



# REPORT

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## Election Department

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly

FROM: William Liu Chief Returning Officer & Theodore Liu, Deputy Returning Officer

SUBJECT: First Year Council (FYC) Elections Report

DATE: Oct. 15th, 2022

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### **Hello Members of the Assembly,**

We are excited to present our report on the results of the First Year Council Election. As per Bylaw 10 - Elections 2.1.5, the elections department is required to relay to the SRA the results of each electoral period, including recommendations of the Elections Committee.

We are pleased to say that the FYC elections ran successfully without any major issues. Coming out of the pandemic, we were very pleased with the voter turnout as well as candidate campaigns. We hope to carry on this trend with our future elections this year and years to come.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best,

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# Results

## KEY:

Listed below are the results of the First Year Council Election ratified by the Elections Committee. Those acclaimed and voted upon via a vote of confidence have an asterisk marked by their name. Some positions had an extended nomination period due to lack of candidates. Those positions are highlighted. Additionally, after extended nominations, the seats for **Edwards** and **Woodstock** were unfilled and will be re-opened for nominations October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Each election that is not acclaimed has a screenshot of the elected person for transparency and evidence of the elected. Those acclaimed simply had more YES votes than NO. Data for these can be found in the link, located at the end of this section.

### Chair: Kyle Sung

ROUND7	
Kyle Sung	Elected 342 votes
Jazzlyn Abbot	242 votes
Exhausted votes	99 votes

VOTER SUMMARY	
Total	814
Abstain	131 (16.1%)

### Vice-Chair Events: Matthew Retera-Robinson

ROUND5	
Matthew Retera-Robinson	Elected 289 votes
Sana Muhammad Ashraf	183 votes
Exhausted votes	99 votes

VOTER SUMMARY	
Total	814
Abstain	243 (29.9%)

### Vice-Chair Internal: Roland Lightbourn

### Vice Chair Internal

Votes required to elect an option: 281

ROUND1		
	Roland Lightbourn	300 votes
	Midhaa Ahmed	161 votes
	Kartikeya Mahendra	99 votes
Elected Roland Lightbourn due to: highest 1st preference		
ROUND2		
	Roland Lightbourn	Elected 300 votes
	Midhaa Ahmed	161 votes
	Kartikeya Mahendra	99 votes
	Exhausted votes	0 votes

#### VOTER SUMMARY

Total	814
Abstain	254 (31.2%)

### Vice-Chair External: Omolade George

#### Vice-Chair External

Votes required to elect an option: 282

ROUND1		
	Omolade George	244 votes
	Anja Kane	190 votes
	Dhara Parsania	129 votes
Eliminated Dhara Parsania due to: lowest 1st preference		
ROUND2		
	Omolade George	294 (+50) votes
	Anja Kane	237 (+47) votes
	Exhausted votes	32 (+32) votes
Elected Omolade George due to: highest 1st preference		
ROUND3		
	Omolade George	Elected 294 votes
	Anja Kane	237 votes
	Exhausted votes	32 votes

#### VOTER SUMMARY

Total	814
Abstain	251 (30.8%)

### Peter George Centre for Living and Learning Residence Chair: Matthew Hammond\*

### Mary E. Keyes Residence Chair: Ashley Hauer

ROUND3		
	Ashley Hauer	Elected 20 votes
	Nolan Hymander	17 votes
	Exhausted votes	2 votes

#### VOTER SUMMARY

Total	39
Abstain	0 (0.0%)

Wallingford Residence Chair: Ashley Jong

**Wallingford Residence Chair**

Dora Xu	13 (59.1%)
Ashley Jong	9 (40.9%)

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Hedden Residence Chair: Anna Sophia Deaton

**Hedden Residence Chair**

Votes required to elect an option: 29

<b>ROUND1</b>		
Anna Sophia Deaton		41 votes
Adnan Saffaf		11 votes
Ethan Lo		4 votes
Elected Anna Sophia Deaton due to: highest 1st preference		
<b>ROUND2</b>		
Anna Sophia Deaton		Elected 41 votes
Adnan Saffaf		11 votes
Ethan Lo		4 votes
Exhausted votes		0 votes

Les Prince Residence Chair: Natasha Tal

**Les Prince Residence Chair**

Natasha Tal	29 (56.9%)
Jacob Metzler	22 (43.1%)

**VOTER SUMMARY**

Total	52
Abstain	1 (1.9%)

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McKay Residence Chair: Abdullah Masudi\*

Brandon Residence Chair: Manchit Singh Kalra\*

Bates Residence Chair: Christalla Deris\*

Off-Campus/Commuting Rep 1: Arshiya Alam\*

Off-Campus/Commuting Rep 2: Jessica Chakramakil

## Off-Campus/Commuting Rep

Votes required to elect an option: 41

ROUND1	
Jessica Chakramakil	37 votes
Nida Fatima	28 votes
Michael Ciaramitaro	15 votes
Eliminated Michael Ciaramitaro due to: lowest 1st preference	
ROUND2	
Jessica Chakramakil	46 (+9) votes
Nida Fatima	32 (+4) votes
Exhausted votes	2 (+2) votes
Elected Jessica Chakramakil due to: highest 1st preference	
ROUND3	
Jessica Chakramakil	Elected 46 votes
Nida Fatima	32 votes
Exhausted votes	2 votes

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**Whidden Residence Chair: Jessica Li\***

**Matthews Residence Chair: Sarah Nizami**

### Matthews Residence Chair

Sarah Nizami	10 (55.6%)
Vanessa Casiero-Borges	8 (44.4%)

**Moulton Residence Chair: Leilani Xue**

### Moulton Residence Chair

Leilani Xue	19 (57.6%)
Deyontae Patterson	14 (42.4%)

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**Please see this link for more detailed stats:**

<https://mcmaster.simplyvoting.com/index.php?mode=results&election=184202>

## Nominations Submitted and Candidates

Position	# of Nominations
Chair	7
Vice-Chair Events	5
Vice-Chair Internal	3
Vice-Chair External	3
Peter George Centre for Living and Learning Residence Chair	1
Mary Keyes Residence Chair:	3
Wallingford Residence Chair:	2
Hedden Residence Chair:	3
Les Prince Residence Chair:	2
McKay Residence Chair:	1
Brandon Residence Chair:	1
Bates Residence Chair:	1
Off-Campus/Commuting Rep:	4
Matthews Residence Chair	2
Moulton Residence Chair	2
Whidden Residence Chair	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>

## Faculty Breakdown of Candidates

Faculty	# of Candidates
Arts and Science	0
Business	7
Engineering	5
Heath Sciences	3

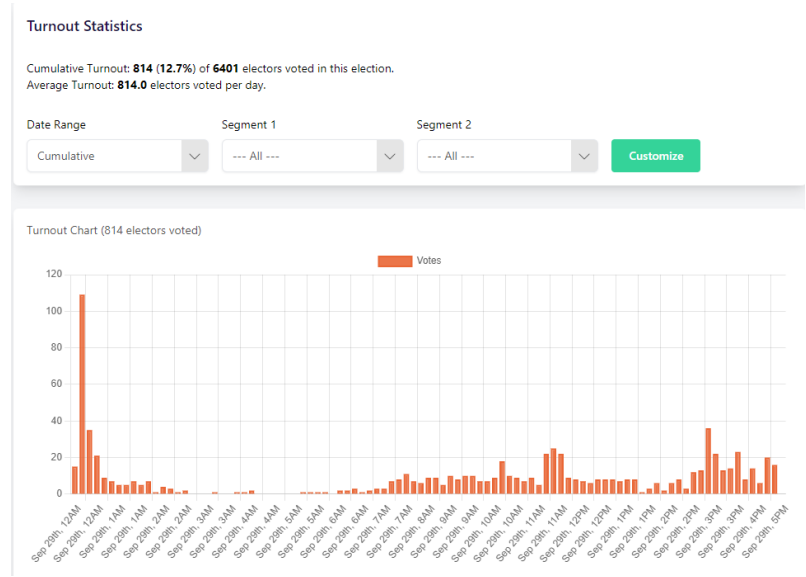
Humanities	1
Science	18
Social Science	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>

## Voter Turnout

Voter turnout for the 2022 FYC election is as follows:

**For normal nomination period:**

FYC Chair Positions: 12.7% of 6401





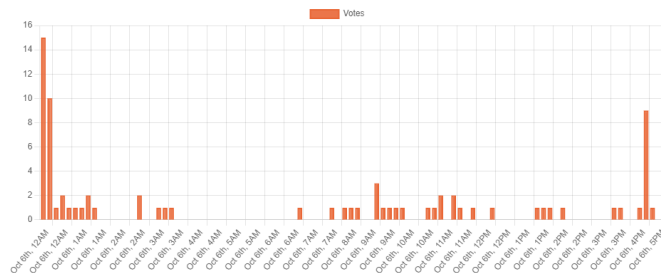


### Turnout Statistics

Cumulative Turnout: **77 (12.6%)** of **613** electors voted in this election.  
Average Turnout: **77.0** electors voted per day.

Date Range: Cumulative  
Segment 1: --- All ---  
Segment 2: --- All ---  
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Turnout Chart (77 electors voted)



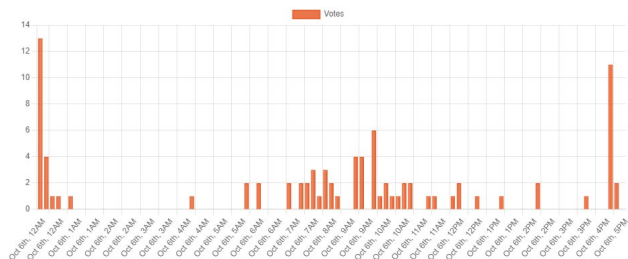
## Off-campus rep 2: 3% of 2877

### Turnout Statistics

Cumulative Turnout: **87 (3.0%)** of **2877** electors voted in this election.  
Average Turnout: **87.0** electors voted per day.

Date Range: Cumulative  
Segment 1: --- All ---  
Segment 2: --- All ---  
[Customize](#)

Turnout Chart (87 electors voted)



## Promotional Events & Strategies

### Nominations Promotion

This year, the nomination period for the MSU FYC Election ran from September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 until September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Given the return to in-person campaigning, we ordered a Digital + Print package to promote through online and on campus channels. On Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, graphics detailing the positions available and important nomination and voting dates were circulated during the first week of nominations. In the second week, social media stories and emails were used to communicate the upcoming deadline and encourage the submission of nomination forms.

In addition, a variety of on-campus resources were utilized to promote the election. Printed posters and rave cards were distributed on campus with the assistance of the FYC Coordinator. In particular, rave cards were distributed through a table at ClubsFest and an additional table in MUSC that was manned during the second week of nominations. Additionally, we were able to print and book space for a Window Banner and a MUSC Banner to aid in the promotional efforts. Finally, campus media screens also displayed information about the FYC elections.

Due to unfilled positions for Moulton, Matthews, Whidden, Woodstock, Edwards, and Off-Campus/Commuting Student representatives, nominations for these specific positions were extended one additional week. Promotional efforts for these reaching these students included additional emailing, and specific targeting of certain demographics. For example, we contacted the Archway Program to help post an announcement as a means of reaching off-campus students.

Overall, by working with the MSU Communications Team to develop a hybrid promotional strategy, we were content with the awareness and interest generated in the MSU FYC Elections.

## **Updates**

### **Rule Changes/Clarifications**

Election rules for posters were added to the bylaws to accommodate transition back to in person.

### **Challenges**

One challenge was trying to promote the residence chair reps. We still have 2 unfilled. We had a lot of interest and competition with the other positions however.

### **Success**

#### **No Voting/Email Issues**

Throughout the FYC election we received no emails or technical complaints submitted regarding any voting issues occurring for constituents.

### **Next Steps**

#### **Appeals Process Complete**

The appeals process for this election has been completed as no candidates chose to appeal their violations and fines from the first elections committee fines night

meeting. Due to this, the election results are official, and our first major election is complete.

### **Candidate Reimbursement**

Our department will contact the accounting office to begin reimbursing all candidates their originally deposit minus any fines accrued during the election.