ELECTION REPORT

2018 WINTER GENERAL ELECTION

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Overview

Introduction

On March 14 and March 15 2018, 1841 members voted in the UWSA General Election. It resulted in four (4) Executive positions being filled, three (3) Senate positions being filled, and eight (8) Board of Director positions being filled.

Election Staff

Chief Returning Officer: Sara Alshoibi

Deputy Returning Officer: Adilah Beelut

Election Calendar Key Dates

Nominations Opened: February 21, 2018
Nominations Closed: March 2, 2018
All Candidates Meeting: March 5, 2018
Poster Approval: March 6, 2018
Campaign Period Began: March 7, 2018
Campaign Period Ended: March 13, 2018
Voting Began: March 14, 2018
Voting Ended: March 15, 2018

Advertising

- UWSA Website
- UWSA Office
- All UWSA social media accounts
- Posters and voting signs
- Two mass emails from Ryan Flannagan's office
- Postcards at polling stations
- Emails to society presidents of elections and candidates

Voting Website

www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote

Voting On-Line

Start Time: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 12:00 am
End Time: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Polling Stations

Locations:

1. Leddy Library Main Building
2. CAW Student Centre
3. Vanier Hall
4. Human Kinetics Building
5. Social Work Building

Contested Positions

Executive

Position	Number of Positions Available
President	1
Vice President of Student Advocacy	1
Vice President of Student Services	1
Vice President of Finance	1

Board of Directors

Position	Number of Positions Available
Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	4
Odette School of Business	2
Faculty of Computer Science	1
Faculty of Human Kinetics	1
Faculty of Engineering	2
Faculty of Law	1
Faculty of Music	1
Faculty of Nursing	1
Faculty of Science	2
1st Year Representative	1
Residence Representative	1
Senators (2 Year Position)	3
Board of Governors (Up to a 2 Year Position)	0

Election & Referendum Results and Statistics

UWSA List of Electors (Voters): 10,650 (all full-time undergraduate and co-op term students)

Voters Voted: 1841 (approximately)

Voter Percentage: 17.2% Numbers are not completely accurate because Voters can log in again to vote for other positions

Number of Votes per Executives:

President: 1626
Vice President Finance and Operations: 1603
Vice President Student Services: 1680
Vice President Student Advocacy: 1578

Number of Votes per Senators:

Senator: 1911

Number of Votes for all Board positons:

Board of Directors: 1474

Number of Votes for Referendum:

No: 721
Yes: 580
None of the Above: 190
Decline to Vote: 0

Winners

POSITION	NAME
President	Jeremiah Bowers
Vice President Finance and Operations	Sheldon Harrison
Vice President Student Services	Ahmed Abdallah
Vice President Student Advocacy	Admira Konjic
Senators	Lena Sleiman Deehanna Cober Yasin Avci
Board of Directors (FAHSS)	Naomi Belay Harjot Bhathal
Board of Directors (School of Social Work)	Biane Deghaiche
Board of Directors (Engineering)	Mohamed Mahmoud Hadil Moussa
Board of Directors (Human Kinetics)	Maha Darbi
Board of Directors (Odette School of Business)	Navjot Deo
Board of Directors (Nursing)	Manmeet Bhogal

Results

List of Candidates

Board of Director - Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (FAHSS)

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Harjot Bhathal	157
2	Naomi Belay	359
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	112

Board of Director - Social Work

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Biane Deghaiche	184
-	None Of The Above	36
-	Decline To Vote	0

Board of Director - Business

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Navjot Deo	121
-	None Of The Above	38
-	Decline To Vote	0

UWSA President

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Anthony Dalla Bona	688
2	Jeremiah Bowers	804
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	134

Vice President Finance and Operations

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Sahibjot Singh Grewal	555
2	Sheldon Harrison	838
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	210

Vice President Student Services

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Ahmed Abdallah	441
2	Andres Curbelo-Novoa	312
3	Liessell Innes	295
4	Selina McCallum	439
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	193

Vice President Student Advocacy

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Admira Konjic	891
2	Margaret Maggie McAuley	394
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	293

Senator

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Dechanna Cober	386
2	Lena Sleiman	664
3	Yasin Avci	390
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	471

Board of Director - Human Kinetics

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Maha Darbi	87
-	None Of The Above	16
-	Decline To Vote	0

Board of Director - Nursing

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Manmeet Bhogal	110
-	None Of The Above	10
-	Decline To Vote	0

Board of Director - Engineering

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Claudius Dalm	49
2	Hadil Moussa	98
3	Mohamed Mahmoud	73
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	24

Referendum

#	NAME	VOTES
1	No	721
2	Yes	580
-	None Of The Above	190
-	Decline To Vote	0

Disqualifications and Removals

There was one removal before the unofficial results were presented.

Complaints and Appeals

There were no appeals or complaints to election results.

Recommendations

Elections Policy

20.03 Student Code of Conduct

- Automatic disqualification for those found violating the Student Code of Conduct

40.05 Election Committee

- EC members should be screened for conflicts of interest and should have no ties to the UWSA

110.03 Campaign Donations

- Sponsorships/donations should have a cap. It should match their campaign fund limitations (300 for Executives, 200 for Senate and 150 for Board of Directors) and any material items sponsored should be limited to that price range as well.

110.04 Videos and Apps

- Videos and apps should be charged at a higher percentage (changed to 20 or 30 percent instead of 10)

102.01 Submitting Complaints

- Complaints should not be able to be received after 48 hours of the unofficial election results being released.
- A complainant should not be able to make the same complaint more than once.
- Complaints need to include the specific violation they are referring to in their complaint.
- Complaint and Appeals form needs to be in the election policy

120.02 Investigating Complaints

- The 48-hour rule should be business days only. This would make it more convenient for the CRO, EC, candidates and members who are not always available during the weekends.

120.04 Cause for Penalty

- Need to be chosen and presented in the policy. Discretion of the CRO should be limited by having penalties chosen in the policy.

120.06 Disqualification

- Disqualification should include negative campaign tactics, violation of student code of conduct, misrepresentation of facts and persistent attempts to undermine the CRO or the EC to carry out their responsibilities

Include and Change:

- Change Policy 30.05 (4) to specify that this does not include missing or invalid signatures.
- Checking all nomination signatures takes time, and often takes the full 48 hours after the close of the nomination period. If the dates after nominations happen to be on weekends, the office is closed and students won't be able to hand in anything missing within the set 24 grace period.

Add:

- Once confirmed as a candidate, that is when the leave of absence starts. There is no set date when this is specified in the current election policy, and this leaves room for a grey area of when it should be.
- Election policy needs to include the material on slating and the campaign material sizes and limitations
- Restrictions on future running need to be set in place for those who do not take their posters down much later than the determined date.

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.
- All positions of the UWSA (including board members) must resign their position if they wish to run for another position in the UWSA elections.
- Board of Directors or UWSA Members on Board should give class talks on election days encouraging the vote.

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 societies need to have a unified constitution that does not contradict the UWSA election policy.