What is the role of the University Council?

As the governing authority of the University, the Council has a number of important functions, including the following:

- Overseeing the performance of the University and its academic activities
- Approving the University’s mission, strategic direction, annual budget and business plan
- Establishing policies and procedures for the University
- Overseeing Risk Management and systems of control and accountability for the University

What does the role of a Council Member involve?

- Acting in good faith and the best interests of the University as a whole and for a proper purpose. This overrides any duty to another body, including one that has appointed or elected the Council member.
- Exercising reasonable care and diligence in acting as a Council member.
- Attending Council meetings (under the University’s Act, a Council member who misses three consecutive meetings after being given reasonable notice and without being excused by the Council ceases to be a member of the Council).
- Serving as a member of Council committees or working parties to which they are appointed by Council.

The specific duties of Council members are set out in Schedule 2A of the University of New South Wales Act 1989.

Further information on the University Council is available at https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/committees/council/index.html.

What positions are available?

1 undergraduate student
1 postgraduate student

What is the term of office?

2 years, from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020

When do nominations open?

9am, Monday 9 April 2018

When do nominations close?

5pm, Monday 23 April 2018

How do I know if I am eligible to stand for election and vote?

You are eligible to nominate as a candidate for the position and eligible to vote in any ballot for that position if on the last day for receipt of nominations:

Undergraduate students: You are enrolled as a student of the University proceeding towards a bachelor’s degree; or a diploma other than a graduate diploma.

Postgraduate students: You are enrolled as a student of the University proceeding towards a degree other than a bachelor’s degree; or a graduate diploma; or a graduate certificate.
To be eligible to be a candidate for these positions you must also not be employed at 0.5 FTE or above on the academic or non-academic staff of the University.

**How do I nominate?**
Nominations must be made on nomination forms (which contain detailed election information) available from [http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/elections/index.html](http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/elections/index.html)

Nominations must reach the Returning Officer before 5pm, Monday 23 April 2018.

**What happens next?**
Where there are more nominations than positions available, an electronic ballot will be conducted from 9am, Monday 7 May 2018 to 5pm, Monday 14 May 2018.

**Who do I contact if I have queries?**
The Elections Office on 9385 9441 or [elections@unsw.edu.au](mailto:elections@unsw.edu.au)

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