

A person wearing a large green backpack and a dark jacket is walking through the aisle of a bus at night. The bus interior is dimly lit, and the windows show a blurred city street with lights. The person is seen from behind, moving away from the camera towards the front of the bus.

2022

ANNUAL ELECTION REPORT

RESULTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

UFV Student Union Society
ufvsus.ca/elections
elections@ufvsus.ca

ELECTION TIMELINE

NOMINATION PERIOD: February 7-27

Submit your nomination package, including your Candidate Statement, to elections@ufvsus.ca

REVIEW PERIOD: February 28-March 6

The Electoral Officer will review all packages to confirm eligibility and contact candidates.

INFORMATION SESSION: March 4

CAMPAIGN PERIOD: March 7-20

QUESTION AND ANSWER: March 9

Start campaigning! Eligible candidates will need to attend an information session, and can start preparing campaign materials, although no campaigning is permitted

VOTING PERIOD: March 21-24

Be sure to encourage your fellow students to go vote from the link sent to their student emails.

RATIFICATION: March 25

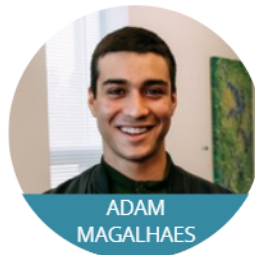
FIRST DAY IN OFFICE: May 1

CANDIDATES

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL CANDIDATE



VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL CANDIDATES



VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS CANDIDATES



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE CANDIDATES



EVENTS

The above candidates were all expected to attend an All-Candidates meeting where the EO reviewed the policies and rules involving the election. All candidates were informed they were expected to attend the Debate in Addition to a Candidate Shoot, where they would be given the opportunity to have their ‘elevator pitch” recorded and released to students through SUS’s social media channels.

Due to restrictions involving the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made to close the in-person debate to the public and instead release a filmed version to students, to circumvent issues involving vaccine passports and social distancing. The debate was filmed on March 9, 2022 and released to students March 17, 2022 to allow for editing.

The Board made the decision to suspend the aspects of the Elections Policy that required in-person Q&A’s and mixers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, reflecting UFV’s decision to remain hybrid, which has led to significantly less students on campus.

ITEMS OF NOTE

NOMINATIONS

There were a few minor issues where the Electoral Officer (EO) had to make a ruling during the nomination period. A candidate submitted nomination packages for two different executive positions; the student was asked to pick between the two positions before the review period ended. Two nomination packages were submitted after the nomination period ended, so they were not accepted, per 3.2.1 of the Elections Policy. One of the candidates appealed the decision to the Electoral Appeals Committee (EAC) – the committee ruled to uphold the decision of the EO. Minor changes to candidate statements involving grammatical edits and formatting were allowed during the review period, an option which was utilized by several of the candidates. One candidate submitted a completely revised candidate statement, which was not permitted, as stated in 4.3.1 of the Elections Policy. The candidate did not contest the ruling.

VOTING

There was an issue with the vote emails not being whitelisted within UFV IT Systems. The emails were released throughout the day, and it was confirmed that the emails had reached the students by 7pm of March 21st. As 1.5 of the Election policy requires the voting period to last 3-4 days, the voting period did not need to be extended despite the delay in the emails reaching students.

RESULTS

VOTER TURNOUT

Ballots were available to students for just over three days, with votes coming in steadily over that time. This election had a 9% voter turnout, with 847 students casting a vote.

PRESIDENT

Danika Elias: 335

Nikiel Lal: 422

Nikiel Lal wins with 55.7% of the vote.
757 votes tallied and 90 abstentions.

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

Ashley McDougall: 532

Naman Tachilote: 214

Ashley McDougall wins with 71.3% of the vote.
746 votes tallied and 101 abstentions.

RESULTS

VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS

Stefan Boekhorst: 109

Claudia Daboin: 361

Bailee Jacques: 321

Claudia Daboin wins with 45.6% of the vote.
791 votes tallied and 56 abstentions.

VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL

Adam Magalhaes: 664

Adam Magalhaes wins with 100% of the vote.
664 votes tallied and 183 abstentions.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Moninder Grewal: 285

Ishika Sethi: 426

Ravneet Sohal: 284

Ishika Sethi, Moninder Grewal, and Ravneet Sohal win with 42.8%,
28.6%, & 28.5% of the vote each.
995 votes tallied and 152 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. There should be a dedicated “hub” to communicate with candidates, with all the information in one place (rules, bylaws, upcoming events, etc.). This would be essential especially with video shoots involving our marketing team.
2. There should be a policy regarding attendance/punctuality. There were conflicts revolving around this, and no action could be given due to this technicality.
3. Adding an additional period between the review and campaigning period to produce marketing and campaign materials would allow SUS to release content at the beginning of the Campaign Period rather than at the end. As the marketing offer SUS can provide is to a much higher level than previous elections, having additional time to curate this content will aid students in accessing this information prior to the voting period.
4. By having the nominations packages available on the website year-around, we could shorten the nomination period. We could still highlight the nomination period prior to it starting but most students submit their packages within the last few days, so there is no real advantage to having an extended nomination period. This would compensate for adding an additional week between the review and campaign periods.

These elections have been free and fair, with all candidates having an equal opportunity. As a result, I recommend to the current Student Union Board that these results be ratified.

