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TO: All Members of the  
ASU Queensland Together Branch

Dear Member

**Re: Election update**

Yesterday the Australian Electoral Commission made the decision to issue a new ballot paper in regards to the current ASU Elections for the following reasons and positions:

“The AEC's view that the omitted asterisk constitutes an irregularity which should be rectified by exercise of the returning officer's power under paragraph 193(1)(b)(i) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

The ballot papers of the elections where a candidate's name should (but did not) have had an asterisk be disregarded. Further, fresh ballot papers that include the required asterisks will be prepared and distributed to members with appropriate directions as to the new deadline for returning the marked ballot papers. The fresh ballot papers will be confined to the following elections:

- Branch Secretary/First National Executive Representative
- Branch Assistant Secretary
- National Executive Representatives”

The timeframes for the proposed re-issue of ballot papers is unknown at the moment.

The ASU has strongly objected to the course of action taken by the AEC and is looking at all alternatives to ensure the current ballot paper is used to determine the election and avoid any confusion for the members in Queensland that would be caused by the re-issue of a ballot paper over such a minor clerical error of the AEC.

Unfortunately this will mean that the results of the election for the above positions will be delayed until this matter is resolved. I commit to keeping you informed in regards to this matter as information becomes available.

Yours faithfully

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