

ELECTION REPORT

2016 GENERAL ELECTION

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Overview

Introduction

On March 16 and March 17, 2016 UWSA members voted in the, 2016 March General Election and on the Universal Bus Referendum.

The General Election resulted in the election of four (4) Executive members, fourteen (13) Board Members and three (3) Senators.

Total Positions Open:

Executives: 4

Faculty Board: 22

Board of Governor: 0

Senate: 3

Total Open Positions	29		
Nominations Submitted	28	Nominations Invalid	0
All Candidates Meeting Attendance	28	All Candidates Meeting Disqualification	0
Open Positions – after Election		Faculty of Computer Science	1
		School of Dramatic Arts	1
		Faculty of Education & Academic Development	1
		School of Music	1
		Faculty of Nursing	1
		School of Social Work	1
		School of Visual Arts	1
		Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry	1
		University of Windsor Residence Representative	1

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

Election Staff

Chief Returning Officer: April Adams

Deputy Returning Officer: Robert Cervi

Election Committee:
Makram Almatary - EC
Ali Bazzi – EC & Referendum EC
Pavathhira Vimalanathan – EC & Referendum EC
Dalton Drouillard – Referendum EC

Election Calendar Key Dates

Nominations Opened	Feb 18, 2016 – Referendum Feb 22, 2016 – General Election	Nominations Closed	March 1, 2016
All Candidates Meeting	March 4, at 5:00 pm		
Poster Night	Sunday, March 06 at 7:00 pm		
Campaign Period started:	Monday, March 07	Campaign Period ended:	Thursday, March 17
Voting Days	Wednesday, March 16 Thursday, March 17	Rock the Vote	Thursday, March 17
Poster Recycling	March 18, 19, 20		
Last day to Appeal Votes	Saturday, March 19 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

New Vote Here Flags

Voting Website

www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote

Voting On-Line

Start Time: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 12:01 am

End Time: Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Polling Locations

Dates: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 9:30 am to 6:00 pm and
Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

CAW Commons	HK Building
Centre for Engineering Innovation	Odette
Law Building	Residence – The Crock
Leddy Library	We tried to have a location outside at a Sunset Pod but the weather did not cooperate
Toldo	

Open & Contested Positions

Executive

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

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 – open for by-election*
4. *School of Drama Arts – 1 Director – open for by-election*
5. *Faculty of Education & Academic Development – 1 Director – open for by-election*
6. Faculty of Engineering – 1 Director
7. Faculty of Human Kinetics – 1 Director
8. Faculty of Law – 1 Director
9. *School of Music – 1 Director – open for by-election*
10. *Faculty of Nursing – 1 Director – open for by-election*
11. Faculty of Science – 2 Director
12. *School of Social Work – 1 Director – open for by-election*
13. *School of Visual Arts – 1 Director – open for by-election*
14. *Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry- 1 Director – open for by-election*
15. Inter-Faculty – 1 Director
16. International Students – 1 Director
17. *University of Windsor Residence- 1 Director – open for by-election*
18. *Board of Governors – carried*
19. Student Senators- 3 Senators, 3 carried
20. *1st Year Representative - carried*

Election Results

UWSA List of Electors (Voters): 10960

Voter Turnout: 4031

Voter Percentage: 36.7

POSITION	NAME	VOTES
Executives		
President	Moussa Hamadani	
Board of Director Finance	Vuk Zubic	
Board of Director Student Advocacy	Matthew Dunlop	
Board of Director Student Services	Daniel Popaj	
Senators		
	Amber Shaheen	
	Chase Tribble	
	Ahmed Khalifa	
Board of Directors		
Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Services	Dunya Badwilan	
	Hanan Hjjih	
	Idil Mahamud	
	Achiana Okutinyang	
Odette School of Business	Waseem Abunnadi	
	Andrew Fu	
Faculty of Engineering	Israa El-Sabbagh	
Faculty of Human Kinetics	Dayana Hassoun	
Faculty of Law	Hagar Elsayed	
Faculty of Science	Youshaa El-Abed	
	Mazen Saadi	
Inter-Faculty	Yasin Avci	
International Student Representative	Ayub Khan	

Voting Results

UWSA - PRESIDENT

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Moussa Hamadani	1209
2	RJ Soul-Train Sivanesan	1000
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	782

UWSA - VP STUDENT ADVOCACY

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Admira Konjic	873
2	Matthew Dunlop	1237
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	858

UWSA - VP STUDENT SERVICES

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Daniel Popaj	1148
2	Jeffrey Tunde	814
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	1102

UWSA - VP FINANCE

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Richard "Tobi" Osagie	866
2	Vuk Zubic	1170
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	952

Board of Director - FAHSS

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Achiana Okutinyang	192
2	Dunya Badwilan	230
3	Hanan Hjjih	222
4	Idil Mahamud	159
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	415

UWSA - SENATOR

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Ahmad "Mazzy" Mazloun	446
2	Ahmed Khalifa	527
3	Amber Shaheen	781
4	Chase Tribble	640
5	Jasem AbouDaher	298
6	Yosra Elsayed	355
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	984

UPASS - UNIVERSAL BUS PASS REFERENDUM

#	NAME	VOTES
1	NO - UPASS UNIVERSAL BUS PASS	1329
2	YES - UPASS UNIVERSAL BUS PASS	1706
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	90

Board of Director - Faculty of Business

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Andrew Fu	86
2	Waseem Abunnadi	137
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	85

Board of Director - Faculty of Engineering

#	NAME	VOTES
1	NO - Israa El-Sabbagh	91
2	YES - Israa El-Sabbagh	234
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	111

Board of Director - Faculty of Human Kinetics

#	NAME	VOTES
1	NO - Dayana Hassoun	38
2	YES - Dayana Hassoun	101
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	43

Board of Director - International Students

#	NAME	VOTES
1	NO - Ayub Khan	29
2	YES - Ayub Khan	142
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	53

Board of Director - Faculty of Law

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Hagar Elsayed	114
2	Justin Binkley	54
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	6

Board of Director - Faculty of Science

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Mazen Saadi	140
2	Youshaa El-Abed	187
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	183

Board of Director - Inter - Faculty

#	NAME	VOTES
1	NO - Yasin Avci	29
2	YES - Yasin Avci	63
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	19

Milestones and Outcomes

KEY MILESTONE	ITEM	OUTCOMES
Pre-Election	<i>Election Calendar</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report • Extended Campaign period over Voting Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election Committee approved the change ○ Excellent reviews and outcome
	<i>Election Forms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No complaints
	<i>Penalty Point System</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Nomination Period	<i>Nomination Forms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms were handed in throughout the period • Most forms were accurate • All forms were approved
	<i>Disqualification</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No disqualifications
	<i>Penalties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No penalties were issued
All Candidates Meeting	<i>Meeting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started at 5:05 • Ended approximately 8:00 pm
Poster Approval	<i>Extra days given in this election</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster approval ran a lot smoother. Students had no complaints this election. • Would like to see changes
Poster Night		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran smoothly • Started at 7:00pm – Good turnout

KEY MILESTONE	ITEM	OUTCOMES
All Candidates Forum		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall a below moderate turnout amongst students attending • Having an Election in March is too late in the year for students, turnout is poor due to midterms...etc. • We need to post platform on the UWSA website and include pictures of candidates
Poll Clerks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great response from students
Voting Period		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low turnout at Poll stations on Wednesday • No major issues • Poll clerks all showed up on time • Positive response from marketing • Overall we had a 36.7% turnout
<i>The below information is carried over from last report</i>		
OVERALL	<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>Every year I become busier with Society Elections</p> <p>This year my last election will be April 28 & 29</p> <p>Since February I have held 16 or more Society Elections</p>

Expense Forms and Penalties

	AMOUNT SUBMITTED	AMOUNT APPROVED		MAXIMUM PAY OUT
EXECUTIVES	\$300.00 limit			
Moussa Hamadani	\$ 287.06	\$ 287.06		\$ 300.00
Rajiv Sivanesan	\$ 265.39	\$ 215.39		\$ 300.00
Matthew Dunlop	\$ 281.83	\$ 281.83		\$ 300.00
Admira Konjic	\$ 287.65	\$ 287.65		\$ 300.00
Vuk Zubic	\$ 277.64	\$ 277.64		\$ 300.00
Richard Osagie	\$ 294.87	\$ 294.87		\$ 300.00
Daniel Popaj	\$ 299.90	\$ 299.90		\$ 300.00
Jeffrey Tunde	\$ 243.00	\$ 68.42		\$ 300.00
		\$ 2,012.76		
SENATORS	\$200.00 limit			
Amber Shaheen	\$ 128.25	\$ 128.25		\$ 200.00
Chase Tribble	\$ 73.63	\$ 73.63		\$ 200.00
Ahmad Mazloun	\$ 108.73	\$ 108.73		\$ 200.00
Yosra Elsayed	\$ 59.99	\$ 59.99		\$ 200.00
Jasem Abou Daher	\$ 188.48	\$ 188.48		\$ 200.00
Ahmed Khalifa	\$ 166.16	\$ 166.16		\$ 200.00
		\$ 725.24		
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	\$150.00 limit			
Waseem Abunnadi	\$ 21.47	\$ 21.47		\$ 150.00
Yasin Auci	\$ 138.68	\$ 138.68		\$ 150.00
Dayana Hassoun	\$ 57.91	\$ 57.91		\$ 150.00
Youshaa El-Abed	\$ 40.16	\$ 40.16		\$ 150.00
		\$ 258.22		
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$ 2,996.22		\$ 4,200.00

Disqualifications

No disqualification in this Election.

Appeals

No appeals in this Election.

Recommendations

Election Policy and Referendum Policy

A complete review needs to be done on both Policies. Referendum Policy Calendar should match Election Calendar. When the timelines don't match when running an election concurrently this can be a challenge and confusing to the membership.

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

Campaigning during Voting Days

- Change policy so Candidates can Campaign during Voting Days
- We can't control Social Media Campaigning
- Candidates will NOT be allowed to send messages asking people to vote for certain people (slating)
- NO interviews with MEDIA during Voting Days
 - We did this during this Election and we had great success and very few issues.
 - We also had an excellent turnout at 36.7%

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.

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Office of the Registrar

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The Lance

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Election Committee

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Ali Bazzi – *GE & Referendum*
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