

Returning Officer Report 2017



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ELECTION DETAILS	
Date of elections: 22nd – 25th May 2017	
Method of election (online voting/paper ballot etc.): Online	
Number of members of the Students' Association: 7,000 FT 20,000 PT	
Number of candidates (in total) standing for positions this year: President – 3 Vice-President -8	
Total number of votes this year: 1096 – Pres 514 VP 582	
Number of candidates (in total) standing for positions last year: 7	
Total number of students that voted last year: 733 votes	
Election turnout difference between this year and last year (%): 50% increase	
COMPLAINTS	
Number of formal complaints submitted to the Returning Officer: 7	
Number of complaints upheld: 3	
Number of official warnings issued: 3	
Number of candidates disqualified or removed from the election: 0	
RETURNING OFFICER'S GENERAL COMMENTS	
<p>Firstly, I would like to thank and congratulate all the candidates for their hard work throughout the election period. The campaigns and elections were competitively professional and competently carried out which allowed me as Returning Officer to maintain my role simply dealing with complaints and offering advice rather than having to get involved in the day to day running of the election.</p> <p>If a sabbatical officer is not standing for an additional term, it would be best practice for them to be involved in the delivery of the election process rather than promoting candidates where there may a conflict of interest.</p>	
RETURNING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An increase turnout of students voting is always a success especially at an increase of 50% compared to the number reported for last year's election. This can be down to the hard work of candidates in how they have interacted with voters. This can be enhanced through setting up polling booths in the main college interaction areas, where the stalls are placed. 	

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2. If running for an additional term, or campaigning for others, the current sabbaticals should take leave during the campaigning and election period to remove any complaints about conflict of interest which may be raised.
3. By the Development Officer managing the printing for candidates, this not only managed their budgets closely but it ensured that the candidates were able to gain a benefit through low cost printing.
4. By tracking the actual votes through location and time, it would give a more thorough breakdown of the number of votes being cast allowing for a deeper analysis and evaluation to be carried out of groups to integrate with.

RESULTS

PRESIDENT

KAROLINA GASIOROWSKA – ELECTED IN FIRST COUNT

VICE-PRESIDENT

DAVID PARADA PEREZ – ELECTED IN FIRST COUNT

TAYLOR CAMPBELL – ELECTED IN SECOND COUNT

MICHAELA DITRICOVA – ELECTED IN SIXTH COUNT

CONFIRMATION OF FAIR ELECTION

I hereby declare that this election was run in a fair and democratic manner which satisfies the stipulations as laid out within the 1994 Education Act.

RETURNING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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Date: 07/06/2017