

**Chief Returning Officer Report for Victoria College's Spring Elections,
Referendum, and Survey, 2011**

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MARCH						
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	Nominations Open					
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		Campaigning ends at 11:59pm	Original voting period	Original voting period	Ballot goes live at 12:01am	Extended voting period
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Pre- Nominations Period

The 2011 Spring Election was the second consecutive election period that saw VUSAC hiring an external Chief Returning Officer to supervise their elections, in lieu of appointing the President and Vice Presidents as CRO and Assistant CRO respectively. During the planning process, I followed the Elections and Appeals Operating Policy passed by VUSAC in last year and appointed an Elections and Appeals Committee (EAC) also appointed by them.

Since I was hired late in the term, the timetable for the elections was a fairly short one (See Appendix A). The EAC met on March 3rd to decide on an elections timetable that was subsequently followed. The EAC also added and amended a few campaigning rules:

- Endorsements: No sitting VUSAC member, Assessor member to VUSAC or Don can publicly endorse a candidate. I extrapolated from this rule and did not allow these groups of students to poll clerk, canvass or appear in any campaign material for candidates. This was done so as to ensure the fairest election for all candidates.
- Co-Commissioners: Running as co-commissioners was prohibited during this election as committee members expressed the potential of a constitutional crisis for VUSAC. For example, if two people were allowed to run for one position, would both of them be allowed one vote during VUSAC meetings?
- Post campaigning: In the fall elections, the then CRO, Jessica Gu allowed for campaigning during the voting period or “post campaigning” The committee struck this rule down saying that campaigning during voting period would be hard to track and disallowing this would force candidates to run a tighter campaign.

It was also during this period that I met with Asim Ashraf at Student Services who administers the voting.utoronto.ca program for CROs at the University of Toronto. It was a straightforward meeting—the online system is tagged on to full time and part time students’ UtorIDs (and not their student numbers) which he downloaded from a ROSI. He also advised me to keep paper ballots just as a precaution (more on that later...)

Being visible as CRO is a major component that I wanted to work on so I set up office hours between 1:30 to 3:30 every Wednesday afternoon after VOCA’s weekly pancake brunches. I subsequently advertised these office hours on the nominations package and correspondences from my cro@vusac.ca email.

Recommendations

1. If my successors decide to use voting.utoronto.ca, they should obtain UtorIDs of Professional Faculty students residing at Vic through the Dean’s Office.
2. As for VUSAC, I highly recommend hiring CROs as early as possible in the term. A late timetable affects major and minor aspects of the election—like shorter nominations and campaign period, and not being able to book tables at Sidney Smith Hall or Gerstein Library for poll stations.

Nominations Period

As mentioned earlier, the nominations period as suggested by the EAC was a short one, down from the recommended two- week period to a six business days. Most notably, I did not receive any nominations for Communications Commissioner which means that VUSAC will have to run this race as a by election in the fall along with the elections for Members-at-Large. I received 29 nominations from candidates which dwindled by the time voting was underway, as three had resigned due to donship assignments, one had dropped out for personal reasons and one candidate had been disqualified (see “Appeals”) This lead a few races to be run uncontested, as well as the Sustainability Commissioner position empty. So, along with the Communications post, Sustainability will also need to be run as a by election in the fall.

The All Candidates Meeting was held on March 14th in the Reading Room/Cat’s eye. I went through the Campaigning rules during this meeting and mentioned examples of potential infringements. Two VUSAC members were also present, for which I was grateful for as they also answered questions.

As per EAC rules, campaigning was to begin at 10pm that night after the meeting had concluded.

Recommendations

1. Due to the design of the Reading Room whereby voices tend to echo, I would recommend using mikes during the All Candidates Meeting.
2. I would also recommend using the VUSAC Secretary (or any other member of VUSAC) present to take minutes during this meeting for the benefit of the candidates.
3. Just as a precaution, I would recommend to my successors to have handouts of campaigning rules for distribution at this meeting.

Campaigning Period

Campaigning period was a fairly quiet time. Students followed rules as set out by me pretty accurately. I mentioned a zero tolerance policy for violations at the All Candidates Meeting, and was very strict particularly about poster rules. For example, I handed out a strike for a poster posted on the threshold of Burwash dining hall, as this area is meant to be a neutral zone.

In terms of discipline, aside from the one disqualification, candidates stuck to the rules set out by the EAC. A couple of candidates had overspent on their campaign material but since they were forthcoming about their mistakes, I gave them a strike and told them to be mindful of their future spending.

The EAC met once during campaign period, as per constitutional rules. It was during this meeting that I updated them about progress of elections. I was contacted by a student who had claimed the following: that they had submitted a nomination form, had missed the All Candidates Meeting due to health issues, and their poll clerks missed the subsequent Poll Clerk Meeting as well. This student wanted to know if I would still consider putting them on the ballot, and the EAC and myself decided that this candidate should not be allowed to run due to sheer negligence on their part of contacting me in a timely manner.

Town Hall took place at 7pm on March 17th in the Reading Room/Cat's Eye. Rob Rubbini (the current Commuter Commissioner) and I organized this in conjunction with a VOCA Dinner, which, in hindsight, was a very smart idea because a) VOCA has a base of commuters that attend their events and b) there was lots of food. For me personally, VOCA were glorious to work with as they took care of food, supplies and service while I handled the Town Hall aspect of things. Considering that it was St. Patrick's Day, I would say turnout was very respectable and I attribute that to the free food.

Recommendations

1. I strongly recommend that VUSAC hire or appoint an ACRO during the fall elections. It was during this time that things started to get a little out of hand—as an alumnus of Vic, I do not have access to residence buildings so checking posters, and Burwash dining hall is not easy for one person to accomplish during campaigning period.
2. In terms of candidates missing All Candidates Meetings, I would recommend that future CROs not disqualify candidates immediately for non- attendance. Health and personal issues arise all the time, so the CRO can consider the candidates situation on a case by case basis (though I would recommend asking for a note from doctor as proof, and so on)
3. In terms of discipline, I would strongly recommend CROs follow campaign rules to the T. Elections take place during heightened academic period, and so running a tight ship is necessary to ensure fairness and control over situations.
4. Work with already established VUSAC events for the Town Hall like VOCA. Their work ethic is astounding.
5. In a break from custom, this year the Dean's Office did not reveal their donship appointments until the first ballot went active whereby no less than three candidates eventually dropped out. I would recommend that, in the future, VUSAC and the CRO should work in tandem with the Dean's Office to ensure that this does not occur again.

Voting Period

The voting period this year is probably the single biggest reason for the low voter turnout this elections period.

The ballot, with the candidates for student bodies, VicPride! Referendum and the Orientation survey was supposed to go live at 12am on Wednesday, March 23rd through till 5pm on Friday, March 25th, 2011. However, immediately after the ballot went active, I was informed that the VicPride! Referendum was not attached. As I was CRO for the referendum, I felt this was enough grounds to halt this election and did so an hour after the ballot went active. Therefore, the first ballot was rendered useless, spoiling 51 votes.

During this time, paper ballots were given out to students on poll stations so as to be a visible presence amongst students reminding them that the election was still occurring. Later that day, I was advised by Asim Ashraf to put the elections, the referendum and the survey on the same ballot and re-send it to students. I followed his advice, and the second ballot was supposed to go live at 4pm. However, this ballot was not received by any student after logging onto the website. In an attempt to control the damage done, I made an executive decision to shut down this ballot as well, re-open polls on Friday at 12am and close them at 5pm on Monday, March 28th. This gave me all of Thursday to figure out what

was wrong with the help of student services. In an attempt to inform students, I changed the “vote” poster around campus, kept candidates in the loop via email, and also used the VPE listserv to inform Vic students that voting had temporarily been shut down due to the technical difficulties. I also had to spoil around 100 paper ballots at this point, because it was impossible to track double voting by students. Additionally, there were changes in the ballot due to donship assignments and a disqualification.

On Thursday, I went over the ballot with Cheryl Ziegler at the Koffler Center and Asim. It seemed that everything was done according to procedure. I was informed later in the day that there was a coding error with voting lists. I subsequently prepared the ballot for a third time, which finally went active at 12:01am on Friday and informed students of the change in election dates through the VPE listserv.

The third ballot went active without a hitch till Monday at 5pm. Due to the confusion with the paper ballots, several students were confused whether or not their previous ballots were valid. I also had to allow for Profac students to send me an email vote as poll stations were only open till 3pm on Friday as Pratt library loaned them to me till that time. To avoid ethical problems, I had a disclaimer at the start of the ballot informing students that only Kristina Minnella and myself would be aware of how they cast their votes and that it would be destroyed that night.

Polls closed at 5pm on Monday, March 28th. I counted the paper ballots for the elections with Kristina Minnella’s help in her office and subsequently informed all candidates via phone of the results.

Recommendations

1. Due to the fiasco with the online ballot this year, I would seriously re-consider using this program for future elections. It is hard to hold anyone accountable for these technical glitches, as there are still bugs to be worked through the system and the administrative help that I received was nothing but attentive. I would strongly recommend VUSAC to hire the CRO as early as possible, and research on different voting programs available around UofT.
2. Keep paper ballots at poll stations. They come in handy.
3. I would also recommend keeping poll stations open as much as possible. It is also necessary for VUSAC either a) buy laptops for this use or b) negotiate for more laptops from Pratt library. I had two laptops on loan between three stations and that was a confusing ordeal not only for me, but for the poll clerks as well.

Elections and Appeals Committee

The Elections and Appeals Committee met thrice this election season on March 3rd, 17th and 30th. The first meeting was to plan out the timetable for the election that was subsequently followed, the second was just to update everyone regarding election progress and the third meeting was called to discuss the only appeal we had received during this election period.

Constitutionally, the committee is comprised of the following: the Chief Returning Officer, 2 members of teaching staff and the Dean’s office each, 1 commuter and resident

student, 1 alumni, 1 UTSU representative and 1 non voting assessor member from VUSAC. As this committee is so heavily dependent on teaching staff and the Dean's office, I often had problems with quorum, though it is no fault of the members who could not show up for meetings (it is after all, the busiest time of the university calendar!) I am very pleased to report that for those members who did show up to meetings, were a pleasure to chair as member feedback was short, measured and erudite. As CRO, it is easier to face public criticism when you have the committee backing your decisions.

Recommendations

1. I highly recommend that VUSAC amend the constitution to change the composition of the Elections and Appeals committee as follows:
 - 1 graduating VUSAC member as an assessor member and Chair: I often felt uncomfortable having a vote while chairing meetings as I noticed that I could sometimes sway opinions to one side of the other. Having a VUSAC member chair the meetings would solve this problem in the future.
 - 1 member each from teaching staff and the office of the Dean of Students
 - 1 resident student and 2 to 3 commuter students: this reflects the student enrollment at Vic
 - 1 alumni
 - The CRO and ACRO

3. Meetings should be chaired in accordance with Robert's Rules. This might seem counter intuitive to the flow of discussion, but I found that Robert's Rules helped in organized discussion, and ensured that meeting times were short..

VicPride! Referendum

During the nomination period, I was made aware the VicPride!, Victoria College's LGBTQ club were applying for levy status. After consultations with Alex Wells (the president of this organization), I agreed to let their referendum be on the ballot. The VUSAC constitution has very few rules regarding referenda, which is why I often found myself writing campaign rules after being questioned by Alex. Here are some rules that I assigned VicPride!'s referendum campaign:

- They have to follow postering rules—10 posters for Old Vic, Birge Carnegie etc, one poster per floor or house and they must adhere to neutral zones like Burwash dining hall, Pratt library etc. Since this was a referenda and affected student fees, I allowed for a few posters around the Registrar's office in Northrup Frye
- They were allowed to use their listserv to alert people of the referendum
- They were allowed to canvass with candy and condoms in residences as long as all costs of their campaign were borne by their organization.
- I invited them to town hall and I'm happy to note that most of their executive turned up for a short question and answer session.

Personally, as CRO, I never had any problems with penalizing VicPride! because they were very mindful of rules and always checked with me beforehand if they were unsure of anything regarding their campaign.

As per the constitution, I invited Alex when I counted the ballot for the referendum. VicPride! received around 63% yes votes and just under 400 votes were cast for their referendum making this “yes” non-binding. (See Appendix B for results) During their Joint Council meeting on March 30th, VUSAC unanimously voted in favour of making VicPride! a levy.

Recommendations

1. I strongly recommend that VUSAC pass rules regarding campaigning during Referenda as part of their Elections Operating Policy. Things VUSAC should think about while making changes—postering rules, endorsement from dons or VUSAC, campaign spending, “no” campaigns, penalties etc.
2. Future CROs should ensure that the referendum question

Victoria Orientation Traditionals Survey

Much like VicPride!, I was made aware that the office of the President (as in President Gooch) and VUSAC were considering the state of Traditional ceremonies during Orientation Week. There were concerns that separation of these ceremonies based on gender might not be equitable for all incoming students. At the request of the VUSAC President Akash Goel, I added a survey to the ballot. For results of this survey, please see Appendix B.

Appeals

On the day of the first failed ballot (March 22nd), I was informed that a candidate had stuck their fliers on a few floors worth of residence doors of Rowell Jackman Hall. After some personal investigation it turned out that this candidate had stuck their fliers on five floors worth of RJ doors. Due to the fact that this violated strict poster rule that states “poster per residence floor or house and only in the designated poster areas.” (See Appendix A for campaign rules), I had to disqualify this candidate. I informed the candidate of my decision that evening, I was requested by the candidate to be on the ballot. Despite my reservations with this, I asked for an email vote from the committee, who unanimously voted against the candidate’s request.

The disqualification was a very difficult decision to make but in the light of the bigger picture, I think it was the right decision. Other candidates asked me what they were permitted to do while canvassing residences and I would always reply with “you’re allowed to hand out campaign material as long as you’re within your budget and do not post on their doors” Had I not made that assertion with other candidates, there would be leeway for this candidate out of a disqualification but unfortunately, that was not the case. I had followed strict rules with everyone, and I could not make an exception for this candidate despite the fact that this mistake had no malicious intent.

The candidate subsequently lodged a formal written appeal with the EAC, which was discussed on Wednesday, March 30th. The committee recognized that it was an honest mistake, and found the appeal to be very persuasive yet they stuck by the decision made in the email vote to disqualify the candidate. This was an unfortunate and tough decision to make, but I stand by the decisions made by the committee. Furthermore, the candidate

made a request that I attach their appeal, so please see Appendix C for their side of the situation.

Recommendations

During the final EAC meeting, the committee made some valuable suggestions:

1. All Candidates Meetings should be recorded or be recorded by way of meeting minutes.
2. Future appeals should only be considered with a written document from the candidate in question.
3. The question “what is a poster?” should be clarified in the campaign rules as anything that is stuck to a wall or surface intending to advertise.
4. Campaign rules should also state that personal spaces in residences—like doors should not tampered with during canvassing.
5. Campaign rules should also underline (with flashing lights) that a candidate should get in contact with the CRO in case they have a question regarding their campaigns.

Conclusions

Voter turnout this year was roughly 12% which is a drop from the 17% VUSAC had in the fall. The technical difficulties, no poll stations, weekend voting days and uncontested positions all point to low voter turnout.

I would also like to remind VUSAC that despite the fact that elections are now handled externally, they are not the responsibility of one individual. I would encourage constitutional changes or additions to portfolios promoting the elections—having info sessions with Education and Equity, pub nights with Scarlet and Gold discussing how VUSAC and elections can be bettered, and so on. The only way to get students to vote is if students are actually talking about VUSAC. This responsibility lies on the 2011-2012 VUSAC executive. Good luck!

Having expressed that, I do recognize the valuable contributions of some people around me who have gone above and beyond in their bid to help me during this time. I would like to thank them, for this election would not come to fruition had it not been for their efforts:

To Ashley Quan and Hania Mattoo for their help in taking care of administrative details that I overlooked.

To Cat’s Eye managers Sonya Snyder and Kenny Zhan for allowing me to use their space on a moment’s notice.

To the members of my committee—Professor Sheila Cook for sparing her time in dispensing invaluable judgments, Inna Genkin, Hope Caldi and Johanna Lewis for their ever- present feedback and enthusiasm.

To Kevin Philipupillai and James Janeiro for their advice and more importantly, friendship. And finally to Rob Rubinni and Kristina Minnella, whose unwavering support will convince even the most apathetic cynic that student government can be engaging, just and selfless.

All in all, there are massive changes that need to occur in order for VUSAC to have a smooth election in the future. First order of business—hire an ACRO immediately. You can handle the rest in good time. I trust that the future council will handle everything with aplomb.

I invite future CROs to contact me, if they are ever in need of advice or an ear to vent to, at naafia.mattoo@gmail.com.

Sincerely
Naafia Mattoo

Appendix A

2011 Victoria College Elections Package Nomination Information and Forms

<p>VUSAC Executive Board of Regents Victoria University Senate Victoria College Council</p>
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*Nominations are due Monday, March 14th, 2011 at 5.30pm at the VUSAC Office
Voting begins 12:01 am on Wednesday, March 23rd and ends at 3pm Friday March 25th, 2011*

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), Naafia Mattoo by e-mail at cro@vusac.ca.

Read through the entire Election Package carefully!

1. The following positions on are open for election: **Only positions in bold are mutually exclusive; it is possible to run for the bolded VUSAC positions as well as the italicized governing council positions.**

- **President**
- **Vice President- External**
- **Vice President- Internal**
- **Clubs Commissioner**
- **Communications Commissioner**
- **Commuter Commissioner**
- **Education and Equity Commissioner**
- **Arts and Culture Commissioner**
- **Scarlet and Gold Commissioner**
- **Special Projects Commissioner**
- **Sustainability Commissioner**
- *4 seats for Board of Regents*
- *10 seats for Victoria College Council*
- *9 seats for Victoria College Senate*

2. Fill in the attached nomination form and submit one copy to the Chief Returning Officer mailbox in the VUSAC office, Room 5a, Birge Carnegie, 95 Charles St. W no later than Friday, March 14th, 2011 at 5.30 pm.
3. When collecting signatures for your nominations, ensure that they are **ALL STUDENTS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE.**
4. Complete the candidate statement in 100 words or less. The CRO (Naafia Mattoo) reserves the right to edit the statements for length. The statements will be published for viewing online along with the ballot. They will also be published on the VUSAC website (www.vusac.ca) and on the Victoria College Facebook group.
5. **The statements must be submitted electronically via email to cro@vusac.ca with "candidate statement" and "your name" in the subject line by no later than Monday, March 14th, 2011 at 5:30pm.** Any late submissions will not be included in the online ballot. Candidates are encouraged to submit a statement.
6. Hand in the completed Nomination Form to the Chief Returning Officer mailbox in the VUSAC office before **Monday 14th. 2011 at 5:30pm. Any late submissions will not be accepted.**
7. There will be a **Mandatory All Candidates meeting on Monday, March 14th, 2011 at 9:15pm.** The meeting will be held in the Birge-Carnegie Reading Room/Cat's Eye. Failure of Candidates to attend this meeting will result in the immediate disqualification of your candidacy. If it is absolutely impossible for you to attend this meeting, a written statement explaining your absence must be submitted to the CRO's mailbox by **5:30pm on Monday, March 14th, 2011** and you **must** send someone in your place. **This person will serve as proxy. You are responsible for getting yourself up to speed on what was discussed at the All-Candidates Meeting through your proxy. Failure to do so may lead to warnings, strikes, and possible disqualification (see below).**
8. All Candidates are invited to a Town Hall Meeting/VOCA Dinner at the Birge Carnegie Reading Room/Cat's Eye on **Thursday, March 17th, 2011 at 6pm.** Candidates will be able to present themselves with a one (1) minute speech. The CRO reserves the right to alter speaking times at the Town Hall Meeting. There may or may not be questions from the audience. This meeting is not mandatory but **VERY HIGHLY** recommended.
9. Candidates must have posters and other printed campaigning material initialled either by the CRO(Naafia Mattoo), the Campus Life Coordinator (CLC, Kristina Minnella), or Residence Life Coordinator (RLC, Scott Johnston). Should a candidate have more material to be initialled, the CLC and RLC can be found in their respective offices during the day. The CRO also holds regular hours in the VUSAC office between 1:30 to 3:30pm on every Wednesday. In the event neither the CLC or RLC can be found, other arrangements can be made by emailing cro@vusac.ca.

Campaigning begins on Monday, March 14th at 10pm and will continue till 11:59pm, Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011. Any candidate found campaigning during voting period will be severely penalized and/or disqualified.

Elected candidates will be notified as soon as results are available. All elected VUSAC members must attend the joint VUSAC meeting on Wednesday, March 30th, 2011 at 9:15pm in the Birge Carnegie Room 20

Questions or concerns may be directed to the CRO, Naafia Mattoo by e-mail at cro@vusac.ca.
Good luck!

Naafia Mattoo
Chief Returning Officer

2011 VUSAC Spring Elections

Position Descriptions

VUSAC Executive

The Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) serves and represents the full-time and part-time undergraduate students at Victoria College to ensure the best possible undergraduate experience.

The Council consists of 19 elected students, 11 Executive Positions (the President, two Vice-Presidents, Clubs, Communications, Commuter, Education & Equity, Arts and Culture, Scarlet & Gold, Special Projects, and Sustainability) elected in March and 8 Members-at-Large elected in September. In addition, the Finance Chair and Chairperson are appointed to create a well-oiled machine.

VUSAC meets every fortnight for two to three hours. If elected, you will be expected to attend VUSAC meetings regularly!

Board of Regents/ Victoria College Council/ Victoria University Senate

The framework of our governance at Victoria University at the University of Toronto, is found in the Victoria University Act, which creates four governing bodies within the University: the Board of Regents; the Senate; the Council of Victoria College; and the Council of Emmanuel College.

Members of the Board of Regents, VCC and the VUS are elected by the constituency they represent, for example: faculty, alumni of Victoria and Emmanuel College and students. The coming elections will also elect students that will sit on these committees. These include:

- 4 seats for Board of Regents
- 10 seats for Victoria College Council
- 9 seats for Victoria College Senate

For more detailed information, check out the constitution at www.vusac.ca

2011 VUSAC Spring Elections
CAMPAIGN RULES

CAMPAIGNING PERIOD: Campaigning commences at 10pm, Monday, March 14th, 2011 and ends at 11:59pm on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011. "Campaigning" includes putting up new posters or banners, handing out campaign literature and verbally promoting yourself or any other candidate. Furthermore, **campaigning during the voting period is strictly prohibited**. Candidates found in violation of the rules will be disqualified.

ELECTION SPENDING: All candidates adhere to the following rules regarding campaign spending:

- Candidates may not spend more than twenty-five (\$25) dollars on campaign materials of which no more than ten (\$10) dollars may be spent on photocopied pages.
- Goods and services received for free or at a discounted price must be detailed and included in the candidate's official list of expenses. The CRO will value such goods and services at estimated market value and they will count toward the \$25 limit regardless if the Candidate has actually had to pay.
- Presidential candidates may spend one hundred (\$100) dollars on campaign material. Half of their expenses (50%) up to \$50 will be reimbursed after the election period.
- **All candidates must provide the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) with a list detailing ALL expenses, free goods and services at their market value, and dated receipts for expenses during the campaign. These are to be submitted no later than Friday, March 25th, 2011, by 3:00pm in the CRO Mailbox in the VUSAC office. Failure to do so may result in immediate disqualification.**

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS: All posters or banners MUST be initialled by the CRO (Naafia Mattoo), the Campus Life Coordinator (Kristina Minnella), or the Residence Life Coordinator (Scott Johnston). Without initials, the posters will be removed immediately and candidates will be subject to penalties.

POSTERS: Candidates may place no more than:

- **ONE** (1) poster per residence floor or house and only in the designated poster areas. Please note: Bowles-Gandier counts as ONE (1) residence building.
- **TEN** (10) posters in each of the following buildings:
 - ❖ Birge-Carnegie & The Reading Room
 - ❖ Old Vic
 - ❖ Sidney Smith Hall
- Posters may not be placed on lampposts, trees, subway stations, glass doors, and other property not belonging to the University of Toronto or Victoria University.
- Posters may not be placed in neutral zones.

Random checks of poster rules will be made by the CRO and Elections and Appeals Committee (EAC). Posters exceeding these limits or outside sanctioned areas will be destroyed and will result in penalties.

NOTE: Removing or tampering with other candidate's posters is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.

NEUTRAL ZONES: The following areas are neutral zones. No postering or active campaigning may occur in these zones:

- ❖ Pratt Library
- ❖ Northrup Frye Hall
- ❖ Burwash Dining Hall
- ❖ VUSAC Office

ENDORSEMENTS: Candidates are not permitted to seek out endorsements from or actively campaign with current VUSAC members, Dons or Assessor members to VUSAC. Any candidate found in violation of this rule will be severely penalized.

LISTSERVs: Campaigning through the VUSAC caucus list or through the list-serves of any VUSAC-recognized club or levy receiver is NOT permitted.

FACEBOOK: Restricted campaigning using personal pages on online sites such as Facebook is permitted:

- This includes profile pictures and notes, but **the creation of personal Facebook groups is NOT allowed.**
- If campaigning occurs using personal pages, you **MUST** add the CRO (Naafia Mattoo) as a “friend” and tag the CRO in all election-related notes.

PERSONAL WEBSITES: Personal websites are permitted, but they cannot be linked to any Victoria University affiliated club, levy, or organization.

SLATES: Candidates are not allowed to campaign in a slate or as a team.

CHALK: Chalking on any building or sidewalk on the Victoria campus, and similar defacement of Victoria College campus, will result in immediate disqualification.

SLANDER: Slandering campaigning by a candidate will result in immediate disqualification.

RESULTS: Candidates shall be contacted by the CRO with results as soon as they are available. A reasonable attempt will be made to notify each candidate via phone as to the results of the election before the results are made public.

Results will be officially posted on Monday, March 28th, 2011 in Birge-Carnegie outside the VUSAC office as well as on the official VUSAC website.

POLL CLERKS: Poll clerks must attend the mandatory poll-clerk meeting on Tuesday March 15th, 2011 at 9:15pm in the Reading Room. Should your poll-clerk be unable to attend, you may send a proxy in their place. You will receive one strike for every poll-clerk or proxy who does NOT attend the poll-clerk meeting.

Poll clerks must attend their ENTIRE poll-clerk shift. Failure to attend a shift will result in one strike per poll-clerk who does not attend their shift. Exceptions may be made for emergency circumstances. If your poll-clerk has an emergency during their shift, the candidate or the poll-clerk must notify the CRO before the shift begins.

APPEALS: Appeals regarding election results (including requests for recounts) may be made up to forty-eight (48) hours after the results are posted. Results are final after forty-eight (48) hours.

Appeals regarding warnings may be made up to forty-eight (48) hours after disqualification has occurred.

REVIEW OF RULES: A review of the above rules and additions will be made at the All-Candidates Meeting on Monday 14th, 2011 at 9:15pm in Birge Carnegie Reading Room/Cat’s Eye. If a candidate is unable to attend, he or she **MUST** send a proxy.

DISQUALIFICATION: Failure to comply with any of the above may result in warnings or strikes (two warnings are equivalent to one strike). Disqualification from the elections will occur if a third strike is issued to a candidate. In the event of serious violations of the campaign rules (i.e. slanderous campaigning or campaigning during the election period), the CRO and the EAC reserve the right to immediately disqualify the candidate in question. Lesser events will be dealt with as per the above stated rules.

VIOLATION OF RULES MAY RESULT IN PENALIZATION AS FOLLOWS:

Minor Offense

Major Offense

Serious Offense

Warning

Strike

Immediate disqualification

2011 VUSAC Spring Elections Summary of Dates and Procedures

Monday, March 7th, 2011	Nominations Open at 9:30am
Monday, March 14th, 2011	Nominations Close at 5:30pm
Monday, March 14th, 2011	Candidate Statements due at 5:30pm
Monday, March 14th, 2011	All Candidates Meeting at 9:15pm (BC Reading room)
Monday, March 14th, 2011	Campaigning begins, 10pm
Tuesday, March 15th, 2011	Poll-Clerk Meeting at 9:15pm (BC Reading Room)
Thursday, March 17th, 2011	Town Hall / VOCA Dinner at 6pm(BC Reading Room)
Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011	Campaigning ends
Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011	Voting begins at 12:01pm on voting.utoronto.ca
Friday, March 25th, 2011	Receipts and Financial Info due by 3:00pm
Friday, March 25th, 2011	Voting ends
Friday, March 25th, 2011	CRO contacts candidates of results after 3:00pm
Monday, March 28th, 2011	Results posted outside the VUSAC office, VUSAC website
Monday, March 28th, 2011	Appeals period ends
Wednesday, March 30th, 2011	Joint VUSAC meeting
April 15th, 2011	Outgoing VUSAC 2010-2011 dissolves

REMEMBER!!!

- ✓ Detach, complete, and return the last page of this package to the VUSAC office before 5:30pm on Monday, March 14th, 2011.
- ✓ Make sure to have e-mailed your candidate statement to cro@vusac.ca before 5:30pm on Monday, March 14th, 2011.
- ✓ Ensure all posters and materials are initialled by the CRO (Naafia Mattoo), the CLC (Kristina Minnella), or the RLC (Scott Johnston) before being photocopied.
- ✓ The CRO will be available to answer any additional questions and initial posters and material at the following times after the All-Candidates Meeting, Town hall and during office hours(1:30-3:30pm, every Wednesday at the VUSAC office)
- ✓ The CLC and RLC will be sporadically in and out of their respective offices daily so candidates may also drop by at their convenience to have their material initialled or alternately contact them at cro@vusac.ca to set up a time for signing.

NOTE TO PERSECTIVE VUSAC MEMBERS – Should you be elected as a member, you will be expected to be available for the following:

- ✓ Joint Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 30th, 2011 at 9:15pm in BC20

Good luck and happy campaigning!
Naafia Mattoo

Nomination Form

Victoria University Students' Administrative Council Spring Elections

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Candidate's Name: _____

Student Number: _____ Year of Study: _____

Position(s) Sought: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

***Nominators MUST be Victoria College Students**

Name	Signature	Student Number
1		
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Please detach this page from your Nomination Package and return it BOTH SIDES COMPLETED to the CRO's mailbox in the VUSAC Office by 5:30 pm on Monday, March 14th, 2011.

Please provide the contact information for three (3) poll clerks each of whom will be contacted to staff the polling stations on campus for at most a two-hour time period between Wednesday 23rd March till Friday March 25th, 2011. Ensure that your poll clerks are members of the Victoria College Union (VCU). Failure to provide poll clerks will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

Poll Clerks

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Name	Student Number	Phone Number	E-mail Address

A MANDATORY poll-clerk meeting will occur on Tuesday, March 15th, 2011 at 9:15pm in the Birge Carnegie Reading Room/Cat's Eye.

Should your poll-clerk be unable to attend, they **MUST** send someone in their place. This person will serve as proxy (a candidate may proxy for their poll-clerk). **The candidate is ultimately responsible to ensure that the poll-clerk receives all necessary information from the meeting and attends their designated poll-clerk shift during the election.**

Failure of a poll-clerk or proxy to attend the mandatory poll-clerk meeting may lead to strikes and possible disqualification. Failure of a poll-clerk to attend their poll-clerking shift on campus during voting may lead to strikes and possible disqualification.

Please detach this page from your Nomination Package and return it BOTH SIDES COMPLETED to the VUSAC Office by 5:30pm on Monday, March 14th, 2011.

Appendix B

Election Results and Statistics

Note:

- **Underlined option/candidates indicate highest votes**
- **Votes appearing in brackets indicate votes from paper and email ballots and are to be added to online votes to derive final figure**
- **Images courtesy voting.utoronto.ca and only tally online votes**

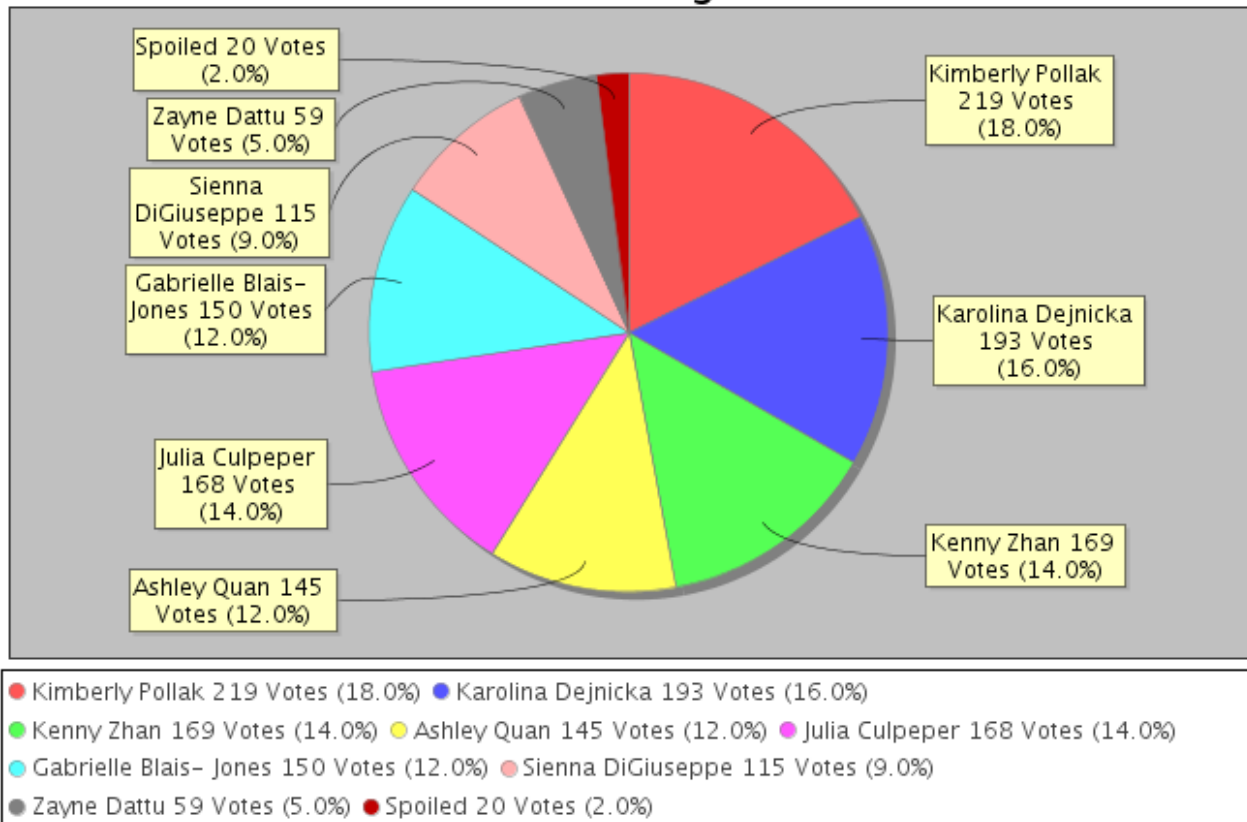
Voter turnout:

Grouping	Votes cast	Total students	Percentage
Victoria Students (Faculty of Arts and Science)	401	3282	12.2%
Professional Faculty Students living at Victoria College (Paper and email ballots)	9	188	0.04%
Total	410	3470	11.8%

Board of Regents

- Gabrielle Blais- Jones: 150(+5)
- Julia Culpeper: 168(+3)
- Zayne Dattu: 59(+1)
- Karolina Dejnicka: 193(+4)
- Sienna DiGiuseppe: 115(+5)
- Kimberly Pollak: 219(+5)
- Ashley Quan: 145(+1)
- Kenny Zhan: 169(+1)
- Spoil ballot: 20

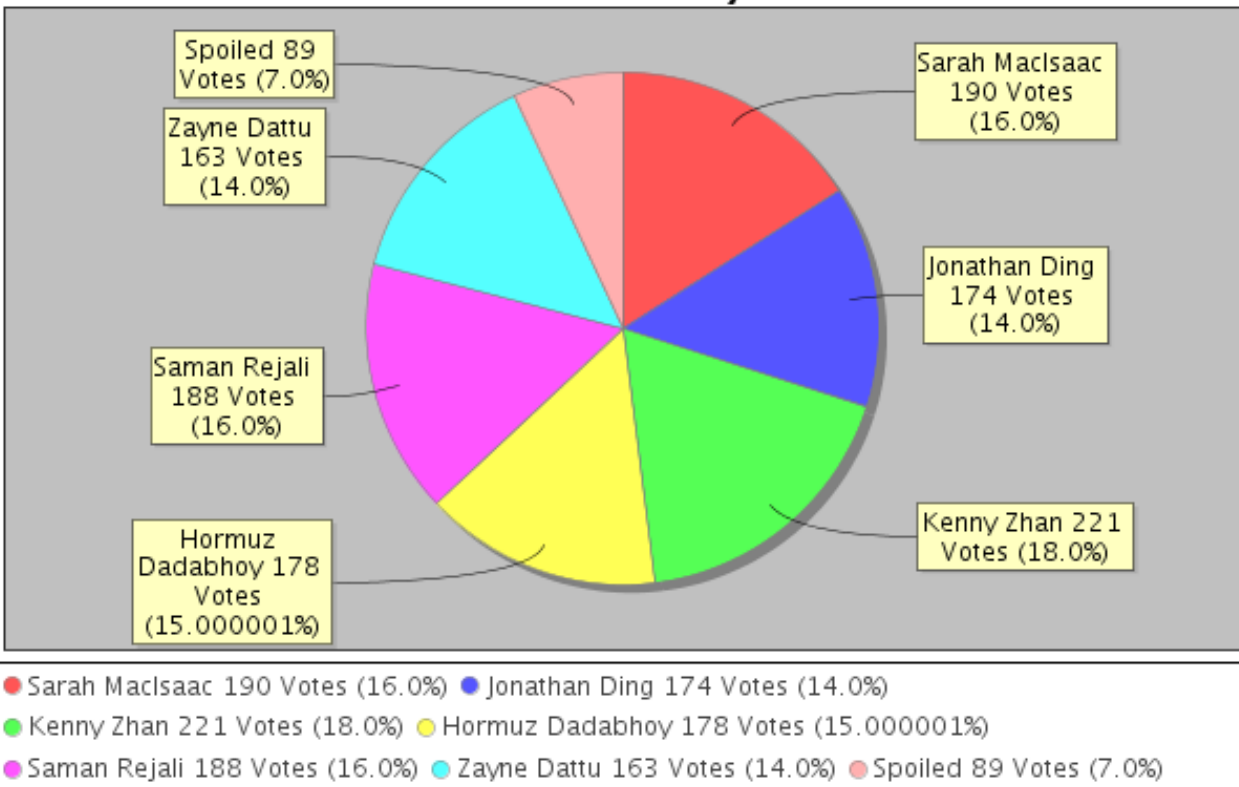
Board of Regents



Victoria University Senate

- Hormuz Dadabhoy: 178(+3)
- Zayne Dattu: 163(+3)
- Jonathan Ding: 174(+1)
- Sarah MacIsaac: 190(+2)
- Saman Rejali: 188(+2)
- Kenny Zhan: 221(+2)
- Spoil Ballot: 89(+2)

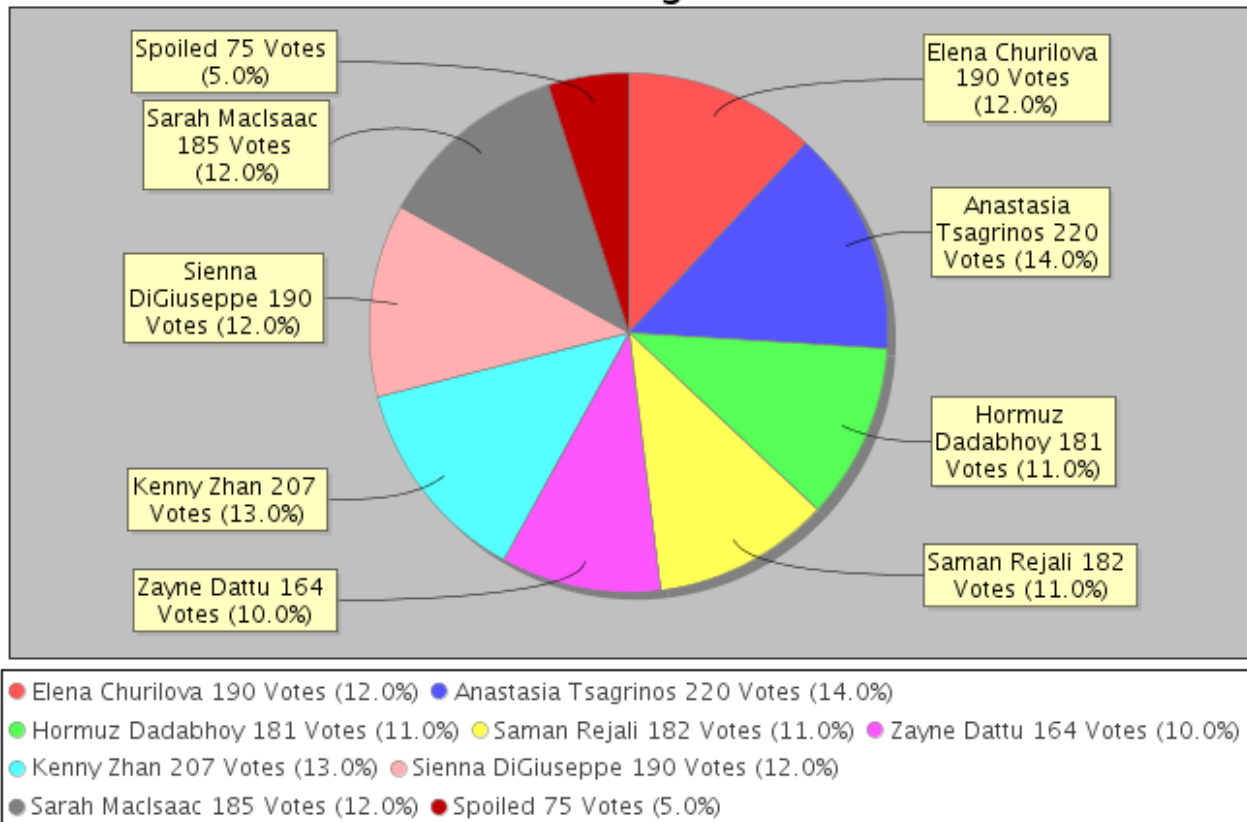
Victoria University Senate



Victoria College Council

- Elena Churilova: 190(+3)
- Hormuz Dadabhoy: 181(+3)
- Zayne Dattu: 164(+3)
- Sienna DiGiuseppe: 190(+3)
- Sarah MacIsaac: 185(+3)
- Saman Rejali: 182(+2)
- Anastasia Tsagrinos: 220(+3)
- Kenny Zhan: 207(+3)
- Spoil Ballot:75(+2)

Victoria College Council

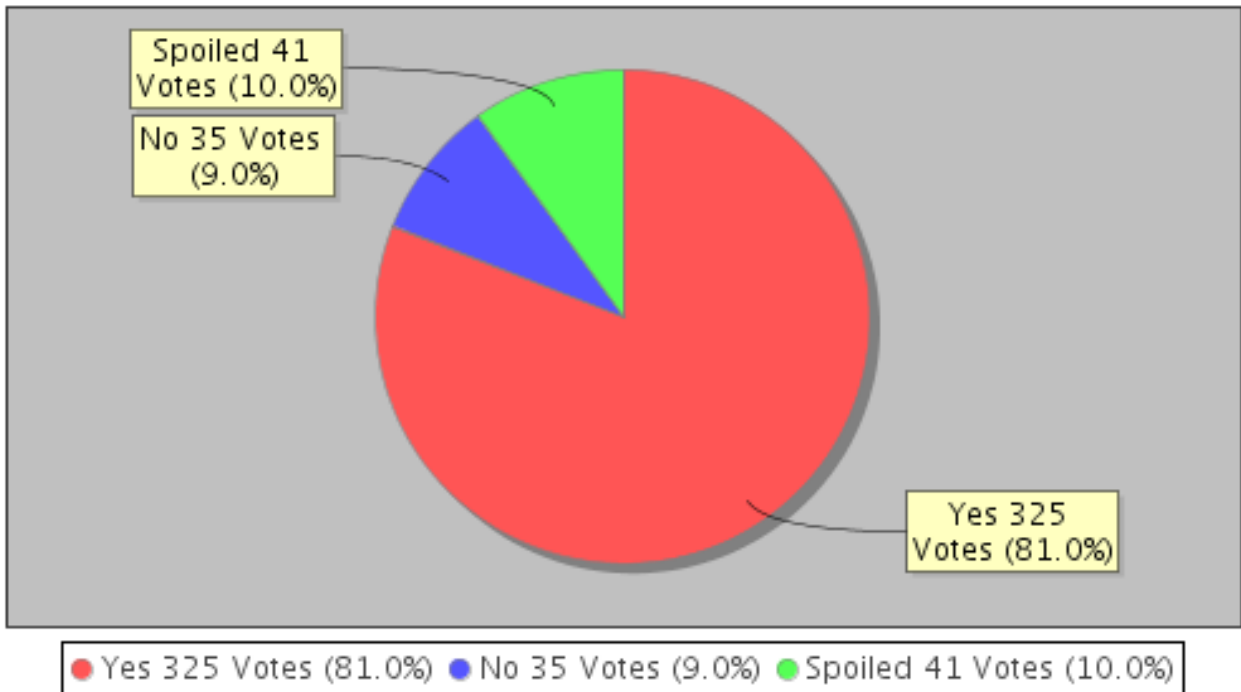


Victoria College Students' Administration Council(VUSAC) Scarlet and Gold Commissioner

Do you wish you elect Anastasia Tsagrinos as the 2011-2012 Scarlet and Gold Commissioner?

- Yes: 325(+9)
- No: 35
- Spoil ballot: 41

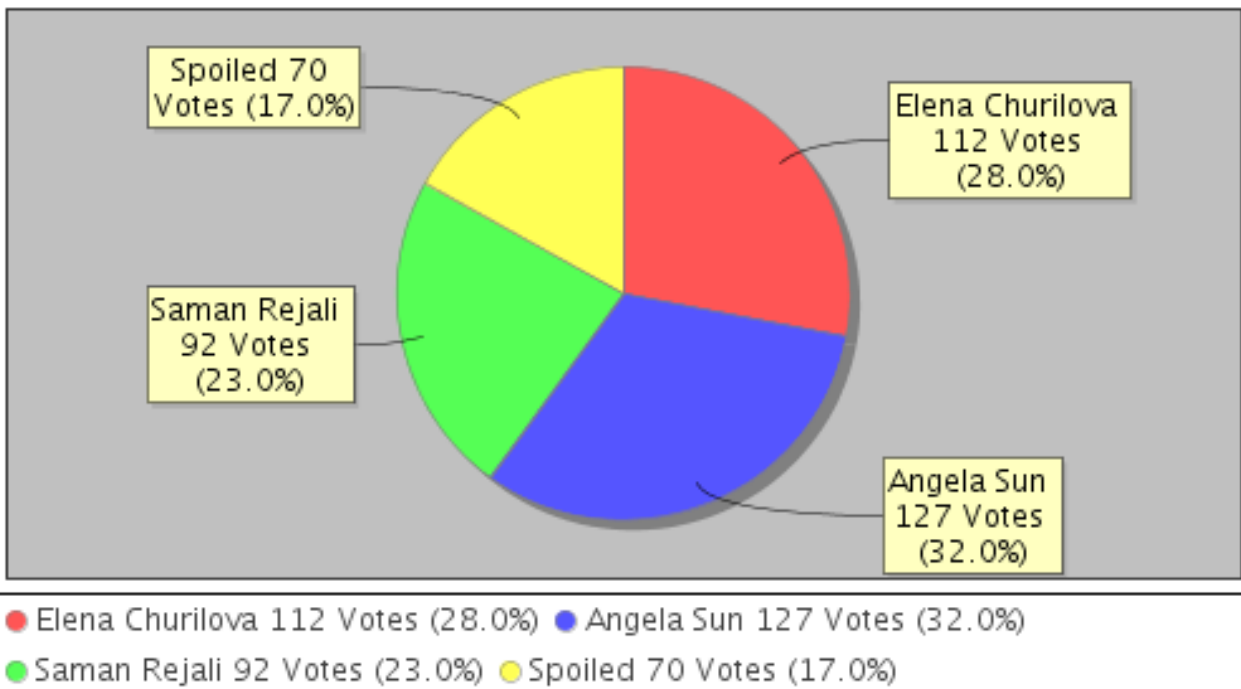
VUSAC: Scarlet and Gold Commissioner



Clubs Commissioner

- Elena Churilova: 112(+5)
- Saman Rejali: 92(+3)
- Angela Sun: 127(+1)
- Spoil ballot: 70

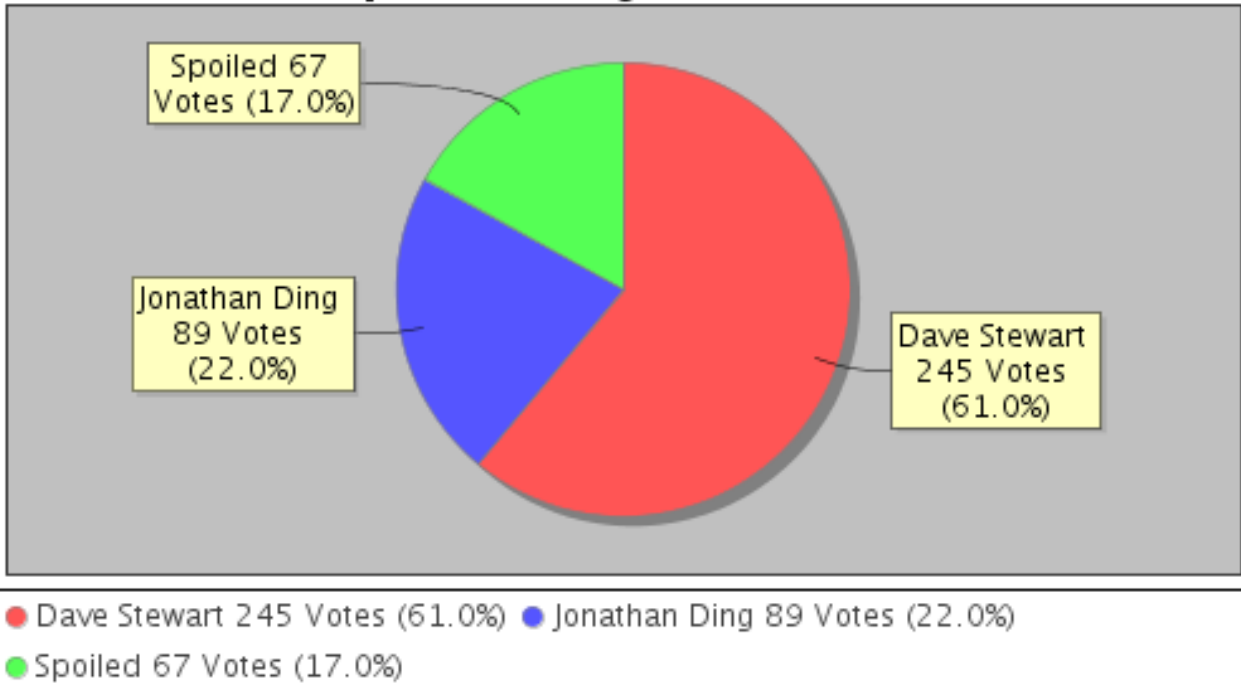
VUSAC- Clubs Commissioner



Special Projects Commissioner

- Jonathan Ding: 89(+4)
- Dave Stewart: 245(+4)
- Spoil ballot: 67(+1)

VUSAC– Special Projects Commissioner

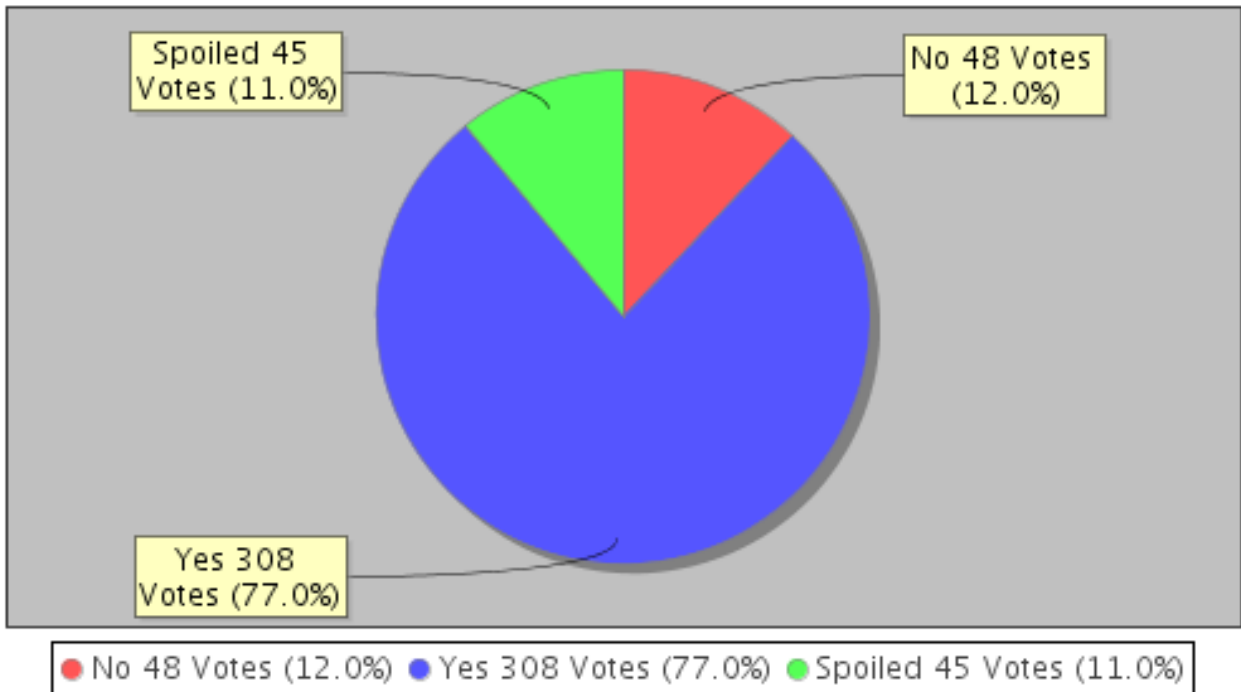


Arts and Culture Commissioner

Do you want to elect Evita Trembley as the 2011-2012 Arts and Culture Commissioner?

- Yes: 308(+8)
- No: 48
- Spoil ballot: 45(+1)

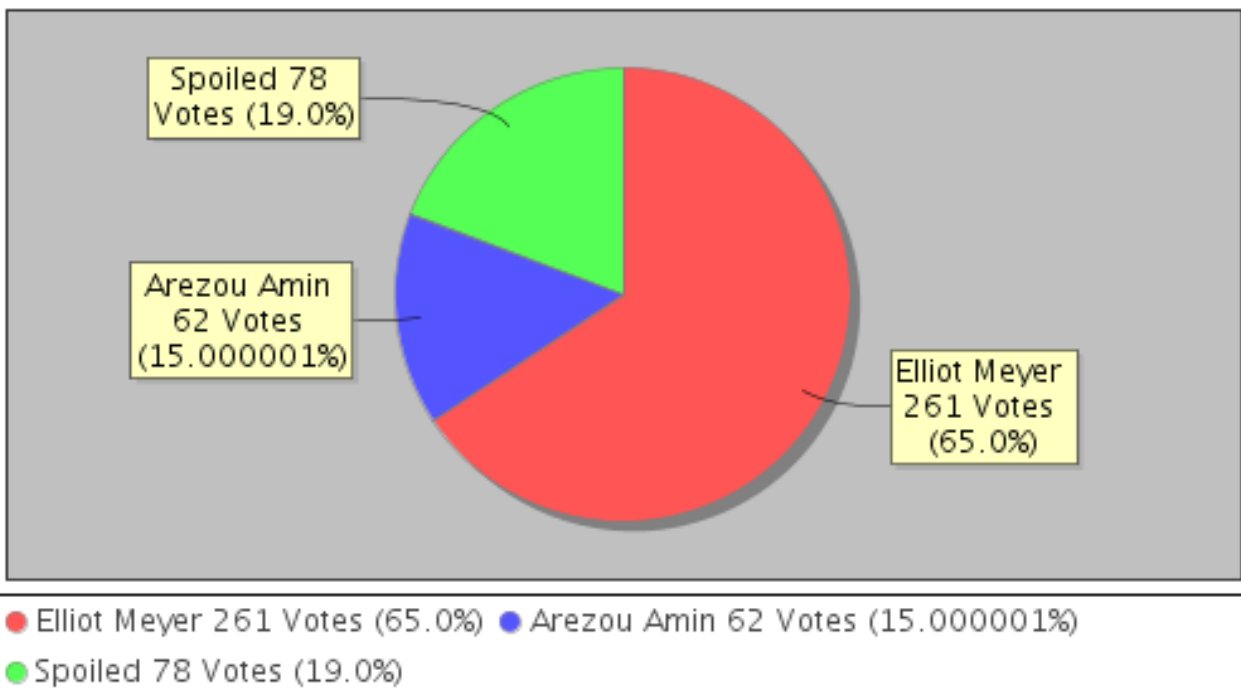
VUSAC– Arts and Culture Commissioner



Commuter Commissioner

- Arezou Amin: 62(+2)
- Elliot Meyer: 261(+6)
- Spoil ballot: 78(+1)

VUSAC– Commuter Commissioner

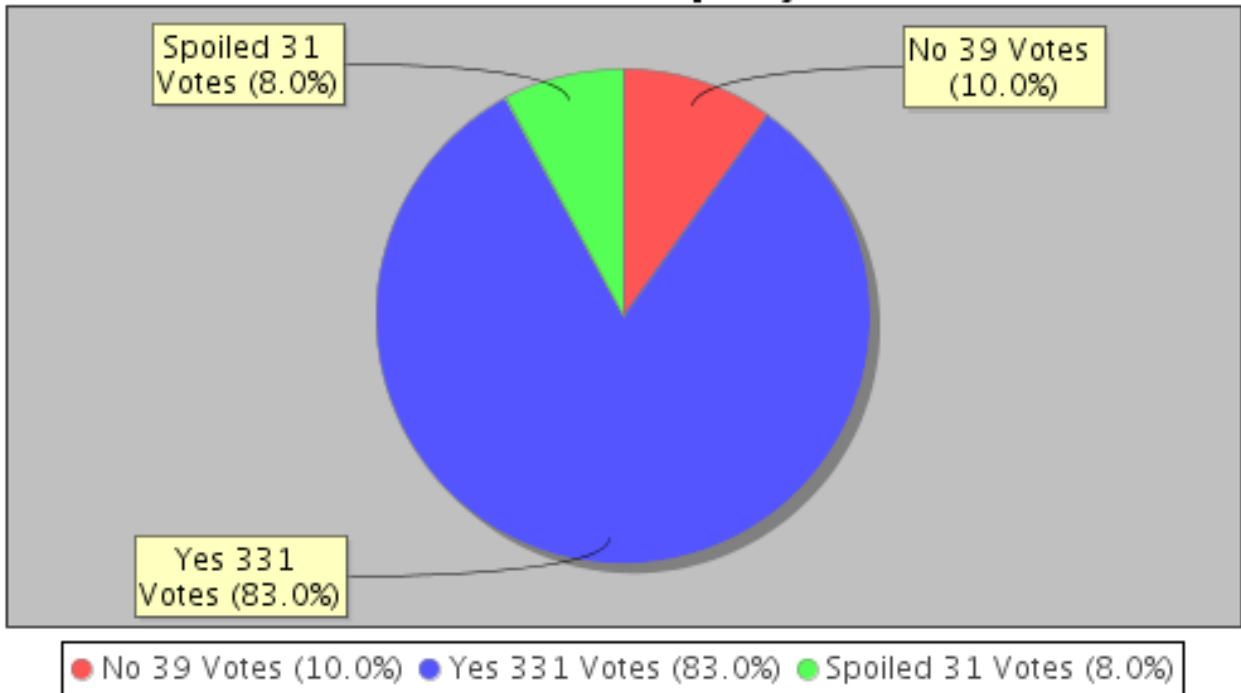


Education and Equity Commissioner

Do you want to elect Alex Goel as the Education and Equity Commissioner?

- Yes: 331(+8)
- No: 39
- Spoil Ballot: 31(+1)

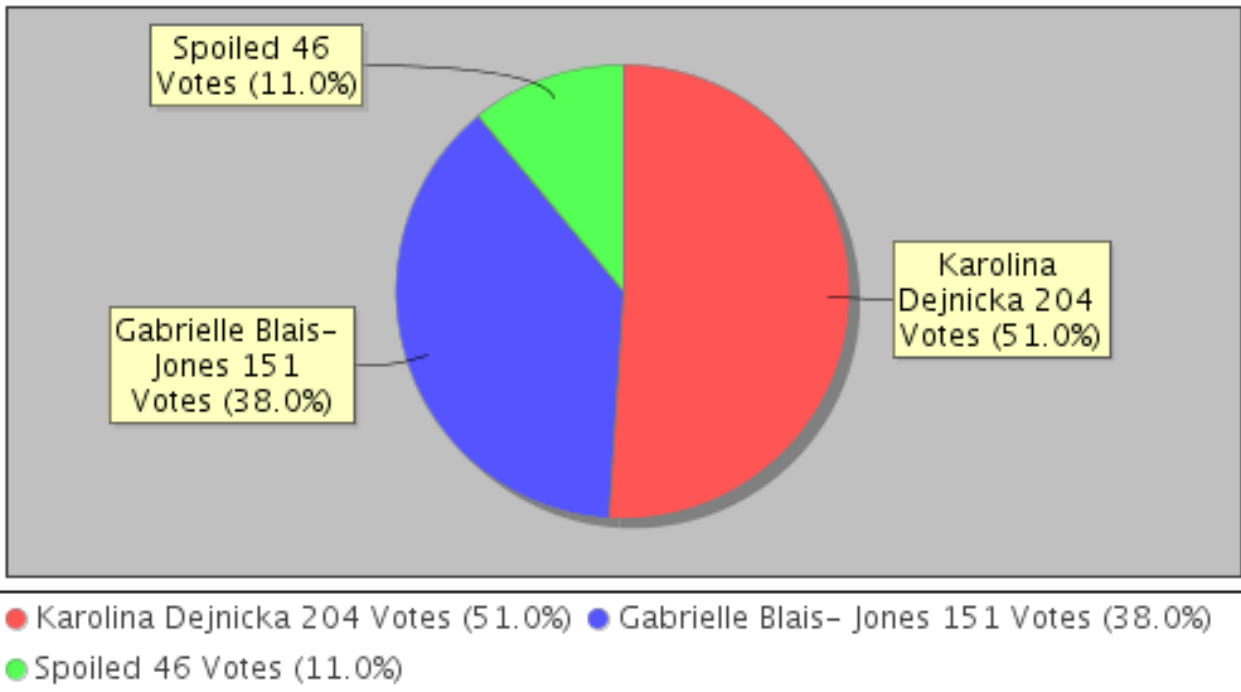
VUSAC– Education and Equity Commissioner



Vice President Internal

- Gabrielle Blais- Jones: 151(+3)
- Karolina Dejnicka: 204(+6)
- Spoil ballot: 46

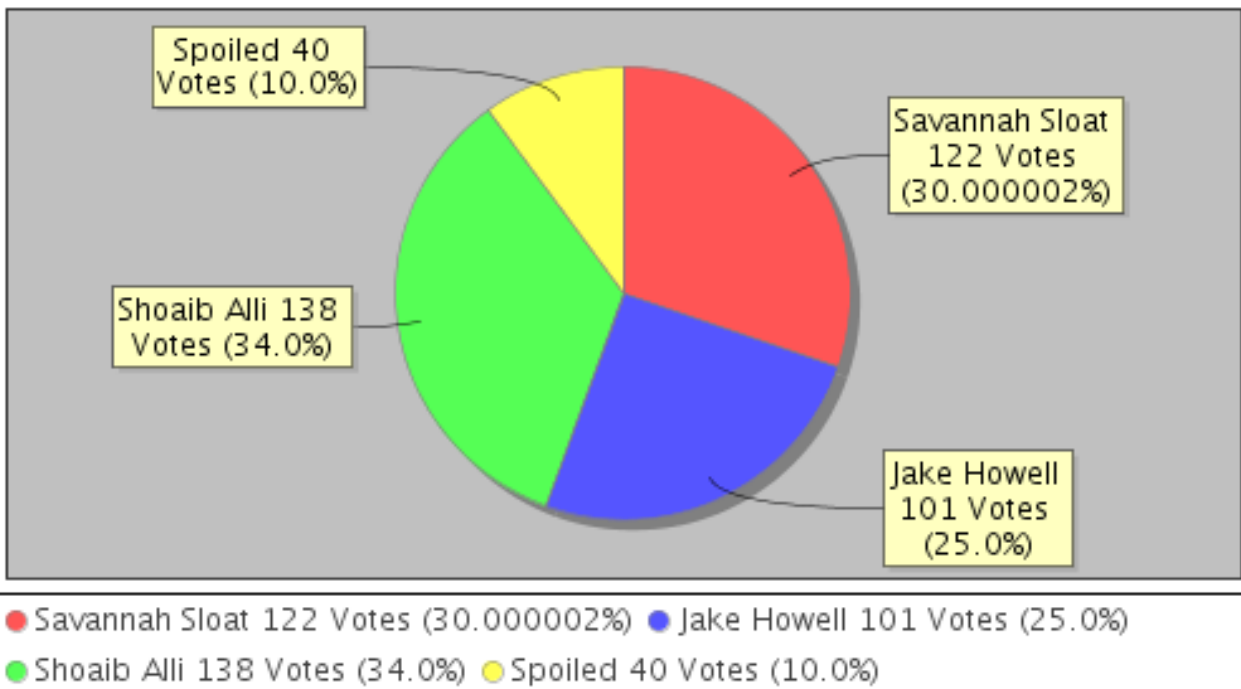
VUSAC- Vice President Internal



Vice President External

- Shoaib Alli: 138(+1)
- Jacob Howell: 101(+1)
- Savannah Sloat: 122(+7)
- Spoil Ballot: 40

VUSAC- Vice President External

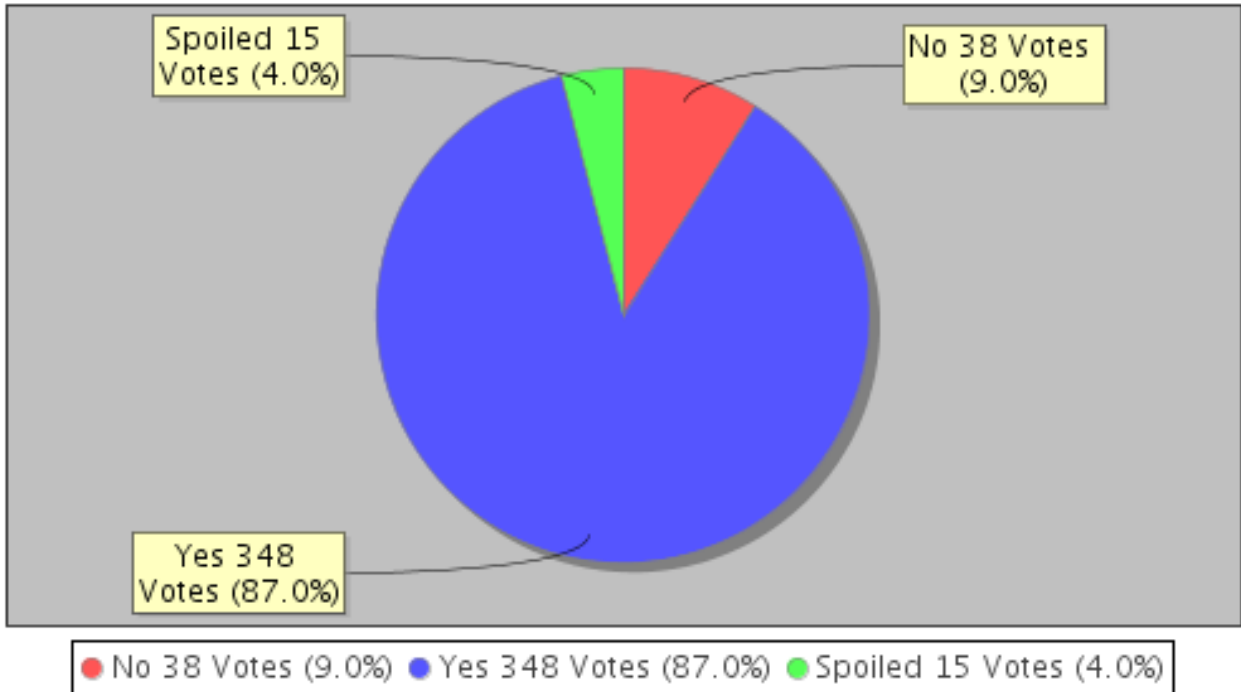


President

Do you wish to elect Brandon Bailey as the 2011-2012 VUSAC President?

- Yes: 348(+7)
- No: 38(+1)
- Spoil Ballot: 15(+1)

VUSAC- President



VicPride! Levy Referendum

Note: 386(+9) votes were cast for the referendum. That is 11.3% of total Victoria students.

Preamble:

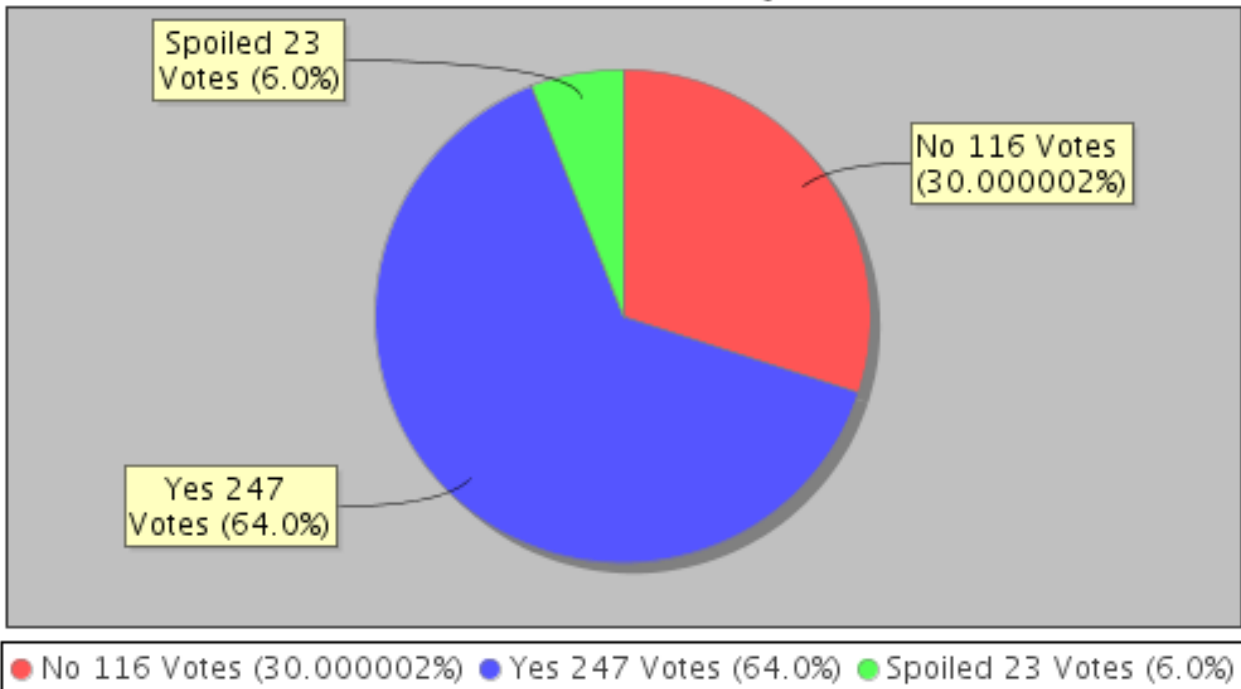
VicPride! is Victoria College’s LGBTQ and Allies organization, whose purpose is to create a safe and inclusive community for Vic students of all sexual and gender identities. VicPride! seeks to provide opportunities, in both private and public spaces, where participants can socialize, discuss and experience various areas of queer identities and culture. We endeavour to ENGAGE, SUPPORT and EDUCATE in all of the work we do throughout the year. Read more about VicPride! at www.vicpride.ca.

Question:

VicPride! is requesting a levy of \$0.25 from full-time students and \$0.10 from part-time students. The new VUSAC levy total would be \$47.75 for full-time students and \$26.20 for part-time students. Do you support VicPride!’s request for an increase in the student levy as dictated by the aforementioned terms?

- Yes: 247(+7)
- No: 116(+1)
- Spoil Ballot: 23(+1)

The Referendum Question



Victoria College Orientation- Traditional Ceremonies

Note: 357(+9) votes were cast in this survey

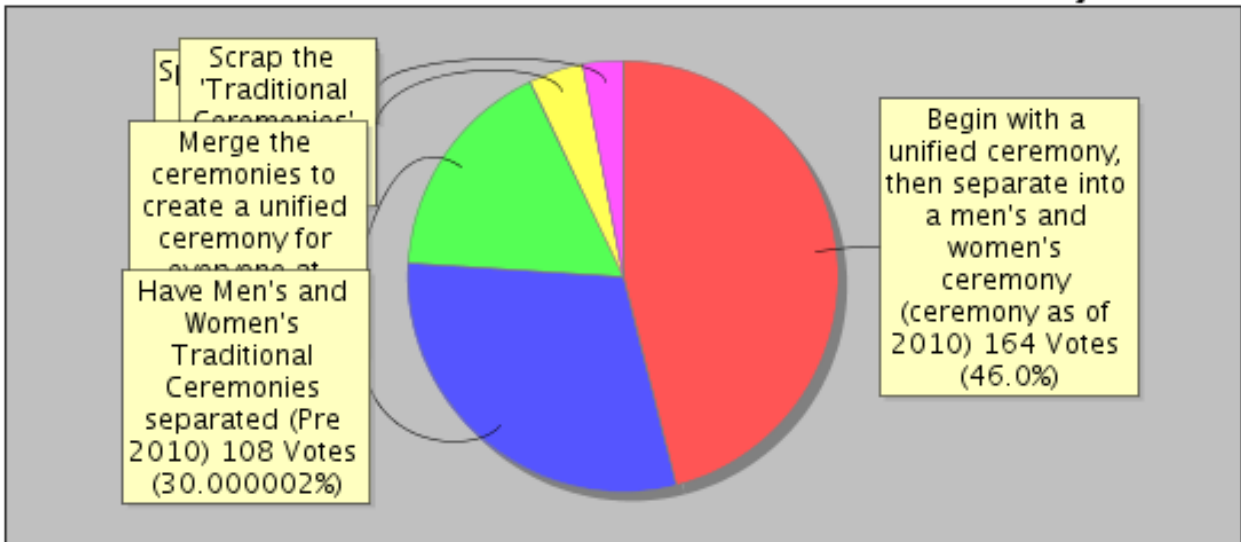
Every year, Victoria College sets out to plan and execute an inclusive and informative orientation week that is intended to educate students on both the academic and social avenues available to them at the University of Toronto. Orientation Week is forever changing, and there is a fine balance between maintaining traditions that have brought it much success in the past, and being inclusive to all incoming students.

The 'Traditional Ceremonies' have been a part of orientation week for several decades, and have been separated into Men's and Women's Traditional Ceremonies in the past. In an effort to increase inclusivity it has been suggested that a merging of the ceremonies occur, effectively creating a 'joint ceremony' for all.

Below are listed various options for a potential direction to take the Traditional Ceremonies in the future. All results from the survey are non-binding and serve to advise the VUSAC and Orientation Executive for future Orientation Weeks.

- Have Men's and Women's Traditional Ceremonies separated (Pre 2010): 108(+4)
- Have a unified ceremony at the start, and then have separation into a men's and women's ceremony (this was done in 2010):164(+2)
- Merge the ceremonies to create a unified ceremony for everyone at Victoria College: 62(+1)
- Scrap the 'Traditional Ceremonies' altogether: 14
- Spoil Ballot: 9(+2)

Victoria Orientation Traditionals Survey



- Begin with a unified ceremony, then separate into a men's and women's ceremony (ceremony as of 2010) 164 Votes (46.0%)
- Have Men's and Women's Traditional Ceremonies separated (Pre 2010) 108 Votes (30.000002%)
- Merge the ceremonies to create a unified ceremony for everyone at Victoria College 62 Votes (17.366947%)
- Scrap the 'Traditional Ceremonies' altogether 14 Votes (3.921849%) ● Spoiled 9 Votes (2.520981%)

Zenia Turkewych-Miner
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March 28, 2011

Dr. Paul Gooch
President
Victoria College
University of Toronto

Ms. Naafia Mattoo
CRO
Victoria College
University of Toronto

Ms. Kelley Castle
Dean of Students
Victoria College
University of Toronto

Dear Victoria College President Paul Gooch, Chair/CRO Naafia Mattoo and members of the Elections and Appeals Committee, and Dean of Students, Kelley Castle:

Re: 2011 VUSAC Elections

As a proud student of Victoria College, I was looking forward to the opportunity to represent my peers as Commuter Commissioner for VUSAC. Unfortunately, circumstances evolved during the current elections that resulted in the removal of my name from the list of eligible candidates. This appeal is submitted in an effort to achieve the following:

1. Reinstatement of my name on the ballot for the VUSAC elections 2011
2. Alternatively, the scheduling of a re-election for the position of Commuter Commissioner for 2011-12
3. Amendments to the current Victoria College Elections Package or “rule book” for the election procedures at Victoria that will provide more clarity on specifics regarding poster size, disqualification versus demerit criteria, appeal procedures and due process before removal of a candidates’ name from the ballot.
4. The inclusion of my written statement about this incident as a matter of record with all documents pertaining to the VUSAC elections 2011 produced and circulated by the CRO and any member of the Elections committee, within Victoria College or elsewhere.

5. To demonstrate that my actions did not warrant disqualification from the ballot and should have been handled as a warning and assigned demerit points by the CRO.

With this appeal it is my intention to regain the confidence of those who supported my candidacy and volunteered in the elections on my behalf. However, I also hope this appeal may assist in achieving a transparent system of appeal for future candidates and ultimately, increase the effectiveness of the elections procedures at Victoria College.

Enclosed with this letter and statement of intent are the following documents for your consideration:

- Section A: Analysis of the 2011 Victoria College Elections Package Nomination Information and Forms
- Section B: Timeline of Events
- Appendix A: Copy of email sent to CRO on Monday, March 23, 2011

In the interests of transparency, I have submitted and addressed this appeal to CRO Ms. Mattoo, who will forward it to the Elections and Appeals Committee, to the president of Victoria College Dr. Gooch and to the Dean of Students Ms. Castle.

Importantly, I commend CRO Mattoo on her co-operation and guidance regarding an appeal when she realized that I was committed to launching an appeal as necessary to achieving more effective election procedures at Victoria College.

Yours truly,

Zenia Turkewych-Miner

Zenia Turkewych-Miner

Section A: Analysis of the 2011 Victoria College Elections Package (VCEP)

In preparation for this appeal, I researched and learned that all student election procedures are unique to every university and within colleges at a university. Consequently, there is variety in procedures and criteria which lead to flexibility in interpretation and as in all such frameworks, enables maximum creativity and positive outcomes while simultaneously enabling misinterpretation and undesirable outcomes. However, informing the president of Victoria College in an appeal matter is procedurally appropriate.

All statements from the VCEP are cited with quotations and page references. Total Page count is seven. The VCEP states that **disqualification results from:**

1. Page 2: Failure of Candidates to attend Mandatory All Candidates Meeting on March 14 “will result in the immediate disqualification”. And later in the same paragraph, “...if unable to attend, send proxy” but also must be responsible for “getting up to speed” through the proxy. **“Failure to do so may lead to warnings, strikes, and possible disqualification (see below).”**

This rule was not violated. Further, in one paragraph, there are two statements almost contradictory on disqualification: the first statement declares immediate disqualification and the other, still referring to the mandatory meeting, indicates leniency with the adjective “possible” disqualification.

2. Page 2: “Any candidate found campaigning during voting period will be severely penalized and/or disqualified.”

This rule was not violated.

3. Page 4: “All candidates must provide the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) with a list detailing ALL expenses, free goods and services at their market value, and dated receipts for expenses during the campaign. These are to be submitted no later than Friday, March 25th, 2011, by 3:00pm in the CRO Mailbox in the VUSAC office. **Failure to do so may result in immediate disqualification.”**

This rule was not violated. My disqualification was issued on Thursday March 24 and my name was removed from the ballot. It was not possible to submit financial accounting after disqualification, although provision of detailed expenses was available. This was discussed at a meeting on Friday March 28 with the CRO who conceded permission to submit these documents on Monday March 28, 2011.

4. Page 4: “Removing or tampering with other candidate’s posters is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.”

This rule was not violated.

5. Page 5: “Chalking on any building or sidewalk on the Victoria campus, and similar defacement of Victoria College campus, **will result in immediate disqualification.**”

This rule was not violated.

6. Page 5: “**SLANDER:** Slandering campaigning by a candidate will result in immediate disqualification.”

This rule was not violated.

7. Page 6: “**DISQUALIFICATION:** Failure to comply with any of the above may result in warnings or strikes (two warnings are equivalent to one strike). Disqualification from the elections will occur if a third strike is issued to a candidate. In the event of serious violations of the campaign rules (i.e. slanderous campaigning or campaigning during the election period), the CRO and the EAC reserve the right to immediately disqualify the candidate in question. Lesser events will be dealt with as per the above stated rules. “

VIOLATION OF RULES MAY RESULT IN PENALIZATION AS FOLLOWS:

Minor Offense	Warning
Major Offense	Strike
Serious Offense	Immediate disqualification

From the review of the definition of VCEP disqualification on page six, it is clear that no serious violation, such as slanderous campaigning or campaigning during the election period, was committed.

With a phone call on Thursday at 7:30pm, the CRO Naafia Mattoo stated that I was disqualified and my name would be taken off the ballot. From her perspective, this disqualification was warranted because too many of my campaign palm cards had been tacked to the doors of the Rowell Jackman residence. According to the VCEP page 3, “**Posters exceeding these limits or outside sanctioned areas will be destroyed and will result in penalties.**” Clearly, a mishandling of posters does not warrant disqualification. I remain puzzled as to why I did not receive a warning and a strike, but was immediately “disqualified”.

Although the statement on quantity of posters is clear, further confusion arises as to why mishandling led to disqualification when there is no mention of size of posters in the VCEP. Traditionally the term “poster” is popularly accepted to include and surpass dimensions of 8 by 10 inches. My campaign “palm cards” at 2.5 x 4 inches were designed for handout purposes. Along with other candidates who had slid their campaign flyers/sheets into doorways in the residences, mine were intended to be delivered in the same way during the campaign. At 11pm on March 22nd 2011, my campaign assistant and I decided to place the palm card on doors so as not to interfere with other campaigners who had slipped their literature into key slots. Interfering with another candidates’ literature would result in disqualification according to the VCEP, page four.

The CRO maintains that verbal directives from her at the candidates meeting did set forth further parameters and that all ambiguous actions must be cleared through her. Given the consequences of these verbal directives, important additional rules must be documented in the VCEP so that candidates can refer to them at whatever hour during the campaign and constitute a comprehensive reference for candidates when the CRO and other appointed election staff are not reachable.

Procedurally, a warning from the CRO would have resulted in my removing all remaining cards within one hour. Since the actual voting was delayed due to technical problems until March 25th ay 12:01am, the opportunity existed to ratify this erroneous decision and even engage in a face to face appeal through a meeting with several committee members who would listen to my views as well as the CRO.

Section B: Timeline of events

Monday, March 7th to 14th, 2011

Nominations accepted

Nomination form submitted.

Monday, March 14th, 2011

Candidate Statement must be delivered by 5:30pm

Candidate statement submitted.

Monday, March 14th, 2011

All Candidates Meeting at 9:15pm

All candidates meeting attended.

Monday, March 14th, 2011

Campaigning began at 10pm

Tuesday, March 15th, 2011

Poll-Clerk Meeting at 9:15pm

Attended by two poll clerks and one proxy, on behalf of Zenia Turkewych Miner

Wednesday March 16th, 2011

All posters initialed by CRO Naafia Mattoo in VUSAC office. Mistake discovered and posters were destroyed.

Thursday, March 17th, 2011

Town Hall/VOCA dinner at 6pm

New posters printed. All posters and palm cards initialed by Residence Life Coordinator Scott Johnson in his office. Town hall and VOCA dinner attended and speech presented.

Monday, March 21st, 2011

From 7-10 pm campaigning through residences. Door to door contact was made with whomever was home at Annesley and Margaret Addison. Palm cards were handed out personally.

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011

From 8-11pm campaigning continues throughout residences. Door to door contact was made with whomever was home in both Upper and Lower Burwash. Palm cards were handed out personally. By 11:10 pm time was running out and a decision was made to leave a palm card in

the key slots of each room at RJ. I noticed that the slots were full from another candidate's pamphlets. In the interests of fair campaigning, so as to not have the others candidate's cards fall to the floor, I adhered my palm cards to the doors with tape.

Campaigning ended at 11:59pm.

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011 Voting was to begin at 12:01pm. *Voting was not launched until March 25th at 12:01am due to technical difficulties.*

I was contacted by the CRO at 3:31pm at home wherein she asked if I was available to meet in person regarding something important. I was unable to meet in person and a phone call was scheduled for 7pm. At 7:30pm we connected on the phone wherein the CRO wanted only to set up a meeting to discuss something important. I insisted that we discuss immediately, she informed me that I was being disqualified and my name would be removed from the ballot. Stated reason for disqualification: too many "posters" had been tacked on residence doors. I objected and asked what could be done. She informed me that I could appeal this decision after voting. When probed further as to whom I could speak with to right this wrong, she said that she would canvass other members of the committee to get a second opinion about the transgression. CRO agreed to call back next day. I reviewed the VCEP and realized that such a transgression does not warrant disqualification and sent her an email to this effect. Details provided in Appendix A.

Thursday, March 24th, 2011

Phone call received from CRO at 7:35pm to relate that members of the Elections and Appeals Committee were contacted and had supported her decision to disqualify.

Friday, March 25th, 2011 Receipts and Financial Info due by 3:00pm. Voting ends. *All delayed as voting was delayed. Voting ended on March 28th at 5pm.*

I met with CRO Ms. Mattoo in person that afternoon. At this meeting the CRO restated that all committee members had been contacted regarding the decision to disqualify. She would not identify who was on the committee. When asked about a formal appeal process, which had been previously mentioned, I was told that one had not yet been outlined. Ms. Mattoo did however acknowledge that I could launch an appeal and submit my documentation by Monday March 28, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

At 11:59pm an email was sent from the CRO regarding draft ideas for the appeal. In addition the confidentiality and discretion in regards to this matter were promised. Further, I was informed by

the CRO that the Elections and Appeals committee would formally meet to discuss my case on Wednesday, March 30th 2011.

Monday, March 28th, 2011

Formal appeal sent to the Elections and Appeals Committee via CRO Naafia Mattoo, to the Dean of Students Kelley Castle and to President Dr. Paul Gooch.

Appendix A:

On Wed, Mar 23, 2011 at 8:45 PM, <zenia.turkewych.miner@utoronto.ca> wrote:

Dear Naafia,

After your phone call at 7:30pm, I reviewed the written rules in the Spring Election Package 2011. The action you find problematic during my campaigning does not break any written rules and consequently does not warrant an immediate disqualification. If I had been informed earlier this morning I would have gladly removed all the objectionable palm cards.

I engaged in campaigning for VUSAC because I take this process very seriously and I am committed to contributing to Victoria College. My name should remain on the ballot. Sadly, as per your directive I am compelled to engage in an appeal process as soon as possible and according to you that would be next week. I hope we can resolve this to our mutual satisfaction and expand the rule book to gain more clarity for future campaigners.

Yours truly,

Zenia Turkewych-Miner