



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

ELECTIONS REPORT

Fall 2025

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Table of Acronyms

ACRO:	Assistant Chief Returning Officer
ACM	All Candidates Meeting
BoR	Board of Regents
CRO:	Chief Returning Officer
EAC:	Elections and Appeals Committee
<u>ERC:</u>	<u>Elections and Referenda Code</u>
GSC:	Goldring Students' Centre
IRV:	Instant Runoff Voting
VCC:	Victoria College Council
VCU:	Victoria College Union
VPE:	Vice President - External
VPI:	Vice President - Internal
VPSO:	Vice President - Student Organizations
VUSAC:	Victoria University Students' Administrative Council
VUS:	Victoria University Senate

Introduction

To the Victoria College Union (VCU),

This report has been prepared to provide an in-depth account of the VUSAC elections held over Fall 2025.

As the CRO of the VUSAC for the 2025 / 2026 Victoria University and University of Toronto academic year, I, Alessandro Limanni, bear the responsibility of overseeing the integrity, fairness, and transparency of VUSAC elections.

The Fall 2024 election period occurred from the 2nd of September to the 26th of September, 2025.

The purpose of this document is to relay the methodology, candidates, results, notable events, and any associated details from the said elections, ensuring that all stakeholders have a comprehensive understanding of the proceedings.

This report aims to uphold the transparency and credibility of the VUSAC election process, recognizing the importance of student representation and leadership within the Victoria University community.

Sincerely,

Alessandro Limanni (he / him)

Chief Returning Officer (CRO) 2025 / 2026

Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC)

Executive Summary

The Fall 2025 elections were conducted with meticulous attention to procedural detail and adherence to the established [ERC](#). This report encapsulates the sequence of events, significant actions taken, and the outcomes from each phase of the election process, commencing with the nominations period and culminating in the ratification of election results.

The nominations period opened on the 2nd of September, 2025, at midnight and was scheduled to close on September 11, 2025.

Two Elections Information sessions were held on September 4th and September 10th, 2025 from (17:00 hrs) 05:00:00PM- (18:00 hrs) 6:00:00PM.

Held in the Wymilwood Lounge from (18:00:00 hrs) 06:00:00 pm to (19:00:00 hrs) 08:00:00 pm on September 11th, 2025, the All Candidates Meeting was essential for outlining detailed campaign guidelines and procedural steps. The ACM was attended by the majority of the candidates, and advance notices were given by the remaining candidates regarding their absence, except for one student, who received a strike.

The campaigning period witnessed a dynamic interplay of poster displays, social media engagement, and candidate interactions. The period was marked by robust participation, very fair engagement from all the candidates and minimal issues with postering violations, no penalties were issued.

The Town Hall meetings offered a platform for candidates to present their visions directly to the electorate. The events were well-coordinated, with approximately 30 attendees each day a significant increase from previous years. The adherence to guidelines and the structured interaction facilitated a fair and informative dialogue between candidates and voters.

Conducted exclusively online, the voting period allowed candidates to continue their campaigning efforts, providing continuous engagement with the electorate. There was no in-person way to vote, however, students were encouraged to go to the VUSAC office for any voting assistance needs. The voting period began on September 18th and ended on September 23rd at midnight (00:00:00 hrs).

Multilingual ballot access returned from the previous year as well as an improved social media presence on the @Vusacelectionsforum instagram account. These efforts led to a voter turnout of 11.32%, greater than a 1% increase from last year's elections and a strong figure.

The Silent Period began on September 24th, 2025 and concluded on September 26th, 2025. We had no issues with appeals.

The ratification meeting on 26th of September, 2025, marked the official conclusion of the election process. The prepared certificates of election and the official Certificate of Results were presented and accepted by the council, affirming the election outcomes. Following the ratification, official results were disseminated via VUSAC's Instagram and preparations were made for website updates.

Throughout the Fall 2025 electoral process, the VUSAC demonstrated a strong commitment to fairness, transparency, and continuous improvement. This election ran extremely smoothly

overall and VUSAC maintained a very strict election with minimal problems before, during and after the election period.

Election Information

Technical Information

Election ID:	VUSAC F25E 270872
Election Cycle:	Fall 2025
Chief Returning Officer:	Alessandro Limanni
Assistant Chief Returning Officer(s):	Aiden Kong Isha Mathur
Chair (Non-Voting Member) of the Elections and Appeals Committee (EAC):	Rohini Patra
Start Date and Time	18th of September, 2024 23:59:59 hrs (11:59:59 pm)
End Date and Time	23th of September, 2024 23:59:59 hrs (11:59:59 pm)

Timeline

Date mm.dd.yyyy	Event	Scheduled Start Time	Scheduled End Time / Deadline	Location
09/02/2025	Nominations Open	12:00:00 am		
09/04/2025	Elections Info and Q/A Session 1	05:00:00 pm	06:00:00 pm	VUSAC Office
09/10/2025	Elections Info and Q/A Session 2	05:00:00 pm	06:00:00 pm	VUSAC Office
09/11/2025	Nominations Close		12:00:00 pm	
09/11/2025	All Candidates Meeting	06:00:00 pm	08:00:00 pm	Wymilwood Lounge
09/11/2025	Campaign Period Commences	08:00:00 pm		
09/16/2025	Candidate Profiles Due		11:59:59 pm	
09/16/2025	Elections Budgets Due		11:59:59 pm	
09/17/2025	Town Hall Day 1	05:30:00 pm	07:30:00 pm	Wymilwood Lounge
09/18/2025	Town Hall Day 2	05:30:00 pm	07:30:00 pm	Wymilwood Lounge
09/18/2025	Voting Period Commences	11:59:59 pm		
09/23/2025	Campaign Period Ends		11:59:59 pm	
09/23/2025	Voting Period Ends		11:59:59 pm	
09/24/2025	Silent Period Begins	12:00:00 am		
09/24/2025	Appeals Period Begins	12:00:00 am		
09/24/2025	Candidates Notified of Individual, Unconfirmed Results	12:00:00 am	12:00:00 pm	
09/25/2025	Appeals Period Ends		11:59:59 pm	
09/26/2025	Silent Period Ends		05:30:00 pm	
09/26/2024	First Public Announcement of the Results and Elections Ratification Meeting	05:30:00 pm	08:30:00 pm	Copper Room
10/11/2025	Elections Report Published	11:59:59 pm		

Neutral Parties As of the 2nd of September, 2025

Full Name	Neutral Party Type	Role
VUSAC		
Rohini Patra	Executive	President EAC Chair
Aiden Kong	Executive	Vice President Internal Assistant CRO
Isha Mathur	Executive	Vice President External Assistant CRO
Anya Ivantchenko	Executive	Vice President Student Organizations
Tyler Wong	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Commuter Commissionerix
Yu Wei Fu	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Commuter Co-Chair
Hana Greenberg	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Equity Commissioner
Kiara Moeskops	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Equity Co-Chair
Ruhi Chopra	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Scarlet and Gold Commissioner
Varun Kanabar	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Arts & Culture Commissioner
Isabelle Poisson	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Academic Commissioner
	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Academic Co-Chair
Ziad Nashed	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Mental Wellness Co-Chair
	Commissioner / Co-Chair	Sustainability Co-Chair
Alessandro Limanni	Staff	CRO
Chelsea Kim	Staff	Finance Chair
Sijil Jindani	Staff	Chair
Sunethma Munasinghe	Staff	Communications Coordinator
Gianna Fu	Staff	Office Manager

Ex-Officio Members	
Jack Cochrane	One Year Member – Board of Regents (BOR) Member - Victoria College Council
Anemone Van Leeuwen	One Year Member – Board of Regents (BOR) Member - Victoria College Council
Armiti Zarbakhsh	One Years Member – Board of Regents (BOR)
Hana Greenberg	Two Year Member – Board of Regents (BOR) Member - Victoria College Council
Isha Mathur	Executive – Victoria University Senate Member – Victoria College Council
Aiden Kong	Member – Victoria College Council
Logan Xerri	Member – Victoria College Council
Tyler Wong	Member – Victoria College Council
Kate Haliash	Member – Victoria College Council
Election Appeals Committee	
Rohini Patra	Chair and Non-Voting Member
Gwen Griffith	Voting Member
Sakina Ataullah	Voting Member
Liren Abeyratne	Voting Member
Grace Huo	Voting Member
Tarushi Sahni	Voting Member
Savyan Aggarwal	Voting Member
Dons	
Katherine Davies	Commuter Don

Jubee Kim	Commuter Don
Hassan Kadir	Commuter Don
Claudia Moguel	Commuter Don
Armiti Zarbakhsh	Commuter Don
Krity Ghosh	Commuter Don
Andrew Chung	Residence Don
Yagoda Oleksak	Residence Don
Çagla Akgul	Residence Don
Arielle Nelson	Residence Don
Siddhant Kulkarni	Residence Don
Leila Vessey	Residence Don
Ariza Hossain	Residence Don
Julia Chapman	Residence Don
William Wang	Residence Don
Juhyung Yun	Residence Don
Landon See	Residence Don
Minla Stokes	Residence Don
Muskaan Aggarwal	Residence Don
Alexandra Amodio	Residence Don
Seavey van Walsum	Residence Don
Jack Cochrane	Residence Don
Brenna McDonald	Residence Don
Hemen Tadesse	Residence Don
Karim Butt	Residence Don
Katia Messina	Residence Don
Lily Van Bergen	Residence Don
Nina Lee	Residence Don
Meadow MacDonald	Residence Don
Building Presidents	
Ned - rj	

Ava - annsley
Max - burwash
Maya - marg ad

Position and Candidate Information

Total Number of Available Positions: 13

Available Positions:

- Mental Wellness Commissioner
- Sustainability Commissioner
- Councillor (8)
- International Councillor
- Victoria College Council (VCC) Member (2)

Total Number of Nominated Candidates: 21

Total Number of Nominated Mental Wellness Commissioner Candidates: 2

Nominated Academic Commissioner Candidates:

- Caitlin Santos-Abobo
- Samuel Cheng

Total Number of Nominated Councillor Candidates: 15

Nominated Councillor Candidates:

- Aaditya Nair
- Albert Huang
- Andrea Yip
- Arjun Sharma
- Arya Shahabi
- Evelyn George
- Grayson Graham
- Joseph Duraisingh
- Julian Ong
- Julianna Marcel
- Noah Park

Samuel Velasco
Srishti Sinha
Thomas Kabel
Yasma Karamah

**Total Number of Nominated Sustainability
Commissioner Candidates:** 2

**Nominated Arts and Culture
Commissioner Candidates:** Akash Singh Yanglem
Elena Sun

**Total Number of Nominated International
Councillor Candidates:** 1

**Nominated International Councillor
Candidate:** Uijin Lee

**Total Number of Nominated Victoria
College Council (VCC) Candidates:** 7

**Nominated Victoria College Council (VCC)
Candidates:** Aaditya Nair
Akash Singh Yanglem
Andrea Yip
Arya Shahabi
Noah Park
Samuel Cheng
Samuel Velasco

Total number of Withdrawn Candidates 1*

Withdrawn Candidates: Julianna Marcel (Only for the Victoria College
Council election, remained in Councillor

election)

Total Number of Contestant Candidates: 21

Voting Information

Voting Start Date and Time: 18th of September, 2024 at 11:59:59 hrs (11:59 pm)

Voting End Date and Time: 23th of September, 2024 at 23:59:59 hrs (11:59:59 pm)

Total Number of Eligible Electors (Voters): 4,361

Total Number of Votes Cast: 494

Election Process

Nominations Period

The Nominations period for the Fall 2025 elections began on September 2nd, 2025, at 00:00:00 hrs (12:00:00 am) and scheduled to conclude on 11th of September, 2024, at 12:00:00 hrs (12:00:00 pm) The nominations package was made available to the VUSAC community at the beginning of the nominations period. Coordinated by the Communications Coordinator, the package was published on VUSAC's official media platforms.

To facilitate a better understanding of the electoral process and encourage participation, two informational and Q&A sessions were scheduled. The two sessions recorded 6 potential candidates in attendance.

There was a very good turnout of candidates.

The Nominations period ran very well, no difficulties in this process.

All Candidates Meeting

The All Candidates Meeting (ACM) for the Fall 2025 elections was held on September 11th, 2025, from 18:00:00 hrs (06:00:00 pm) to 19:00:00 hrs (07:00:00 pm) at Wymillwood Lounge.

The All Candidates meeting included a detailed overview of the election cycle, and particularly rules and regulations of VUSAC's elections process. The meeting also gave candidates an opportunity to clarify doubts about the election process.

Only one candidate missed the meeting unexcused and received a strike for this absence. Outside of this minor issue, the ACM went very smoothly.

Campaign Period

The election campaign period was an enthusiastic and highly collaborative time, filled with energy and innovative ideas from all involved. This period involved heavy CRO involvement due to approval of campaigning material.

Next to no issues occurred during this period, outside of minor poster violations for candidates who placed their posters in incorrect locations.

Town Hall

The Town Hall meetings for the Fall 2025 elections were held on the 17th and 18th of September, 2025, from 17:30:00 hrs (05:30:00 pm) to 19:30:00 hrs (07:30:00 pm).

We collected important questions from various stakeholders of the VCU for different positions and these questions were later posed to the candidates during the Town Hall. Questions were also taken from the audience for our open Q&A session.

The session helped candidates talk about how they would deal with obstacles and issues that they may face during their tenure and talk about their priorities.

Questions were good, should have utilized the elections forums more, but overall the Town Halls ran smoothly without any difficulties.

Ballots and the Voting Period

The voting period for the Fall 2025 elections ran from midnight on September 18th, 2025, to 23:59:59 hrs (11:59:59 pm) on September 23rd, 2025. This period not only allowed electors to cast their votes but also coincided with the final days of the campaign, providing candidates the opportunity to influence elector decisions until the very end.

VUSAC collaborated with Simply Voting. This granted full control over the voting process to the CRO, enhancing both the efficiency and responsiveness of the electoral operations.

The exclusive use of online voting was chosen to maximise accessibility and convenience for the electorate. Online voting could be accessed from any location with internet connectivity, aligning with contemporary voting trends and preferences.

Continuing on VUSAC's commitment to inclusivity from our previous CRO, the ballot was made available in 18 different languages. This measure ensured that all electors, regardless of their linguistic background, could participate in the election process with understanding and ease. This was an extremely useful feature.

The election employed a ranked voting system, which required prior checks for compatibility issues that had been identified during the Fall 2023 elections with Simply Voting's Election Manager. A policy review by the Electoral Review Committee (ERC) prior to this election ensured that the rules concerning ballots and counting methods were fully aligned with the capabilities of the Simply Voting election manager.

Voter turnout was very good, attaining the most number of voters in recent elections. This election remained similar to the Fall 2023 turnout of 11.46%. Out of 4,361 eligible electors, an amazing 494 cast their votes, resulting in a turnout rate of 11.32%. This turnout highlighted the high participation in this election.

Analysis of the voting data revealed an initial and concluding surge in activity, with the first and last days recording the highest participation at 181 and 189 votes. Other days saw a decline in daily voting numbers, averaging 98.8 votes per day over the entire period, a significant height from previous elections.

The voting period experienced no significant technical issues with the Simply Voting system. This smooth execution was a marked improvement and contributed positively to the overall integrity and efficiency of the election process.

The voting period of the Fall 2025 VUSAC elections was a very smooth experience with minimal problems and a very good turnout.

Silent Period

The Silent Period for the Fall 2025 elections began at midnight on the 24th of September, 2025, and concluded on the 26th of September, 2025, at 17:30:00 hrs (05:30:00 pm).

Upon the availability of the election results from the Simply Voting Election Manager, immediate steps were taken to verify their accuracy and adherence to the [ERC](#) guidelines. All results were found to be valid and in line with the ERC.

Following the verification, individual unconfirmed results were sent to each candidate through email. This ensured that the results were sent to candidates within an hour of the voting period ending.

No appeals were sent in during this period.

Publishing of Results and the Election Ratification Meeting

The conclusion of the Fall 2025 elections began with the Election Ratification Meeting held on the 26th of September, 2025. This meeting represented the culmination of the electoral process, where the results were formally presented to the VUSAC for ratification.

The Certificate of Election was created for this process.

The ratification meeting commenced at 5:30 PM, officially marking the end of the Silent Period. The meeting began with the presentation of the election results and the official Certificate of Results. The motion to officially declare the results of the VUSAC Fall 2025 elections and

The Election Ratification Meeting for the Fall 2025 marked a successful conclusion to the electoral cycle. These results were also made publicly available on Instagram.

Results

Simply Voting Election Manager Results for Mental Wellness Commissioner

Votes required to elect a candidate: 227

Caitlin Santos-Abobo:	220 votes
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Samuel Cheng:	192 votes
Declare Vacant:	41 votes

Elected Caitlin Santos-Abobo

Voter Summary

Total:	494
Abstain	41 (8.3%)

Simply Voting Election Manager Results for Sustainability Commissioner

Votes required to elect a candidate: 225

Elena Sun:	238 votes
Akash Singh Yanglem:	171 votes
Declare Vacant:	39 votes

Elected Elena Sun

Voter Summary

Total:	494
Abstain	46 (9.3%)

Simply Voting Election Manager Results for Councillors

Votes required to elect a candidate: 219

Grayson Graham:	55 votes
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Andrea Yip:	54 votes
Arjun Sharma	45 votes
Joseph Duraisingh:	44 votes
Julian Ong:	40 votes
Julianna Marcel:	33 votes
Evelyn George:	30 votes
Albert Huang:	28 votes
Thomas Kabel:	24 votes
Yasma Karamah:	24 votes
Aaditya Nair:	13 votes
Noah Park:	12 votes
Samuel Velasco:	11 votes
Declare Vacant:	9 votes
Srishti Sinha:	9 votes
Arya Shahabi	6 votes

Elected Grayson Graham, Andrea Yip, Arjun Sharma, Joseph Duraisingh, Julian Ong, Julianna Marcel, Evelyn George, Albert Huang.

Voter Summary

Total:	494
Abstain	57 (11.5%)

Simply Voting Election Manager Results for International Councillor

Votes required to elect a candidate: 221

Uijin Lee:	390 votes
Declare Vacant:	51 votes
Elected Uijin Lee	

Voter Summary

Total:	494
Abstain	53 (10.7%)

Simply Voting Election Manager Results for Victoria College Council (VCC)

Votes required to elect a candidate: 204

Andrea Yip:	113 votes
Samuel Velasco:	77 votes
Samuel Cheng:	55 votes
Akash Singh Yanglem:	54 votes
Aaditya Nair:	33 votes
Declare Vacant:	33 votes
Noah Park:	25 votes
Arya Shahabi:	17 votes

Elected Andrea Yip, Samuel Velasco.

Voter Summary

Total:	494
Abstain	87 (17.6%)

Penalties and Appeals

Penalties

Penalty 1

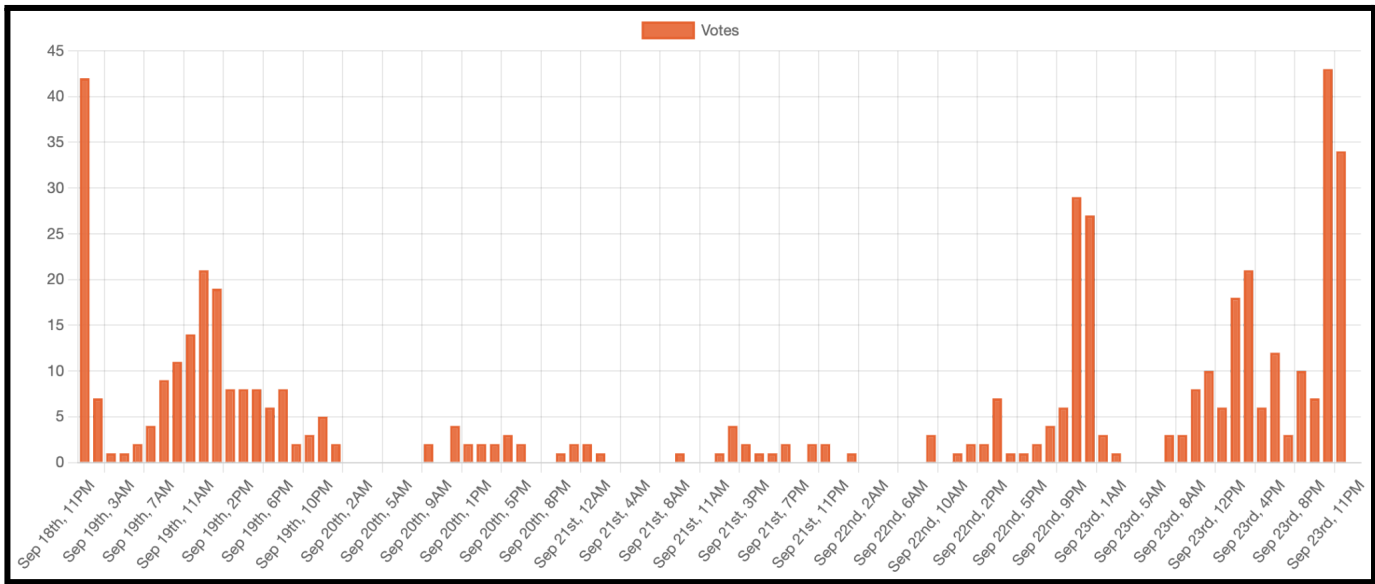
Issued to:	Elena Sun Cheong
Penalty:	(1) Strike
Date and Time Issued:	12th of September, 2025 19:07:00 hrs (7:07:00 pm)
Reason:	This violates Article 16 Section 1d of the VUSAC elections and referenda code.
Evidence:	Missing the All Candidates Meeting without reason or notice.

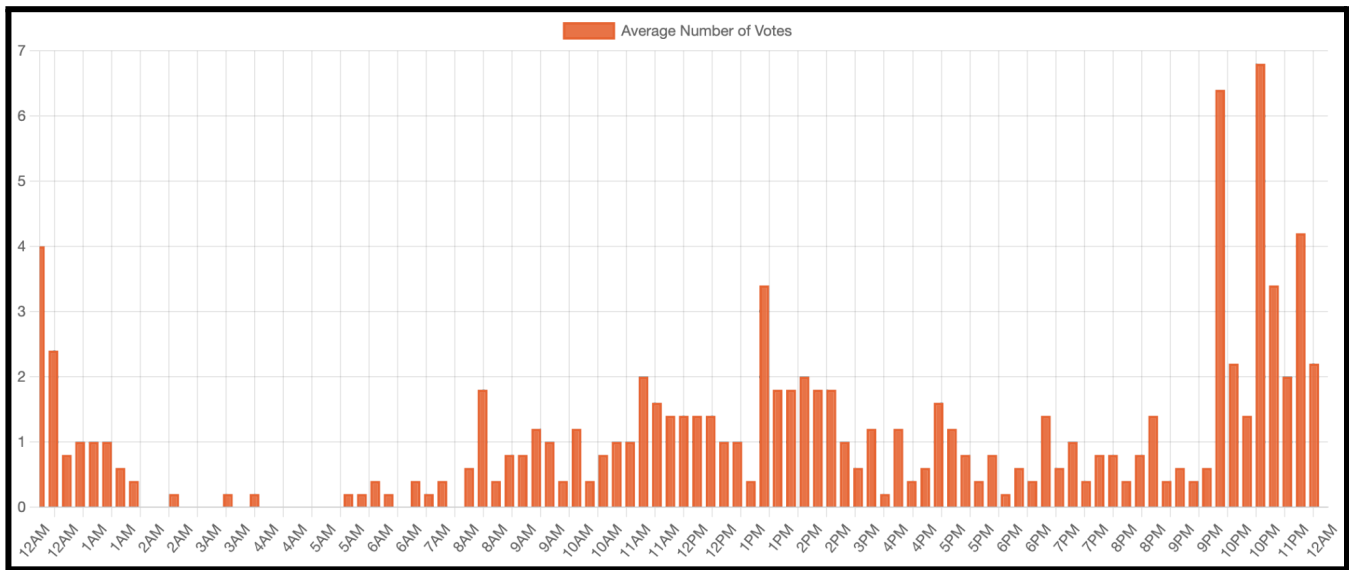
Appeals

No Appeals went through this session.

Data and Statistics on Election Engagement

Voter Turnout





Basic Stats

Cumulative Turnout:

494 electors

11.32%

Average Turnout:

98.80 electors per day

Conclusions and Recommendations

As the CRO for this election, I would like to give thanks for the entirety of VUSAC and the VCU support for this election.

My deepest gratitude goes towards the two ACROs for this election, VPI Aiden Kong and VPE Isha Mathur, who were a tremendous help throughout the entirety of this election.

I would like to give a special thanks to President & EAC Chair Rohini Patra for her support throughout the election as well as the rest of the EAC team.

This serves as a recommendation to rely on the support of your team and focus on having a strong social media presence, this seems to be the way elections are moving.

To conclude, the VUSAC Fall 2025 elections was a very successful election and I look forward to the Spring 2025 Election cycle.

Appendix

- 1) [ERC](#)
- 2) [Fall 2025 Nominations Package](#)