

CRO Annual Report
2017-2018

Position: Chief Returning Officer
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This report is being written to reflect on the previous year of VUSAC Elections. Being the CRO for 2017-2018, I was privileged to be a part of the VUSAC team and to monitor the elections process. Below are the summaries for each respective time period.

Fall Elections:

The Fall 2017 Elections took place from Tuesday, September 5th to Tuesday, September 26th. The bi-elections had a total of 10 available positions as both the VP External and Sustainability Commissioner positions were not filled from the previous school year. Sixteen candidates ran for 10 positions; a total of 312 votes were cast and there were no appeals in the process.

Dates:

Monday, September 4th, 2017 - Nomination packages
Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 - Nominations Open
Tues, September 12+Thurs, September 14 - Info sessions
Sunday, September 17th, 2017- Nominations end
Monday, September 18th, 2017 -September 21- Campaigning
Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 - Poll clerk meetings (only existed for Fall Elections)
Wed September 20th, 2017 - candidate statement
Thursday, September 21st, 2017 - Town Hall (held at Cat's Eye)
Fri-Mon, September 22-25, 2017 – Voting period
Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 – Results Posted

Candidates and Results:

VPSO:

Nickolas Shyshkin – 249 votes/80.0%
Spoiled - 63 votes/20.0%

Sustainability Commissioner:

Jared Connoy – 120 votes/38.0%
Michal Leckie – 85 votes/27.0%
Sagar Kothari – 58 votes/19.0%
Spoiled – 49 votes/16.0%

Councilor:

James Hannay – 150 votes/11.0%
Alexa Ballis – 137 votes/10.0%
Cameron Davies – 135 votes/10.0%
Haleema Khan – 135 votes/10.0%
Devon Wilton – 125 votes/9.0%
Cynthia Wong – 116 votes/9.0%
Vibhuti Kacholia – 110 votes/8.0% (first year councilor)
Ally Johnston – 106 votes/8.0% (first year councilor)

Katie Marsland – 98 votes/7.0%
Ann Marie Elpa – 71 votes/5.0%
Oscar Baracos – 71 votes/5.0%
Akash Kothari – 58 votes/4.0%
Spoiled – 4 votes/0.0%

Spring Elections

The Spring 2018 Elections took place from Wednesday, March 7 to Sunday, April 1st. Nineteen candidates ran and a single referendum for Student Projects was also part of the elections. A total of 450 votes were cast, and there were no appeals in the process.

Dates:

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 -Nominations open
Monday, March 12th, 2018 - Elections Information Session, from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm outside the VUSAC office inside the Goldring Student Centre
Thursday, March 15th, 2018 - Elections Information Session, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm outside the VUSAC office inside the Goldring Student Centre
Monday, March 19th, 2018 - Nominations close, 12 pm, All-Candidates Meeting, 6 pm, Campaigning begins at end of All-Candidates Meeting
Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 - Candidate Statements due, 10 pm
Friday, March 23rd, 2018 - Financial statements due, 2 pm, Town Hall begins, 4 pm, Campaigning ends, 11:59 pm
Saturday, March 24th, 2018 - Voting begins online, 12:01 am
Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 - Voting ends, 11:59 pm
Thursday, March 29th, 2018 - Day of Silence
Saturday, March 31st, 2018 - Appeals period ends, 11:59 pm
Sunday, April 1st, 2018 - 12:01 am, Results posted outside the VUSAC Office, and on the VUSAC website
Friday, April 6th, 2018 - New Student Leader Day

Candidates and Results:

BoR:

Graham Allison - 309 votes/32.0%
Alexa Breininger - 268 votes/28.0%
Ally Johnston - 265 votes/ 27.0%
Thomas Siddall - 65 votes/7.0%
Spoiled - 65 votes/7.0%

VCC:

Cynthia Wong - 292 votes/33.0%
Dristhti Thakkar - 271 votes/31.0%
Cameron Davies - 234 votes/27.0 %

Spoiled - 81 votes/9.0%

VUS:

Zoe Ritchie - 298 votes/51.0%

Thomas Siddall - 214 votes/36.0%

Spoiled - 78 votes/13.0%

President:

Jayde Jones - 230 votes/51.0%

Katie Cohen - 195 votes/43.0%

Spoiled - 25 votes/6.0%

VPE:

Devon Wilton - 203 votes/45.0%

Alexa Breininger - 181 votes/40.0%

Spoiled - 66 votes/15.0%

VPI:

Nickolas Shyshkin - 213 votes/47.0%

Cynthia Wong - 175 votes/39.0%

Spoiled - 62 votes/14.0%

VPSO:

Zoe Ritchie - 271 votes/60.0%

Aloysius Wong - 84 votes/19.0%

Alice Cao - 32 votes/7.0%

Spoiled - 63 votes/14.0%

Academic Development Commissioner:

Cameron Davies - 359 votes/80.0%

No - 32 votes/7.0%

Spoiled - 59 votes/13.0%

Arts and Culture Commissioner:

Carleigh Campbell - 207 votes/46.0%

Katie Marsland - 149 votes/33.0%

Spoiled - 94 votes/21.0%

Commuter Commissioner:

Emilia De Fabritiis - 361 votes/80.0%

No - 32 votes/7.0%

Spoiled - 57 votes/13.0 %

Equity Commissioner:

Georgia Lin - 351 votes/78.0%

No - 33 votes/7.0%

Spoiled - 66 votes/15.0%

Sustainability Commissioner (Re-Elect):

Jared Connoy - 354 votes/79.0%

No - 29 votes/6.0%

Spoiled - 67 votes/15.0%

Scarlet and Gold Commissioner:

Alexa Ballis - 374 votes/83.0%

No - 22 votes/5.0%

Spoiled - 54 votes/12.0%

Referendum for Student Projects:

Yes - 233 votes/81.0%

No - 42 votes/15.0%

Spoiled - 12 votes/4.0%

The elections process for VUSAC 2017-2018 was an extremely successful one as the voter turnout for both elections were strong. Once again, this was a great year and I feel honored to be the CRO. The transition report has been given to the upcoming CRO (candidate not determined yet when this report was written).