

# ANNUAL ELECTION REPORT



## RESULTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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# ELECTION OVERVIEW

NOMINATION PERIOD: January 23 - February 12

REVIEW PERIOD: February 13 - February 26

CAMPAIGN PERIOD: February 27 - March 12

VOTING PERIOD: March 13 - 16

RATIFICATION: March 17

FIRST DAY IN OFFICE: April 24

## EVENTS

All-Candidates Meeting: February 28th

Debate: February 28th

SUS Tabling Q&A: February 28th - March 2nd

Streets Social: March 2nd

Sidekick Social: March 7th

## ELECTORAL OFFICER

Jessica Mpuanga (resigned February 7, 2023)

Tania Smart

## ELECTORAL APPEALS COMMITTEE

Syed Arush Ali

Imrose Brar

# CANDIDATES



**ASHLEY MCDUGALL**  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



**ALANA AWRAM**  
VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL  
CANDIDATE



**JAYDEN HOVEY**  
VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL  
CANDIDATE



**HARSHARNDEEP SINGH  
BOPARAI**  
VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS  
CANDIDATE



**MONINDER GREWAL**  
VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS  
CANDIDATE



**GABRIELLA WERTHEIMER  
CINQUE**  
VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS  
CANDIDATE



**JASHANDEEP DHINDSA**  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
AT-LARGE CANDIDATE



**RASHPINDER SINGH LAICHA**  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
AT-LARGE CANDIDATE



**NAMAN TACHILOTE**  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
AT-LARGE CANDIDATE

# EVENTS

The Review Period was extended this year to allow for our Marketing & Communication team to have more time to generate content for the campaigning period, as any materials had to be released during the voting period last year.

This extended Review Period allowed the Electoral Officer to review and confirm candidate eligibility in the first couple days, with filming and photos occurring at end of the first week, and editing during the second week.

Candidates were urged to attend the scheduled Debate & Socials organized in Abbotsford & Chilliwack. Due to heavy snow the morning of the Debate, the decision was made last minute to transition the event to Zoom. Despite lower than anticipated Candidate turnout, students showed up to learn more about their candidates. The Streats Social had excellent attendance and facilitated great conversations regarding the upcoming referendum in addition to allowing Candidates to connect with students.

The Sidekick Social in Chilliwack did have lower attendance than in Abbotsford, but was successful, albeit on a small scale. It was great to connect with Chilliwack students and hear the differences in their perspectives from Abbotsford students.

Society staff tabled in the Atrium during the campaign to answer any questions about referendum or the Elections process & Candidates.

# ITEMS OF NOTE

## **NOMINATION PERIOD**

There were a few minor issues where the Electoral Officer (EO) had to make a ruling during the nomination period. One nominee was not approved to continue with the Electoral process as they did not meet the eligibility requirements. They did not contest this ruling. The Electoral Appeals Committee was alerted to potentially sanctions once, but nothing arose from the incident.

## **CAMPAIGNING PERIOD**

A few different candidates submitted materials that did not comply with the Elections Policy but these were caught before distribution and no sanctions were necessary. There were significant communications issues this year, with candidates not replying to emails or attending events. While attendance at the Q&A's is not required in the Elections Policies, it was disappointing to see and it may be necessary to require higher standards of professionalism from candidates.

## **VOTING PERIOD**

As a result of voting links being staggered for release in the 2022 Annual Elections, the decision was made to have the voting emails begin releasing prior to the Voting Period beginning. Sanctions were applied against two candidates for distributing unauthorized campaign materials online, and their posters were removed from campus.

# RESULTS

## VOTER TURNOUT

Ballots were available to students for just over four days, with votes coming in steadily over that time. This election had a 12% voter turnout, with 953 students casting a vote.

## PRESIDENT

Ashley McDougall: 740 votes

Ashley McDougall wins with 100% of the vote.

844 votes tallied, with 104 spoiled ballots & 109 abstentions.

## VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL

Alana Awram: 673 votes

Alana Awram wins with 100% of the vote.

808 votes tallied, with 135 spoiled ballots & 145 abstentions.

## VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

Jayden Hovey: 664 votes

Jayden Hovey wins with 100% of the vote.

807 votes tallied, with 143 spoiled ballots & 289 abstentions.

# RESULTS

## **VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS**

Harsharnpreet Boparai: 250 votes

Moninder Grewal: 158 votes

Gabriella Cinque Wertheimer: 486 votes

Gabriella Cinque Wertheimer wins with 52% of the vote.

926 votes tallied, with 32 spoiled ballots & 27 abstentions.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE**

Jashandeep Dhindsa: 261 votes

Naman Tachilote: 373 votes

rashpinder Singh Laicha: 540 votes

Jashandeep Dhindsa, Naman Tachilote, & Rashpinder Singh Laicha win with 22%, 32%, & 46% of the vote each.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

1. There should be a policy regarding attendance/punctuality. There were conflicts revolving around this, and no action could be taken due to this technicality. Candidates should be required to attend the Debate and at least one of the Question & Answer sessions and should be required to have better communication with the Electoral Officer.
2. The candidate nomination package should be reviewed prior to the next elections and updated.
3. Candidate turn out has dropped since moving to the Student Representative At-Large format for Directors. Given this change was made with the intention of garnering more student nominations, this shift should be reviewed.
4. We received less nomination packages this year despite shifting our marketing efforts from the campaigning period to the nomination period. Outreach should be done to connect with students and determine if there were any barriers or deterrents.

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.



Tania Smart  
Governance & Finance Manager  
(Acting Electoral Officer)