

# ELECTION REPORT

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2017 FALL BY-ELECTION

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# Overview

## Introduction

On October 25 and 26, 2017 UWSA members voted in the 2017 Fall By-Election. The By-Election resulted in the election of one President, one Senate, one Board of Governors, and two Board of Directors.

A total of 13 positions were open.

A total of 8 nomination papers were submitted. One (1) person withdrew before nominations were over.

A total of 7 candidates were eligible to run in this election.

A total of 5 candidates have been elected in their respective positions.

This Election was governed by the Election Policy dated August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

## Election Staff

Chief Returning Officer: Sara Alshoibi

Election Committee: Sofia Baert  
Lena Sleiman  
Vivekkuar Dhrangard  
Board Observer: Aine Donnelly

## Election Calendar Key Dates

Nominations Opened: Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017 at 9:00 am  
Nominations Closed: Friday, Oct. 13, 2017 at 5:00 pm  
All Candidates Meeting: Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 at 5:00 pm  
Poster Approval: Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017 at 9:00 am  
Campaign Period: Wednesday, Oct 18, 2017 to  
Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017  
Voting Days: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 and  
Thursday, Oct 26, 2017  
Unofficial Results Released: Thursday, Oct 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm  
Poster Removal/expenses due: Friday, Oct 27, 2017  
Last day to Appeal Results: Saturday, Oct 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm

## Advertising

UWSA Website  
UWSA Office  
CRO Office  
Facebook  
Twitter  
Instagram  
The Lance  
Posters throughout University of Windsor Campus

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

### **Voting On-Line**

Start Time: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 at 9:00 am

End Time: Thursday, Oct, 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm

### **Voting Website**

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

### **Polling Stations**

Dates: Wednesday Oct. 25, 2017 at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and  
Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017 at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Locations:

1. CAW Building (Wednesday and Thursday)
2. Leddy Library Main Building (Thursday)

# Contested Positions

## **Executive**

1. President

## **Board of Directors**

1. Faculty of Business (Odette School of Business) – 2 Directors
2. Student Senators- 1 Director
3. Board of Governors Representative- 1 Director

# Election Results and Statistics

**UWSA List of Electors (Voters):** 10776

**Voters Voted:** 947 (approximately)

**Voter Percentage:** %10  
Numbers are not completely accurate because  
Voters can log in again to vote for other positions

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

President: 947

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

Senator : 900

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

Board of Directors: 214

Board of Governors: 892

# Winners

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>President</b>	Jeremiah Bowers	501
<b>Board of Governors</b>	Dastu Ibrahim	425
<b>Senators</b>	Serdar Ismail	698
<b>Board of Directors:</b>		
<b>Odette School of Business</b>	Rana Habib	109
	Nav Deo	86

# Results

## List of Candidates

<b>UWSA President</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
1	Jeremiah Bowers	501
2	RJ Soul-Train Sivanesan	404
-	Decline To Vote	42

<b>Board of Directors - Odette School of Business</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
1	Rana Habib	109
2	Nav Deo	86
-	Decline To Vote	19

<b>Board of Governors Representative</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
1	Mary-Catherine Croshaw	301
2	Dastu Ibrahim	425
-	Decline To Vote	166

<b>Student Senator</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
1	Serdar Ismail	698
-	None Of The Above	202



# Expense Forms and Penalties

<b>Date 2017</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Amount Submitted</b>	<b>Amount Approved by CRO</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Thurs Oct 26	Nav Deo	\$5.87	\$5.87		
Fri Oct 27	Mary-Catherine Croshaw	\$193.48	\$145.11	25%	Banner not removed
	Dastu Ibrahim	\$147.30	\$147.30		
	Jeremiah Bowers	\$291.99	\$291.99		
	RJ Soul-Train Sivansesan	\$258.83	\$258.83		
	Rana Habib	\$0	\$0		No Submission
	Serdar Ismail	\$133.99	\$133.99		

# Appeals

Deadline for result appeals: October 28 at 6:00 pm. No appeals were submitted.

# Recommendations

## Election Policy

### ***Include and Change:***

Material restrictions are not included in the election policy, but there is a separate document existing that does need to be changed as well. Campaign materials must be included in the Election Policy. The existing regulation on banners is confusing and needs to be re-written. Here follows my recommendation:

- a) no more than five (5) banners are allowed. Banners must not exceed 3' x 7' or twenty one (21) square feet in total (for executive positions)
- b) no more than three (3) banners are allowed. Banners must not exceed 3' x 7' or twenty one (21) square feet in total (for all other positions)

The Penalties and Appeals form that outlines the procedure for complaints and appeals should be included in the Election policy as well.

### ***Add: Submitting Complaints***

Any allegations of violations of the Election Policy must be submitted to the CRO. Allegations must be made within forty-eight (48) hours of the violation. Sitting on known violations (alleged) until after elections is over shouldn't be an option as a last resort.

## Voting Website and Administration

CRO found the voting website to glitch a lot. Student numbers are already in the list, but need to be added manually for them to be able to vote in certain cases.

The Vote administration site should be reviewed with the CRO and IT services to enhance its capabilities.

The following areas need upgrading: clearing out previous votes in the system and a lot of unnecessary data on the website from previous elections need to be cleared. Only IT can do this, and provides as a hassle every election.

## Election Manual

An Election Manual needs to be developed for the CRO's office. 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.

## Campaign Rules

Section 70.02 subsection 10 of Unpaid Leave should include all employees of the UWSA, both paid and unpaid positions to maintain a standard of fairness in the elections.

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