NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: STUDENT MEMBERS OF SENATE AND ACADEMIC BOARD 2027

1. Notice of Election

An election for the appointment of one student member to the ACU Senate and two student members to the ACU Academic Board will commence on Wednesday 28 October 2026 and conclude at close of voting on Wednesday 2 December 2026. These elections will be conducted as required by clause 13.2 of the ACU Constitution, clause 2(p) of Statute 2.5 - The Academic Board, Statute 8.1 - Elections to the Senate, Statute 8.3 - Elections to the Academic Board and the Election Manual. Further details regarding the positions available (including position descriptions) and the nomination and voting process is provided below.

2. Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the following student representative positions for a term of office from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027 inclusive; position descriptions are available via the links provided.

Senate

- Student Member of Senate (Student Senator) (1 position)

Academic Board

- Student Member of Academic Board (2 positions)

3. Election Timeline

Activity	Date
Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 28 October 2026
Nominations close	4:00pm AEDT, Wednesday 11 November 2026
Voting commences (where required)	10:00am AEDT, Wednesday 18 November 2026
Voting closes	4:00pm AEDT, Wednesday 2 December 2026
Results declared	On or around Friday 4 December 2026

4. Information about Senate and Academic Board

Information about the ACU Senate including its terms of reference and composition can be found on the Senate website.

Information about the ACU Academic Board including its terms of reference and composition can be found on the Academic Board website.

Additional information regarding the specific responsibilities of each position for which elections are taking place is available via the links provided above, as well as via the Elections website.

5. Eligibility to Nominate and Vote

All undergraduate, postgraduate coursework and postgraduate research students who are enrolled in an award course at the University are eligible to stand for office (nominate) and vote in the election of student leaders. Note that it is a condition of office that a student must remain enrolled for the entirety of 2027. A student who ceases to be enrolled for whatever reason is no longer eligible to serve as a student representative.

Students who already hold elected student leadership positions in 2026 may be eligible to nominate for a second term of office (please consult Statutes 2.5 and 8 (as appropriate) or contact governance.elections@acu.edu.au for specific advice if you are currently appointed and seek re-election).

6. Form of Nomination

This election will be conducted via the BigPulse electronic electoral platform. All eligible students will be invited to self-nominate by direct email and nominations are to be returned online using the personalised nomination link provided in the invitation.

Nominations must be received by 4:00pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 11 November 2026. **Nominations received after this date and time will not be accepted**.

As part of the nomination process, candidates are required to provide a biographical statement of not more than 250 words in support of their candidature in the appropriate section of the nomination form. This is to be entered into the nomination platform via BigPulse. Candidates must also provide a suitable photograph to accompany the biographical statement. Both the statement and photo will be provided to the electorate as part of the ballot process to facilitate voting.

If more nominations are received than positions available, the appointment will proceed to a ballot as per the timeline stated above.

7. Campaign Guidelines

Students participating in this election are required to read and adhere to the provisions of the Election Manual (which includes campaign guidelines).

8. Student Leadership Recognition

In accordance with the relevant provisions of Statute 9 - Student Organisations, the Student Members Workload and Recognition Policy stipulates that the student members of Senate and Academic Board will be paid a stipend while in office. This stipend is equivalent to 50% of the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend (base level).

9. Further information

Further information may be obtained by emailing the Governance Directorate via governance.elections@acu.edu.au.

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Returning Officer
26 October 2026