying at the Tech Park campus and must be based at Tech Park.

WAITĀKERE REPRESENTATIVE:

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

3 How to Stand and Run in the Election:

Nominations and Screening:

- All nominees must be currently enrolled students at MIT/Unitec and remain a current MIT/Unitec student for the full 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 MIT/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 (Time to be confirmed).
- Physical campaigning on campus is encouraged.

By being a representative, you commit to adhering to the Student Council Constitution (rules), to attend regular meetings (including preparation and pre-reading) attend training and support initiatives and events that benefit students.

Relevant links

- Online Nomination Form: <https://unitec.wufoo.com/forms/m12nmf0e0av0zbd/>
- Student Council Elections page: [Student Council Elections](#)
- Student Elections Policy: [Elections Policy 2026](#)