

1. Rule Changes

1.1. National VE Officer of the NUS

Preamble:

The NUS National Conference of 2020 directed the NUS to establish the unpaid position of a National PAVE Officer.

Action:

The National Conference resolves to amend the NUS Rules as follows:

1. ADD sub-paragraph l) to subclause R31.2, "National VE Officer"
2. ADD regulation R41A after R41:
"R41A. National VE Officer
The National VE Officer is responsible for the supervision of NUS's activities in the area of Vocational Education."
3. ADD by-law B66A after B66:
"B66A. National PAVE Officer
Without limiting R41A and R47.1, the National VE Officer has the following specific responsibilities:
 - a) VE education research;
 - b) VE education campaigns; and
 - c) responsible for conducting a phone linkup at least 2 times a semester of campus VE officers (or equivalent position on campus), as well as campus activists to direct the National VE Officer on campaigns and priorities."

Mover: Param Mahal (National Secretary)

Secunder: Emily Sagolj

1.2A

Action: Remove the word 'paid' in Platform 1

Mover: Zoe Ranganathan

Secunder: Georgie Beatty

1.2. National Environment Officer of the NUS

Preamble:

The following is a motion proposing new regulations to give effect to the 2018 Constitution of NUS.

The proposed regulations involve the addition of a paid National Environment Officer position in keeping with the duties of National Office Bearers outlined in C23-25 of the 2018 Constitution.

Climate change and related environmental questions are central in the Australian political landscape. They are of major concern to students, whose right to live and study in a habitable environment and with the highest standard of life is threatened by global warming and environmental degradation. Huge numbers of students have been involved in environmental protests and activism, particularly through climate strikes and mass protests during the 2019-20 bushfires.

Currently, despite organising protests for the environment and endorsing others such as the recent Australian wing of the COP26 Global Day of Action, NUS has no dedicated portfolio for environmental questions and activities. This is detrimental to the public profile of NUS and to the relevance of NUS in the eyes of a generation of university students.

A National Environment Officer with a paid position could elevate NUS in prominence in national political debates on the environment. A National officer for the environment could also raise the profile of NUS among students on campuses through being a key organiser of activities about environmental questions. It could therefore generate support for NUS activities and prove its relevance to the student body, the majority of whom favour action on climate change.

Platform:

1. The 2021 National Conference of NUS endorses the creation of a paid National Environment Officer through a change to regulations.
2. The 2021 National Conference of NUS recognises that the absence of this portfolio has been to the detriment of NUS as a whole.

Action:

The 2021 National Conference of NUS amends the existing Regulations (2018) as follows:

1. Amend R30.1 (k): to remove final full stop.
2. Add to R30.1: "(l) The National Environment Officer."
3. Add to R30.2: "(g) The National Environment Officer."
4. Renumber R42 (Accountability and Direction) to R43;
 - a. Renumber R43 (Acting Officers) to R44;
 - b. And so on and so forth.
5. Insert a regulation numbered R42, titled "National Environment Officer": "(a) The National Environment Officer is responsible for the supervision of

NUS's activities in the area of fossil fuel-induced climate change, environmental pollution and degradation, and environmental activism.”

Mover: Hersha Kadkol

Secunder:

1.3. National Queer Simplification

Preamble:

This motion seeks to edit and correct the Regulations relating to the NUS Queer/LGBTI Department to make it clearer and to remove a repeated use of LGBTI/LGBTI throughout the Queer/LGBTI Department Regulations. The motion also adds one more name option for the National Queer/LGBTI department Officers to choose from. The motion also seeks to improve the inclusiveness of the department by including LGBTQIA+ which stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and Aromantic, plus any other sexual and gender minorities.

Amend:

Regulations: Part 5- National Offices

Clauses:

R31.1 g)

“31.1 g) two National Queer/LGBTI/LGBTQIA+ Officers, one of whom must be a woman,”

R31.2 f

“31.2 f) The National Queer/LGBTI/LGBTQIA+ Officers”

R29

“(a) The National Queer/LGBTI/LGBTQIA+ Officers are jointly responsible for the supervision of NUS's activities in the areas of sexuality and issues of concern to Queer/ LGBTI/ LGBTQIA+ – identifying people.

(b) Each National Queer/LGBTI/LGBTQIA+ Officer may choose to be referred to as either “National Queer/LGBTI Officer”, “National LGBTI Officer”, “National LGBTQIA+ Officer” or “National Queer/LGBTI/LGBTQIA+ Officer”.”

Moved: Emily Boyce (National Queer/LGBTI Officer)

Seconded: Bridge Truell (National Queer/LGBTI Officer)