

UVSS ELECTORAL OFFICE

Electoral Summary Report 2019 UVSS Referenda and Board of Directors Elections

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2019 UVSS Referenda and Board of Directors Elections Chief Electoral Officer's Electoral Summary Report

Introduction

Section 9.2 of the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) Electoral Policy ("the Policy") requires that after the results are officially announced for an electoral event, the Chief Electoral Officer ("the CEO") must prepare a report setting out:

- The official results of the electoral event,
- A financial statement setting out the full cost of the electoral event,
- A list of any complaints and appeals and the decisions made,
- Any suggestions to improve the efficiency and/or fairness of the electoral process; and
- Any other information that the CEO deems to be important to include.

This report has been prepared in accordance with that Policy requirement. It comprises three principal sections including appendices. The first section will provide general commentary on what are considered to be some of the more notable key activities, challenges encountered and outcomes from the 2019 electoral events. The second section will summarize and comment on the complaints and appeals which were received and addressed during the 2019 electoral events. The third concluding section will set out several recommendations related to the 2019 electoral events for consideration by the Electoral Committee.

1. Notable Key Activities, Challenges Encountered and Principal Outcomes from the 2019 Electoral Events

The 2019 UVSS elections staff team comprised four individuals:

- Gary C. Nason, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO);
- Emma Hamill, Senior Electoral Officer (SEO);
- Owen Pachal, Senior Electoral Officer (SEO); and
- Meghan Merritt, Deputy Electoral Officer

In addition, five Voting Information Officers were hired in early March to assist with staffing the fixed and mobile polling stations.

The Elections Adjudicator, who was called upon to rule on one appeal (of complaint no. 2), was Shawn Slavin.

The Arbitration Panel consisted of Marcus Hadley, Hiliary Graham and Erin Crowley. There were no appeals to the Arbitration Panel.

At this time the CEO would like to express his sincere thanks to his team for the dedication, assistance and considerable support provided during the 2019 electoral events.

The CEO was hired on December 13th, 2018 for a term beginning December 13th, 2018 and ending April 6th, 2019. The principal electoral staff team of four noted above was not fully in place until the second week of January, 2019, due primarily to the onset of the Christmas holiday season and the closure of the campus. In addition, challenges were experienced in terms of the overall response to the job postings, and the ability to undertake the interview, selection, onboarding and start-up processes over the holiday season. Further commentary in this regard will be made in the recommendations section of this report.

Based on the skills, past experience and the on and off-campus work situations of the two SEO's and the DEO, it was determined that one of the SEO's (Emma Hamill) would be primarily responsible for communications, voter engagement, outreach and information technology. The second SEO (Owen Pachal) would be primarily responsible for candidate liaison and support, and the DEO would provide administrative and office assistance to the CEO and the two SEO's. Appendix "A" attached to this report provides an itemization of the primary responsibilities and job duties of the CEO, the two SEO's and the DEO.

The UVSS elections office was officially opened on January 15th, 2019. From the outset the team considered it important to establish a consistent schedule of daily Monday to Friday office hours (minimum of 1.5 hours per day) running throughout the duration of the electoral events, with the exception of reading break. In addition, the team made its best efforts to respond to all emails, phone calls, questions and requests for information within one business day of receipt.

The CEO also made best efforts to conduct weekly team meetings with his staff, and to meet periodically with the Electoral Chair for the purpose of providing a status/update on the work being undertaken by the elections office.

The 2019 UVSS electoral events comprised the Board of Directors election (for Lead Directors and Directors at Large), and four referendum questions. Two slates ran candidates for the various Lead Director and Director at Large positions. Appendix "B" attached to this report lists all of the major dates and milestones in the 2019 electoral process. The key dates and election-related activities required by the Policy and by the UVSS Board were largely adhered to, however the CEO wishes to provide brief commentary on four events/key dates in particular:

- Posting of Required Notice of Accepted and Rejected Nominations.

While the one day statutory requirement for posting of all accepted and rejected nominations following the close of nominations was adhered to, this was significantly challenged by the major snow event which commenced on February 11th, 2019 (and which eventually resulted in a one day closure of the campus that week). The CEO wishes to thank the Office of the University Secretary for their cooperation in providing the CEO with direct and full access to the official student list on both February 11th and 12th, so that he could confirm the eligibility and validate all nominated candidates, referenda proponents/opponents, and nominators.

- Candidate Training Sessions (2)

These two sessions were originally proposed to be held on February 12th and 13th, 2019, however both sessions had to be rescheduled (twice) due to the major disruption caused by the snow event during the week of February 11th. The training sessions were eventually held on Friday, February 15th and Tuesday, February 19th, this latter session occurring during the university reading break. This proved to be unfortunate as it negatively impacted full attendance at the training sessions, and delayed the information and knowledge exchange on some of the key regulations and requirements of the Policy, which is a fundamental purpose of the sessions.

- Candidate Forums (2)

Due to the nature of the 2019 electoral events (four referendum questions and two slates running candidates for all Lead Director and Director at Large positions), it was necessary to adjust the format for the candidate forums from that set out in the Policy. The first Forum, for all Lead Director positions and the Director of International Student Relations position, was held on February 27th, 2019. The second Forum, for the Director at Large positions and for the four referendum questions, was held on February 28th.

- Release of Preliminary Results

All preliminary results, with the exception of the fourth referendum question, were released as per the schedule by 6pm on March 8th, 2019 following the close of voting. The release of the preliminary results for the fourth referendum question was delayed until the following Monday, March 11th. The reasons for this delay were set out in detail in a statement released by the CEO on March 11th, concurrent with the release of these particular preliminary results.

Appendix "C" attached to this report sets out the official results of the 2019 electoral events. These results were released on March 21st, 2019 following the resolution of all outstanding complaints and appeals. Voter turnout for the Director elections was 15.55 percent – 2,789 voters out of a total eligible of 17,931. This compares to a voter turnout in the Spring of 2018 of 18.2 percent. Voter turnout for the four referendum questions was 16.56 percent – 2,969 voters out of a total eligible of 17,931. This compares of a vote turn-out in the Spring of 2018 of 18.2 percent.

Appendix "D" attached to this report sets out a summary of the total cost of the 2019 electoral events based on the latest budgetary information available as of April 10th, 2019. The 2019 budget for elections was \$26,113.75, and as of April 10th \$22,615.91 had been expended (87 percent of budget). It is anticipated that the 2019 electoral events will come in under budget.

2. Complaints and Appeals

Appendix "E" attached to this report is a summary table of the complaints and appeals received during the course of the 2019 campaign period. The table summarizes the basic nature of the allegations contained in each complaint, any special action taken and the ruling of the CEO, and

any sanctions imposed. There were a total of twelve complaints which were ruled on by the CEO, one of which (complaint no. 2) was appealed to the Elections Adjudicator. There were no appeals to the Arbitration Panel. The CEO's rulings on each of the complaints, as well as the appeal ruling by the Elections Adjudicator, were each promptly posted on the UVSS elections website as required.

In its review and processing of the complaints received, the elections office made its very best efforts to strictly comply with the steps and turnaround time requirements set out in the Policy. With the exception of complaint no. 12, all rulings were issued within the required timeframes. Due to the volume, complexity and seriousness of the allegations contained in complaint no. 12 related to referendum no. 4, the CEO considered it necessary to take further investigatory steps and to seek independent legal advice on his ruling, which was not issued until March 19th/19. That final ruling, which declared referendum no. 4 invalid, was ultimately not appealed, which permitted the official election results to be issued on March 21st/19.

It will be noted that there were a number of complaints related to the unauthorized posting of election banners, posters, handbills and leaflets. It is a matter of discretion whether the CEO may apply a warning or a sanction, or dismiss the complaint entirely and consider the matter closed, based on the circumstances of each individual case. Consideration must also be given to the ultimate enforceability of any sanctions imposed given the time and resources available to the elections office for proactive follow-up and ongoing monitoring and policing. The CEO is satisfied that, generally speaking and in the vast majority of cases, there was no malicious intent to deliberately or repeatedly contravene the regulations related to election signage. In fact overall the CEO was generally impressed with the sincerity and speed at which candidates and campaign managers responded to remove offending materials when notified of a complaint, or a matter was brought to their attention. Certainly ignorance is no excuse, but very early on after the start of the campaign period it became very apparent that the multiple snow events which prompted the repeated rescheduling of the training sessions (the second session had to be held during reading break), was detrimental to the learning process insofar as some of the candidates were unable to attend the sessions due to unavoidable circumstances. Clearly the information on election signage regulations was not permeating down to the candidates or to the campaign managers, which prompted the CEO in the middle of the first week of the campaign period to send a detailed email to both campaign managers summarizing the most pertinent regulations related to election signage. Generally it is preferred to educate and work with candidates and campaign managers to improve the process moving forward, with sanctions being imposed as a last resort.

3. Recommendations of Consideration

Reflecting back on the process and outcomes from the 2019 electoral events, the following are several recommendations which are offered for consideration by the Electoral Committee. These recommendations relate to both the overall process of the electoral events, as well as several matters of policy.

- Timing for Hiring of Elections Staff

In addition to what might be considered the "core service" of any elections office which is to organize and administer the elections, the Policy stipules a number of additional

election-related duties and tasks which the elections office must fulfill (for example, preparing the Martlet supplement, organizing the candidates' forums, setting up Zap accounts, conducting candidate training sessions, and creating a candidate handbook). These arguably "non-core service" tasks require a considerable amount of advance planning and hands-on preparation, and it is not as simple as just using all of last year's materials from the previous elections. The fact that the CEO was not hired until mid-December 2018, and the elections team was not fully in place until the second week of January 2019 immediately prior to the official opening of the elections office, made it effectively impossible to start any advance work and preparations on some of these labour intensive tasks. The initial focus in January 2019, of course, had to be on setting up the office including all on-boarding paper work, addressing some of the (not inconsiderable) IT challenges, and ensuring that the statutory postings, notices, approvals, bookings and contacts were in place for the various activities and events which quickly followed. Unfortunately the ripple effect of having to expend considerable time and resources, well into January and February, on the "non-core service" tasks noted above was to detrimentally impact the ability of all members of the elections team to proactively and purposefully engage in two fundamental "core service" activities referred to in the Policy – those being proactive voter outreach and engagement, and working with organizations such as SSID and CAL on issues of accommodation for UVSS members with disabilities. Certainly more could have been done in terms of these more creative aspects of the role of the elections office, and ultimately this failing is probably best reflected in the decreased voter turn-out numbers for 2019 over 2018.

It is strongly recommended that the CEO be recruited and fully functional by October of the preceding year in the case of March elections, with the remainder of the team to be fully in place by November (including Voting Information Officers if possible). In that way, the complete functional set-up of all aspects of the office, including the commencement of advance work on such things as the candidate handbook, the training sessions, setting up processes with Zap, the forums etc. can be meaningfully commenced in December prior to the Christmas holidays.

- Complaints and Appeals Process

While the complaints and appeals process set out in the Policy is most certainly comprehensive and structured, it can be very administratively onerous, and depending upon the volume and complexity of complaints received, can take away from other key duties and responsibilities particularly during the campaign period. In 2019 a total of twelve complaints were received, essentially one per day during the February 25th to March 8th campaign period. In order to adhere to the statutory steps and timelines for processing and issuing rulings, this essentially required the CEO and one of the SEO's to dedicate almost their singular attention to administrative processing of the complaints, investigation, research and the drafting of the rulings. Similar to the issue noted above, this had unfortunate ripple effects in terms of the bigger picture. Most notably, the time and resources required to process these formal complaints significantly detracted from the ability of the senior elections staff to proactively, or even retroactively, explore or engage in other dispute resolution approaches, or to be the "eyes and ears" on campus to monitor and more proactively enforce the regulations contained in the Policy. Simply

put, it came down to an issue of time and resources given both the part-time nature of the elections office, and the individual on and off campus work situations of the various members of the elections staff.

There is a tipping point when the volume of complaints and the requirements set out in the Policy in regards to processing steps and timelines for addressing these complaints becomes counter-productive to the overall efficient running of the election. While no obvious solutions are offered at this time, it is a matter which it is strongly recommended the Electoral Committee consider in terms of possible future amendments to Section 8.2 (Formal Complaints) of the Policy, with a view to exploring options to potentially simplify the process and make it somewhat less prescriptive, combined with potentially more discretion being granted to the CEO to take unilateral action in certain situations.

- **Clarity Around the Media's Role in the Candidate and Referenda Forums**

While ultimately this was an issue which elections staff were able to work amicably and effectively with the Martlet and CFUV to clarify respective roles at the two candidate forums, Section 5.2 (Candidate Debate Forums) of the Policy does not provide much guidance on the roles of both the media and elections staff particularly in regards to organizing, "hosting" and moderating the forums. At the outset both parties were unclear as to what had been the past practice and protocols around these events. The CEO would like to thank both the Martlet and CFUV for their cooperation and assistance in working with elections staff to finalize the agendas for these two events, and for their active participation in moderating and timekeeping at the proceedings.

It is recommended that this particular section of the Policy be updated to provide greater clarity to all parties in terms of their respective roles and responsibilities as they relate to the conduct of the candidate forums.

- **Third Party Endorsements**

The CEO does not profess to know all of the past history and geneses of the policy issues surrounding Section 5.8 (d) of the Policy (Certain On Campus Groups That are Prohibited from Providing Endorsements, Interfering or Otherwise Intervening as Third Parties in Electoral Events). That being said, in the CEO's ruling in regard to complaint no. 12 related to referendum no. 4, an inconsistency was identified between Section 5.8 (d) and Section 6.4 (c) (Referendum Concerning the Fee of a Separately Incorporated Fee-levied Group). It is necessary to read the complete ruling to understand the full nature and scope of the issues involved in this particular instance, however it is recommended that moving forward the Electoral Committee turn their minds to clarifying this inconsistency.

- **Requirement to Have Nomination Forms Stamped by the Office of the Registrar**

Section 4.2 (Nomination Period) of the Policy requires that members who intend to seek election must have the nomination form stamped by the Office of the Registrar verifying that the person is a UVSS member. As noted previously in this report, however, the CEO

obtained very good cooperation from the Office of the University Secretary to permit the CEO direct access to the official student list in order to confirm, within the required statutory timeline, the eligibility of all candidates for Director positions, referendum proponents and opponents, and nominators.

Given the practice of this particular elections office to have the CEO physically verify the eligibility of each nominee and nominator against the official student list provided by the Office of the University Secretary, and given the overall success of this procedure in 2019, it is recommended that consideration be given to revisiting the requirement to obtain the Registrar's stamp on each nomination form.

- Clarification on the Rules and Timing of the Cut-off Date of the Official Student List in Relation to "Late" Payment of Student Fees

This issue came up a couple of times relatively late in the campaign period.

The Office of the University Secretary has advised that it is not possible to add students to an active ("live") election, however the elections office was advised that in the past some students who paid their student fees "late" may have been permitted to vote through some mechanism, notwithstanding the cut-off date for production of the official student list of eligible voters. The elections office did not have sufficient time to investigate or corroborate this information, and it is recommended that prior to the next elections clarity be obtained from the Office of the University Secretary in regards to the pertinent rules and procedures in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Electoral Officer

Electoral Staff - Division of Primary Responsibilities

<p style="text-align: center;">Chief Election Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supervise Election Staff ○ Responsible for the Overall Function of the Electoral Office ○ Review all Material Before it Goes Out of the Electoral Office to Ensure Alignment with Pertinent Policies ○ Complaints/Appeals/Adjudication Policy ○ Nomination Submission/Qualifications/Acceptance (Internal Office) Financial Tracking of Expenses and Reporting ○ Campaign Financing/Expenses/Spending Limits ○ Consultations with SSID, CAL, UVic Secretary's Office/Adjudicator/Arbitration Panel ○ Referenda Approval/Wording/Proponents and Opponents ○ Submission of Final Report 	<p style="text-align: center;">Senior Electoral Officer – Communications/Voter Engagement and Outreach/IT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posting of All Required Electronic Notices, Materials and Communications in Market, Required Websites ○ Work with Graphics for Branding/Graphics ○ Social Media Maintenance (Facebook, Twitter) ○ Website Maintenance (UVSS and Electoral Office) ○ Candidate Platforms/Publication in Market/Materials Available in Electoral Office ○ Web vote Portal/Service Provider Liaison/Form of Ballot/Electronic Voting ○ Voting Information Stations/Tablets/Liaison with UVic IT
<p style="text-align: center;">Senior Electoral Officer – Candidate Liaison/Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduling Meetings with Candidates ○ Candidates' Handbooks ○ Scheduling and Organization of Candidates' Forums (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All Candidates ➤ Lead Director ➤ Board of Governors and Senate ○ Organization of Candidate Training Sessions ○ Campaign Materials (Posters and Banners)/Approval and Policing ○ Office "Presence" on Site ○ Liaison with CEO on Financial Tracking and Reporting of Election Expenses 	<p style="text-align: center;">Deputy Electoral Officer – Administration/Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide Overall Assistance to the SEO's with Various Election Functions ○ Ensuring Timeline Compliance for All Required Notices/Postings/Electoral Events ○ Production of All Required (Paper) Forms/Notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notices of Electoral Events ➤ Nomination Forms ➤ Referenda Template Forms ➤ Referenda Proponent and Opponent Forms ○ Maintain Office Inventory of Necessary Materials/Supplies

Key Dates for 2019 Spring Elections

Updated Electoral Policy (Last Revised Jan 14th/19) in Force – January 14/19

UVSS Electoral Office Officially Opened for Spring 2019 Election – January 15/19

Posting of All Required Notices (in Various Media and by the various methods) as Referred to in Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of Electoral Policy (EP) – by January 21/19

- "Schedule for Related Events"
- "Location/Opening of Electoral Office"
- "Notice of Electoral Event"
- "Official Call for Nominations"

Referenda Questions Approved by UVSS Board – January 14/19

Referenda Questions Submitted to and Approved by Chief Electoral Office – January 15/19

Posting of List of All Accepted Referendum Questions – January 17/19

Official Call for Nominations (Candidates, Proponents, Opponents) Posted Week of January 14/19.
Published in Martlet - January 24/19

Nominations Open – January 28/19 at 9:00am

Nominations Close – February 11/19 at 9:00am

Posting of Required Notice of Accepted and Rejected Nominations – February 12/19 at 9:00am

Preliminary Announcement of Candidates/Proponents/Opponents – February 12/19

Publication of Candidates' Handbook – February 13/19

Publication of Candidates' Platforms in the Martlet – February 21/19

Candidate Training Sessions (2) – Friday, February 15/19 and Tuesday, February 19/19

Campaign Period (11 days) Start- February 25/19 at 9:00am

First Date Campaign Materials May be Posted – February 25/19 at 9am

Martlet Supplement with Voting Information, Published – February 21/19

Candidate Forums, Hosted by CFUV and the Martlet

- o Lead Directors Forum – February 27/19, Vertigo, 2:30pm – 5:30pm
- o Director at Large and Referenda Forum - February 28/19, Vertigo, 2:30pm – 5:30pm.

Voting Period

- Webvote Open – March 6/19 at 9:00am
- Webvote Closes for UVSS Events – March 8/19 at 12:00pm

UVSS Election and Referenda Campaigns Closed – March 8/19 at 12:00pm

Candidate/Proponent/Opponent Expense Submissions – March 8/19 at 12:00pm

Deadline for Removal of all UVSS Campaign Material – March 8/19 at 4:30pm

Release of Preliminary Results – March 8/19 at 6:00pm

Announcement of Official Results (upon resolution of all complaints and appeals) – March 21/19

Submission of CEO Administration Report – April 15/19



Official Election Results

March 6 9:00am PST -March 8 12:00pm PST

Board of Directors

Voter Turnout

2789 Voters out of 17931 voters participated in this election (15.55% turnout)

Director of Outreach and University Relations

	Percentage for	Votes Cast for	Status
Jonathan Granirer- Hear UVic	59.4	1472	Elected
Isabella Lee – Engage UVic	40.6	1006	

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 311

Director of Student Affairs

	Percentage for	Votes Cast for	Status
Victoria Eaton- Hear UVic	59.9	1459	Elected
Jesse Green – Engage UVic	40.1	978	

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 352

Director of Events

	Percentage for	Votes Cast for	Status
Amrit Basi- Engage UVic	40.8	993	
Shay lynn Sampson – Hear UVic	59.2	1441	Elected

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 355

Director of Finance and Operations

	Percentage for	Votes Cast for	Status
Dakota McGovern – Hear UVic	57	1431	Elected
Marshall Scott-Bigsby- Engage UVic	43	1079	

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 279

Director of Campaigns and Community Relations

	Percentage for	Votes Cast for	Status
Nathan Daisley – Engage UVic	37.3	910	
Juliet Watts – Hear UVic	62.7	1532	Elected

UVSS Elections Office

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 347

Directors at Large

	Percentage For	Votes Cast for	Status
Hanna Ahluwalia – Hear UVic	5.8	1081	Elected
Almudena Antiman – Engage UVic	3.3	619	
Mahum Azeem – Engage UVic	3.8	713	
Cedric Borchert – Engage UVic	3.6	663	
Caleb Burd – Hear UVic	5.5	1024	Elected
Caelen Cook – Hear UVic	5.5	1024	Elected
Sarina de Havelyn – Hear UVic	5.5	1027	Elected
Isha Dhillon – Independent	3.1	575	
Emily Faris – Engage UVic	3.7	684	
Zyannya Fox – Hear UVic	5.5	1018	Elected
Sebastian Franco-Monroy – Engage UVic	3.3	605	
Seamus Lim-Heley – Engage UVic	3.4	636	
Dryden Linden-Bremner – Engage UVic	3	561	
Gabrielle Parent – Engage UVic	3.6	659	
Olivia Reid-Friesen- Hear UVic	5.5	1021	Elected
Kai Richins-Hear UVic	5.3	991	Elected
Rashmini Shunmugam – Engage UVic	3.4	624	
Jinx Stromquist – Hear UVic	5.1	951	Elected
Kolin Sutherland-Wilson – Hear UVic	5	929	Elected
Dalal Tubeishat – Hear UVic	5	930	Elected
Jelayna Van Dyke – Hear UVic	5.2	968	Elected
Mya Walz – Engage UVic	3.5	645	
Lulu Wise – Engage UVic	3.2	597	

Director of International Relations

Efe Türker - Engage UVic	Acclaimed
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Referenda

Voter Turnout

2969 Voters out of 17931 voters participated in this election (16.56% voted). Quorum reached.

Question 1

Are you in favour of raising the Campus Community Garden fee by \$1.50 for full time students and \$0.75 for part time students to increase student employment, integrate the garden site in more curriculum for UVic courses, grow more food with native and edible plantings, and improve the infrastructure of the Campus Community Garden?

	Percent for	Votes Cast For	Status
Yes: Proponent (Sydney Welsh)	62.6	1836	Passed
No	37.4	1099	

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 34

Question 2

Are you in favour of establishing a fee of \$1.50 for full time students and \$0.75 for part time students in order to establish a Student Advocate position, whose role would be to guide and advocate for students as they interact with University of Victoria appeals processes and other administrative policies?

	Percent for	Votes Cast For	Status
Yes: Proponent (Jordan Gilson*)	48.3	1388	
No	51.7	1486	Failed

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 95

*The proponent Jordan Gilson is disqualified due to late submission of their financial report.

Question 3

Are you in favour of establishing a fee of \$1.00 for full time students and \$0.50 for part time students in order to fund the Peer Support Centre to ensure its continued operation by hiring staff and paying for necessary supplies?

	Percent for	Votes Cast For	Status
Yes: Proponent (Ainsley Kerr)	62.3	1805	Passed
No	37.7	1092	

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 72

Question 4

Are you in favour of ending the fee, which is \$3.00 for full time students per semester and \$1.50 for part time students per semester, that goes towards the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG)?

Accordingly, the CEO rules that Referendum No. 4 be declared invalid pursuant to Sections 5.9.4 (d), 5.9.6 and 6.1(n) of the Policy. Assuming that the January 14th, 2019 motion of the UVSS Board to take the matter of the fee levy in question to a referendum has not otherwise been repealed or rescinded, it is the CEO's further view that the referendum should be conducted again, as soon as possible.

	Percent for	Votes Cast For	Status
Yes: Proponent (Eric Jakubowski)	42.7	1238	
No: Opponent (Kadi Diallo)*	57.3	1661	Failed

Ballots that were spoiled or left blank: 70

*The Opponent Kadi Diallo is disqualified due to late submission of their financial report.

2019 Electoral Events – Budget Summary

Total Budget for 2019 UVSS Electoral Events: \$26,113.75

Summary of Account Expenditures as of April 10th, 2019:

Account	Expenditure (\$)
Salaries	0.00
Wages	17,280.79
Canada Pension Plan	708.98
Employment Insurance	392.70
Workers Compensation	32.46
Staff Discounts	12.50
Building Maintenance	5.39
Professional/Consulting Fees	1175.89
Advertising	94.50
Information Technology Services	738.99
Office Supplies	53.11
Telephone/Fax	48.12
Other Sundry Items	1,001.31
Zap Internal Charges	1,071.17
Total	\$22,615.91

Appendix “E”

2019 UVSS Elections - Complaints and Appeals

Complaint No.	Allegation(s)	CEO Action Taken/Ruling	Sanction(s) – If Any
1	Banners placed on exterior painted walls	Emails sent to candidates and campaign managers advising of applicable regulations and directing removal	
2	Posters and banners with no attribution to an individual candidate	Complaint dismissed by CEO Note: This ruling was appealed to the Elections Adjudicator	Elections Adjudicator ruled that slate place an identifiable mark on front of each poster/banner indicating to which particular candidate the material belonged to. No retroactive sanction applied.
3	Multiple handbills posted on notice and bulletin boards, and not attributed to an individual candidate	Materials immediately removed upon advising respondent and campaign manager of complaint	
4	Multiple posters and handbills on classroom notice boards and unit specific notice boards	Materials immediately removed upon advising respondent and campaign manager of complaint. Warning given. Detailed email also sent out by CEO to all candidates, referenda proponents/opponents and campaign managers outlining posting regulations.	
5	Slate made use of current Lead Director office space as meeting and storage space	Prior to ruling slate advised that it had discontinued use of the office. Warning given.	

Complaint No.	Allegation(s)	CEO Action Taken/Ruling	Sanction(s) – If Any
6	Single banner affixed on painted wall	Banner immediately removed by CEO. Warning given to campaign manager.	
7	Vandalism to campaign banner	Complaint dismissed. Insufficient proof to find the respondent guilty of a campaign infraction	
8	Third party posters advertising a specific position on a referendum question. Posting of campaign material outside dorm room	Warning given for dorm room posting, as campaign period was over by time of respondent response.	
9	Defamation and intentional misrepresentation of the facts	Even if facts were misrepresented, the misrepresentation was not intentional. Complaint dismissed.	
10	Campaign material limit and defamation	Insufficient evidence to prove that the infringing poster(s) were posted and distributed by the respondent. Complaint dismissed.	
11	Prohibited Campaigning – Financial Non-compliance	Nothing in the actions of the respondent caused any kind of inequity or unfairness. Complaint dismissed.	
12	Multiple violations by third party on-campus group in connection with referendum electoral event	Nature and extent of contraventions of Electoral Policy constituted both intervening and interference.	Referendum declared invalid