



Public Statement: 2017 General Election Results Finalized

University of Windsor Students' Alliance

Windsor, Ontario

On Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, the University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) Board of Directors ("the Board") passed a [motion](#), which was released to our student body in the previous [public statement](#), directing the retainer of an independent third party investigation into the processes and decisions of the 2017 General Election. A [revised motion](#) was passed in a subsequent Board meeting on March 7th.

On March 10th, Siskinds LLP in London was retained to conduct the investigation and provide legal advice to the Elections Committee ("EC") and the Board. Over the subsequent six weeks, Siskinds lawyer Elizabeth Traynor reviewed hundreds of documents and conducted interviews with 12 witnesses, the majority of them in person.

On April 24th, Ms. Traynor met with the EC and presented her 31-page report ("the Traynor Report"), containing a detailed review of complaints, appeals, and the processes followed by the Chief Returning Officer ("CRO") and the EC in dealing with those matters. In it, she provided her assessment of the reasonableness of the decisions made and legal advice with respect to the next steps to be taken. Taking into consideration the Traynor Report and the legal advice provided, in accordance with the Elections Policy, the EC made its final decisions with respect to the outcome of the 2017 election and communicated those decisions to the individuals affected.

We are pleased to announce that the Executives for the 2017/18 term have now been confirmed as follows:

- President: Larissa Howlett
- Vice-President Finance and Operations: Sheldon Harrison
- Vice-President Student Services: Sarah Nouredine
- Vice-President Student Advocacy: Admira Konjic

Following her meeting with the EC on April 24th, Ms. Traynor met with the Board to present her findings regarding allegations made against certain Board employees and appointees and to provide legal advice in this regard. In summary, the Traynor Report made no finding of bad faith or bias in the decision-making process.

We also reviewed recommendations contained in the Traynor Report regarding potential improvements to election procedures. These recommendations will be presented for consideration to the 2017/18 Board, which takes office on May 1st, 2017.

We wish to thank all those directly involved and the broader University community for their patience as we dealt with the difficult circumstances which arose during this election.

Should you have any further questions, please contact us at uwsa@uwindsor.ca.

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