

BOARD INTEGRITY POLICY

AUTHORITY

A Policy of YouX (historically the Adelaide University Union)
enacted Pursuant to Clause 21 of the AUU Constitution

POLICY

1. Objectives

- 1.1. To ensure that internal elections are conducted freely and fairly, with the absence of coercion and intimidation.
- 1.2. To ensure that the integrity of the secret ballot is preserved.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. The definitions in Clause 3 of the AUU Constitution apply to this policy unless specified otherwise below.
- 2.2. 'Expelled' means ceasing to be a Board director pursuant to Clause 9.5 of the Constitution.
- 2.3. 'Same type of blue pen' means a pen of the same colour, shade, brand and model of all other pens used in a given election.

3. Interpretation

Interpretation of this policy is within the jurisdiction of the Board and not that of the President.

4. Conduct of Internal Elections

- 4.1. The following procedure shall be followed in all elections conducted by the Board, including, but not limited to, the election of voting members of the Executive pursuant to Clause 11.10 of the Constitution.
 - 4.1.1. The Returning Officer shall cause for ballot papers to be created containing the names of all candidates in a given election with a box next to each name.
 - 4.1.2. A vote is only valid where a number 1 is placed in the box next to the candidate of first preference, followed by any subsequent number to indicate the candidate(s) of lesser preference in accordance with the rules of the Hare-Clarke Optional Preferential system. For the avoidance of doubt, any other marking within the box (eg a tick, cross etc) does not constitute a valid note.
 - 4.1.3. The Returning Officer shall declare a vote invalid where the ballot paper contains any marking other than what is required by clause

- 4.1.2, but only where the Returning Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the marking was done with the intention of identifying a Board director's vote.
 - 4.1.4. All votes shall be cast using the same type of blue pen. Any ballot which is not cast using the same type of blue pen shall be invalid.
 - 4.1.5. The Returning Officer shall ensure that every Board director voting is given the same type of blue pen. The election must not proceed until each director has the same type of blue pen.
 - 4.2. Where the Returning Officer does not comply with this clause, the election shall be invalid and held again, but only where the non-compliance was significant such that the result would have been materially different if the clause was complied with.
 - 4.3. Where possible, the Returning Officer shall be an officer or employee of the University.
- 5. Enforcement of this Policy**
- 5.1. Any director who knowingly contravenes or who is knowingly involved with a contravention of this Policy shall be guilty of misconduct and liable to be expelled pursuant to clause 9.5 of the Constitution.

Version Control Table

Version	Author	Date	Changes
V1.0	Executive Officer		Enacted
V2.0	Executive Officer	20/11/2017	Amend Title, Section 3, create Section 2, create Clause 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1.4, delete Clause d