

# ELECTION REPORT

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## 2015 GENERAL ELECTION

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# Overview

## Introduction

On March 25 and March 26, 2015 UWSA members voted in the, Winter 2015 General Election. The General Election resulted in the election of four (4) Executive members and 26 Board Members.

Total Positions Open:

Executives: 4

Faculty Board: 23

Board of Governor: 1

Senate: 2

<b>Total Open Positions</b>	<b>30</b>		
<b>Nominations Submitted</b>	44	Nominations Invalid	0
<b>All Candidates Meeting Attendance</b>	39	All Candidates Meeting Disqualification <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sarah Al-Zaher</li><li>• Sheila Bagala</li><li>• Nawaf Basindwa</li><li>• Rowan Groenewald</li><li>• Kyle Kuepfer</li></ul>	5
<b>Open Positions – carried over</b>	4	Candidates Disqualified <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abdi Abdi</li><li>• Grace Bottah</li><li>• Mohamad El-Cheikh</li><li>• Farah El-Hajj</li></ul>	4

This Election was governed by the Election Policy dated October 31, 2014.

## Election Staff

Chief Returning Officer: April Adams

Deputy Returning Officer: Jackie Maroun

Election Committee: Robert Cervi  
Priyanka Jaggi  
Mohammad Qasim Khokhar

## Election Calendar Key Dates

<b>Nominations Opened</b>	<b>Saturday, Feb 28</b>	<b>Nominations Closed</b>	<b>Tuesday, March. 10 2:00 pm</b>
<b>All Candidates Meeting</b>	Thursday, March 12, 5:00 pm		
<b>Poster Night</b>	Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 pm		
<b>Campaign Period started:</b>	Monday, March 16	<b>Campaign Period ended:</b>	Tuesday, March 24
<b>Voting Days</b>	Wednesday, March 25 Thursday, March 26	<b>Rock the Vote</b>	Thursday, March 25
<b>Poster Recycling</b>	Friday, March 27 to March 29		
<b>Last day to Appeal Votes</b>	Saturday, March 28 at 6:00 pm		

## Advertising

UWSA Website

UWSA Office

CRO Office

Uwindsor.ca/massmail

Facebook

The Lance

Posters throughout University of Windsor Campus

Voting signs placed at Polling stations, outside buildings and throughout CAW Centre

Voting T-shirts were provided to all Poll Clerks

## Voting Website

[www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote](http://www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote)

## Voting On-Line

Start Time: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 12:01 am

End Time: Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 6:00 pm

## Polling Locations

Dates: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 9:30 am to 6:00 pm and  
Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

CAW Commons	Law Building
Centre for Engineering Innovation	Odette
Education Building	Toldo
Human Kinetics Building	Vanier
Leddy Library	

# Contested Positions

## Executive

1. President
2. Vice-President Finance
3. Vice-President Student Advocacy
4. Vice-President Student Services

## Board of Directors

1. Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science – 4 Directors
2. Odette School of Business – 2 Directors
3. School of Computer Science – 1 Director
4. School of Drama Arts – 1 Director
5. Faculty of Education & Academic Development – 1 Director
6. Faculty of Engineering – 2 Director
7. Faculty of Human Kinetics – 1 Director
8. Faculty of Law – 1 Director
9. School of Music – 1 Director
10. Faculty of Nursing – 1 Director
11. Faculty of Science – 2 Director
12. Faculty of Social Work – 1 Director
13. Faculty of Visual Arts – 1 Director
14. Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry- 1 Director
15. Inter-Faculty- 1 Director
16. International Students- 1 Director
17. University of Windsor Residence- 1 Director
18. Board of Governors Representative- 1 Director
19. Student Senators- 2 Directors
20. *1<sup>st</sup> Year Representative – BY-ELECTIONS ONLY*

*(Needs to be put in alpha order for next election)*

# Election Results and Statistics

**UWSA List of Electors (Voters):** 11375

**Voter Turnout:** 2181

**Voter Percentage:** 19.2

## **Number of Votes per Executives:**

President: 1230 153 declined

VP Finance: 1030 242 declined

VP Student Advocacy: 1253 152 declined

VP Student Services: 1187 154 declined

## **Number of Votes per Senators:**

Senators: 1757 167 declined

## **Number of Votes for all Board positions:**

Board of Directors: 1532 210 declined

Board of Governors: 0478 305 declined

# Winners

POSITION	NAME	VOTES
<b>Executives</b>		
<b>President</b>	Jaydee Tarpeh	539
<b>Board of Director Finance</b>	Sukhjot Singh	513
<b>Board of Director Student Advocacy</b>	Matthew Dunlop	259
<b>Board of Director Student Services</b>	R J Soul Train Sivanesan	432
<b>Board of Governors</b>	Shawn Kingsbury	352
<b>Senators</b>	Ghadeer Alghosein	379
	Ronald (R. J.) D'Aguilar	369
<b>Board of Directors</b>		
<b>Faculty of Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Services</b>	Larissa Howlett	280
	Moussa Hamadani	177
<b>Odette School of Business</b>	Ian Wood	85
	Tiffany Fatima	76
<b>School of Computer Science</b>	Bilal Uddin Khan	15
<b>School of Dramatic Arts</b>	Open	
<b>Faculty of Education &amp; Academic Development</b>	Open	
<b>Faculty of Engineering</b>	Basil Malik	149
	Mansour Shahbar	100
<b>Faculty of Human Kinetics</b>	Michelle Wong	27
<b>Faculty of Law</b>	Open	
<b>School of Music</b>	Robert Haynes	8
<b>Faculty of Nursing</b>	Diana Lu	24
<b>Schulich School of Medicine &amp; Dentistry</b>	open	
<b>Inter-Faculty</b>	Ahmed Khalifa	24
<b>International Student Representative</b>	Irvin Randhawa	49
<b>Residence Representative</b>	Tofunmi Adebise	71
<b>First Year Representative</b>	<i>By-Elections only</i>	



# Voting Results

## EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

### List of Candidates

UWSA President	
NAME	VOTES
Faisal Ishak	490
Jaydee Tarpeh	539
Kamal Mann	201
Declined To Vote	153

UWSA Vice President - Student Advocacy	
NAME	VOTES
Ilisa Merz	190
Jon Cooke	120
Luqman (Luqi) Ejaz	240
Matthew Dunlop	259
Mohamad El-Cheikh	298
Shahzeb Akram	146
Declined To Vote	152

UWSA Vice President - Student Services	
NAME	VOTES
Farah El-Hajj	755
R. J. (Soul Train) Sivanesan	432
Declined To Vote	154

UWSA Vice President - Finance	
NAME	VOTES
Abdi Abdi	517
Sukhjot Singh	513
Declined To Vote	242

### Executive Candidates Disqualified

Mohamad El-Cheikh  
Abdi Abdi  
Farah El-Hajj

### Board Members Disqualified

Grace Bottah

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS**

Board of Directors - Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	
NAME	VOTES
Larissa Howlett	280
Moussa Hamadani	177
Declined To Vote	82

Board of Directors - Odette School of Business	
NAME	VOTES
Alexander Lister	44
Ian Wood	85
Ibrahim Chaudhry	50
Tiffany Fatima	76
Declined To Vote	5

Board of Directors - School of Computer Science	
NAME	VOTES
No - Bilal Uddin Khan	4
Yes - Bilal Uddin Khan	15
Declined To Vote	5

Board of Directors - Faculty of Engineering	
NAME	VOTES
Basil Malik	149
Mansour Shahbar	100
Moe Abdelrazig	58
Sohem Patel	62
Declined To Vote	34

Board of Directors - Faculty of Human Kinetics	
NAME	VOTES
NO - Michelle Wong	3
YES - Michelle Wong	27
Declined To Vote	7

Board of Directors - School of Music	
NAME	VOTES
No - Robert Haynes	1
Yes - Robert Haynes	8
Declined To Vote	0

Board of Directors - Faculty of Nursing		
	NAME	VOTES
	No - Diana Lu	3
	Yes - Diana Lu	24
	Declined To Vote	1

Board of Directors - Faculty of Science		
	NAME	VOTES
	Amber Shaheen	92
	Nicole Bourdkane	85
	Declined To Vote	26

Board of Directors - Inter-Faculty		
	NAME	VOTES
	Ahmed Khalifa	24
	Pavitra Vimalananthan	20
	Declined To Vote	9

Board of Directors - International Students		
	NAME	VOTES
	No - Irvin Randhawa	12
	Yes - Irvin Randhawa	49
	Declined To Vote	

Board of Directors - University of Windsor Residence		
	NAME	VOTES
	No - Tofunmi Adebise	13
	Yes - Tofunmi Adebise	71
	Declined To Vote	19

Board of Governors Representative		
	NAME	VOTES
	No - Shawn Kingsbury	126
	Yes - Shawn Kingsbury	352
	Declined To Vote	305

Student Senators		
	NAME	VOTES
	Abdur Rahim	364
	Ghadeer Alghosein	379
	Grace Bottah	381
	Ronald (R. J.) D'Aguiar	369
	Solomon Luwoye	264
	Declined To Vote	167

# Milestones and Outcomes

KEY MILESTONE	ITEM	OUTCOMES
<b>Pre-Election</b>	<i>Election Calendar</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>
	<i>Election Forms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No complaints</li> <li>• Eliminated one form</li> </ul>
	<i>Penalty Point System</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination Period</b>	<i>Nomination Forms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms were handed in throughout the period</li> <li>• Most forms were accurate</li> <li>• All forms were approved</li> </ul>
	<i>Disqualification</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No disqualifications</li> </ul>
	<i>Penalties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No penalties were issued</li> </ul>
<b>All Candidates Meeting</b>	<i>Meeting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started at 5:05</li> <li>• Ended approximately 6:30 pm</li> <li>• 5 candidates did not attend</li> </ul>
	<i>Disqualification</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Al-Zaher</li> <li>• Sheila Bagala</li> <li>• Nawaf Basindwa</li> <li>• Rowan Groenewald</li> <li>• Kyle Kuepfer</li> </ul>
<b>Poster Approval</b>	<i>Extra day given in this election</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poster approval ran a lot smoother. Students had no complaints this election.</li> </ul>
<b>Poster Night</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ran smoothly</li> </ul>

KEY MILESTONE	ITEM	OUTCOMES
<b>All Candidates Forum</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall a below moderate turnout amongst students</li> <li>• Last minute changes to location</li> <li>• Had to share space in CAW</li> </ul>
<b>Poll Clerk Training</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great response from students</li> <li>• Developed training manual</li> </ul>
<b>Voting Period</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall a great success</li> <li>• No major issues</li> <li>• Poll clerks all showed up on time</li> </ul>
<b>OVERALL</b>	<i>NO SPACE AVAILABLE TO BOOK EVENTS</i>	<p>ELECTION CALENDAR MUST BE EARLIER FOR GENERAL ELECTION</p> <p>Yearend has many events and galas, which caused issues for both Candidates and Election events; room bookings and attendance.</p>
	<i>SOCIETY ELECTIONS</i>	<p>TO MANY ELECTIONS AT ONE TIME</p> <p>More time needs to be spent on Society Elections</p> <p>Society Constitutions need to be revised</p> <p>Society Elections should be governed under UWSA and existing Election Policy</p> <p>Great turnout overall by Society's</p> <p>Science had a 1.77% turnout compared to UWSA at .38%</p>

# Expense Forms and Penalties

<b>EXECUTIVES</b>		300.00 limit		
	Faisal Ishak	\$ 298.42	\$ 298.42	
	Jaydee Tarpeh	\$ 254.77	\$ 254.77	
	Kamal Mann	\$ 16.60	\$ 16.60	
	Ilisa Merz			
	Jon Cooke	\$ 252.47	\$ 252.47	
	Luqman (Luqi) Ejaz	\$ 291.25	\$ 145.63	
	Matthew Dunlop	\$ 297.67	\$ 297.67	
	Mohamad El-Cheikh			
	Shahzeb Akram	\$ 169.70	\$ 41.93	Received late-75%
	Farah El-Hajj	\$ 300.36	\$ 300.00	
	R. J. (Soul Train) Sivanesan	\$ 67.80	\$ 67.80	
	Abdi Abdi	\$ 162.04	\$ 162.04	
13	Sukhjot Singh	\$ 258.48	\$ 258.48	

<b>BOARD OF GOVERNOR</b>		200.00 limit		
1	Shawn Kingsbury			
	<b>SENATORS</b>			
	Abdur Rahim	\$ 145.62	\$ 145.62	
	Ghadeer Alghosein	\$ 152.75	\$ 38.20	Received late-75%
	Grace Bottah			
	Ronald (R. J.) D'Aguiar	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	
5	Solomon Luwoye	\$ 300.07	\$ 200.00	Over budget

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTOR</b>		150.00 limit		
	Larissa Howlett			
	Moussa Hamadani	\$ 90.96	\$ 90.96	
	Alexander Lister			
	Ian Wood			
	Ibrahim Chaudhry			
	Tiffany Fatima			
	Bilal Uddin Khan	\$ 94.65	\$ 94.65	
	Basil Malik	\$ 136.72	\$ 68.36	Received late-50%
	Mansour Shahbar	\$ 51.41	\$ 51.41	
	Moe Abdelrazig	\$ 262.90	\$ 150.00	Over budget
	Sohem Patel			
	Michelle Wong	\$ -	\$ -	
	Robert Haynes			
	Diana Lu	\$ 80.06	\$ 80.06	
	Tofunmi Adebise			
	Nicole Bourdkane	\$ 94.69	\$ 94.69	
	Amber Shaheen			
	Irvin Randhawa	\$ 120.39	\$ 120.39	
	Pavithithira Vimalananthan	\$ 76.13	\$ 76.13	
20	Ahmed Khalifa			

# Disqualifications

Mohamad El-Cheikh	Section 80.04 and 90.02
Abdi Abdi	Section 80.04 and 90.02
Farah El-Hajj	Section 80.04 and 90.02
Grace Bottah	Section 80.04 and 90.02

# Appeals

Mohamad El-Cheikh	Denied by Election Committee on March 28, 2015
Farah El-Hajj	Denied by Election Committee on April 4, 2015

# Recommendations

## Election Policy

**Add:**            ***Limit on Position Sought***

A member is limited to seek nomination for one position per election cycle. Should a member be found to be seeking nominations for multiple positions, that Member will be treated as having not registered as a Nominee and will not be considered for candidacy for any position.

**Change:**        ***Section 80.08 Campaign Material Limitations***

*Suggestion:* I would like to mandate that all Presidents must make a 3 x 7 banner which will hang in the Windows of the CAW Commons area during the Election. Banners must be up and ready for Poster Night. Posters can be approved early.

*Suggestion:*    Banner size wording should be revised

*Change:*        Overlap or be attached to any hung or posted campaign material of another candidate by one (1) inch or cover any words of another candidates banner or poster.

**Add:**            ***120.01 Submitting Complaints***

Any allegations of violations of the Election Policy must be submitted to the CRO. The last day to submit complaints is the day after the last day of voting at 6:00 pm. Any complaints submitted, which involve University of Windsor campus police to investigate will be extended until proof of allegations have been confirmed.

**Add:**            ***Reimbursements***

A new section needs to be added regarding Reimbursements. Clear rules need to be established regarding reimbursements and penalties to candidates.

**Add:**            ***New Policy on Referendum***

- Detailing requirements and timelines
- Any referendum which involves a contract must uphold due diligence by the UWSA and the petitioner.
- The UWSA must investigate the contents of the question with all parties involved before it is sent out to the membership.

**Add:**            ***New Policy for Candidates that are disqualified***

- Candidates that are disqualified from a General Election cannot run in the up-coming by-election.



## Suggestions

### Reduce Voting Day

- 1 day for Voting
- Reduces administration costs
- Less stress on candidates
- Create marketing campaign focusing on locations and “promoting the vote”
- In line with Provincial and Federal Elections

### Election Committee

- Outsourced CRO (April Adams) is responsible for hiring the Election Committee
  - Students were approached by certain individuals to apply for the position.
  - Board Members that Vote for EC, is a conflict of interest.

### Voting Website

- CRO found the voting website to be time consuming and confusing for voters.
- SAVE button needs improvement.
- Research different ways to Vote on-line.

### Voting Administration

- The Vote administration site should be reviewed with the CRO and IT services to enhance its capabilities.
- The following areas need upgrading: testing/verifying data entries, timeline, and statistics and the voting process.
- The CRO has reviewed the last three Election reports and believe the actual turnout of voters is incorrect.
- The Voting statistics can provide useful information to the UWSA when it comes to who is voting and when. A strategy can be better utilized when it comes to marketing towards specific faculties with low turnout, the advantage/disadvantage to hiring poll clerks and voter turnout on specific days.

### Election Manual

An Election Manual needs to be developed. As a new CRO there are many aspects to running an election within the University of Windsor that a new CRO is unaware of.

The Election Manual can provide information regarding all aspects of running an election; who to contact regarding Voter lists for each Faculty, how to set-up the Vote administration site, contact information for catering, stage set-up and video equipment.

### Society Elections

Many new students are not well informed of the Election process. An Election Guide and Forms should be available to all Society's to better assist them in an Election for their Executive members and staff.

All Society constitutions need to be reviewed and updated. Society Elections should be the same for all Society's.

### Election Policy

CRO would like to review the entire Policy and make recommendations to the Board before the next Election.

# Acknowledgements

## **Catering & Conference Services**

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## **Campus Police**

Mike MacKinnon and Staff

## **CAW Commons Support**

Dolly Digou

Laurie McGhee

## **Dean of Students**

Dr. Clayton Smith

## **International Student Advisor**

Enrique Chacon

## **Office of the Registrar**

Dave Wilbur

Charlene Yates

## **Student Organized Computing Resources**

(SOCR)

Omar Shahid

## **Technical Support**

Shiladitya Chakrabarti

## **The Lance**

Jolene Perron & staff

## **UWSA Staff**

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Kyra Knapp

Yoshani Jayatilaka

Theja Ekanayake

Leticia Corpeno and staff

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Morgan Stahl

Rodonna Allawnha

Sarah Reaume - Evans

## **Residence Services**

Sandra Davis

## **Volunteers and Assistants**

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Makram Al-Matary

Gabriel Gneo

Voting Day - Poll Clerks