

Student Union Society
2014 General Election Report
Prepared for ratification on March 7, 2014

Joe Johnson (Chief Electoral Officer)



STUDENT UNION SOCIETY

RESULTS

Total counted voters: 315

Total voters: 345

President (Ryan Petersen)

VP External (Dylan Thiessen)

VP Internal (Thomas Davies)

Aboriginal Representative (Shayne Stanton)

College of Arts Representative (Greg Stickland)

Faculty of Health Sciences Representative (Ria Geluk)

Faculty of Professional Studies Representative (Jennifer
Trithardt-Tufts)

Faculty of Sciences Representative (Cameron Stephen)

Incidents and Items to Report

- Polling began at 11:59pm, February 26th and concluded at 11:59pm, March 5th.
- In the early voting hours it was revealed that there was an accidental overreach with voters. With the new Board and voting structure, all representative groups are to receive one poll to vote for the Executives, Aboriginal Rep, and their own representative. However, in addition to these groups receiving their own tailored poll, all students also received the Graduate Studies poll. A correction was made at 10.5 hours into the Polling period to have the Graduate Studies poll taken down. The reason being that as students were receiving two polls, they effectively could vote twice. By this time 30 voters had cast ballots under the Graduate Studies poll. These 30 voters have been excluded from the total count. However, this exclusion would not have affected the end result for any election race.
- Section 6.4.3 of the Electoral Oversight Policy was invoked to remove two candidates from the election.
 - Upon taking every reasonable attempt to receive an Expense Report from these candidates, they still failed to provide one. They received three emails with increasing urgency and a final phone call.
 - Had these candidates been left to stand, they would still have lost in their bid for this election.
- A candidate brought one concern forward. This was due to a Facebook comment made during the first All-Candidates Meeting and written by another candidate. The candidate with the concern had felt slighted.
 - Upon review, the decision by the Chief Electoral Officer was that the nature of the concern warranted closer scrutiny of the candidate in question's social media.
- Another candidate brought forward a concern towards the use of posters on two private poster boards.
 - One such poster board was in breach. The issuance was made by the Chief Electoral Office to have the posters removed.
 - A different poster board was also in question. This is the board in U-House and is under the management of Student Life. However, as Student Life opens the board up to all candidates to make use of, the decision was to let these posters stand.

Recommendations

In future elections:

- Allow no campaign material to persist once the Polling period begins.
- Have campus media as hosts of All-Candidates Meetings.
- Ensure a unique identifier, Student ID or not, be used with tracking of each ballot cast on myUFV to correlate problems that may arise with double voting.
- Establish concrete policies surrounding social media.

I have found this election to be free and fair. All-candidates had equal opportunity. It is for this reason that I recommend, to the current Student Union Society Board, these results be ratified.

Executives

President

Ryan Petersen

Yes	176
No Opinion	92
No	47
	315

VP External

Dylan Thiessen

Dylan Thiessen	152
Jarret Bainbridge	76
No Opinion	64
None of the Above	23
	315

VP Internal

Thomas Davies

Yes	160
No Opinion	112
No	43
	315

Representatives

Aboriginal			
Shayne Stanton			
	Yes	163	
	No Opinion	116	
	No	36	
			315
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College of Arts			
Greg Stickland			
	Greg Stickland	54	
	No Opinion	50	
	Samrat Bhattacharjee	28	
	None of the Above	9	
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Faculty of Health Sciences			
Ria Geluk			
	Ria Geluk	11	
	No Opinion	3	
	No	1	
			15
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Faculty of Professional Studies			
Jennifer Trithardt-Tufts			
	No Opinion	35	
	Jennifer Trithardt-Tufts	22	
	Ankit Sharma	13	
	None of the Above	5	
			75
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Faculty of Sciences			
Cameron Stephen			
	Cameron Stephen	18	
	None of the Above	11	
	Sam Khamkar	10	
	No Opinion	9	
			48
