



UniQ Victoria

The Queer Students' Association of Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington

Political Affiliation & Engagement Policy

Guidelines

1. While representing UniQ (whether it be at UniQ specific events, university-run events or other instances where they are acting in their capacity as members of UniQ), Executive Members are not to align themselves or UniQ with any particular political orientation or party. UniQ is nonpartisan and Executive Members' conduct should reflect this.
2. Executive Members are not prohibited from having political views and expressing them but must act with the understanding that they are representing UniQ and their conduct may negatively influence the accessibility of UniQ services and spaces. This is particularly important with regard to those with different political views, affiliations and ideologies, with the exception of views that if propagated would cause harm or distress to other attendees. This is in direct violation of our 'Safer Spaces, Safer Queers' guidelines.
3. We want our spaces to be accessible to as many people as possible and as such expect Executive Members exercise fairness when making decisions in accordance with the 'Safer Spaces, Safer Queers' guidelines
4. Consistent and fair approach to working with political organisations
5. For the purposes of these guidelines, a political organisation includes but is not limited to political parties, their youth wings, local body politicians
6. We recognise that UniQ is inherently political due to its position within the community as an advocacy group, and that for the queer community the personal is political, however the Executive Team is required to make all reasonable efforts to maintain the nonpartisan position of the organisation.