



# REPORT

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## Elections Department

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Sinead Gono, Chief Returning Officer & Owen Quann, Deputy Returning Officer  
SUBJECT: SRA October By-Elections  
DATE: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Hello members of the Assembly,**

We are excited to present our report on the results of the SRA October By-elections. As per Bylaw 7 - 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 SRA October by-elections ran successfully, and any issues were promptly rectified. All SRA seats have been now filled. Nominations were extended for a period of one week to fill one of the Engineering seats.

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 SRA by-elections 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.

Each election has a screenshot of the elected person for transparency and evidence of the elected. Those acclaimed in the votes of confidence simply had more YES votes than NO.

### Business: Liam Forbes and Sam El-Kadi

#### **SRA Business Representative**

Restricted to **BUSINESS**

Option	Votes
Sam El-Kadi	115 (41.7%)
Liam Forbes	106 (38.4%)
Colin Pyne	55 (19.9%)

#### VOTER SUMMARY

Total	150
Abstain	12 (8.0%)

### Humanities: Azim Naqvi

#### **SRA Humanities Representative**

Restricted to **HUMANITIES**

Option *Yael Erlich* has been withdrawn from this ballot.

Option	Votes
Azim Naqvi	74 (59.7%)

## Science: Julia Issa

### **SRA Science Representative**

Restricted to **SCIENCE**

Option	Votes
Julia Issa	235 (55.7%)
Sambiro Kitawi	92 (21.8%)
Lauren Gottlieb	41 (9.7%)
Jordan Thor	26 (6.2%)
John Vu	23 (5.5%)
Sameer Varma	5 (1.2%)

## Nursing: Finn Cheung\*

### **SRA Nursing Vote of Confidence**

Option	Votes
Yes	36 (90.0%)
No	4 (10.0%)

#### VOTER SUMMARY

Total	46
Abstain	6 (13.0%)

## Engineering: Minsub Kim\*, Avery Zeiler\*, Jessica Ricafort\*, and Laiba Yousafzai\*

### **SRA Engineering Vote of Confidence**

Do you have confidence in Minsub Kim to be your Engineering representative?

Option	Votes
Yes	89 (61.4%)
No	56 (38.6%)

#### VOTER SUMMARY

Total	208
Abstain	63 (30.3%)

**SRA Engineering Vote of Confidence**

Do you have confidence in Avery Zeiler to be your Engineering representative?

Option	Votes
Yes	123 (69.9%)
No	53 (30.1%)

**VOTER SUMMARY**

Total	208
Abstain	32 (15.4%)

**SRA Engineering Vote of Confidence**

Do you have confidence in Jessica Ricafort to be your Engineering representative?

Option	Votes
Yes	95 (67.9%)
No	45 (32.1%)

**VOTER SUMMARY**

Total	208
Abstain	68 (32.7%)

**Do you have confidence in Laiba Yousafzai to be your SRA Engineering representative?**

Option	Votes
Yes	89 (80.2%)
No	22 (19.8%)

**VOTER SUMMARY**

Total	151
Abstain	40 (26.5%)

**Nominations Submitted and Candidates**

Position	# of Nominations
Business	3
Science	6
Humanities	2
Engineering	4
Nursing	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

\*counts are not including candidates who rescinded their nomination.

## Voter Turnout

Voter turnout for the SRA October by-election 2024 is as follows:

### For normal nomination period:

SRA Business: **150 (4.7%)** of **3186** electors voted in this election.

SRA Humanities: **138 (6.8%)** of **2030** electors voted in this election.

SRA Science: **464 (6.5%)** of **7119** electors voted in this ballot.

SRA Nursing: **46 (5.6%)** of **827** electors voted in this election.

SRA Engineering: **208 (3.1%)** of **6641** electors voted in this election.

### For EXTENDED nomination period:

SRA Engineering: **151 (2.3%)** of **6641** electors voted in this election.

## Promotional Events & Strategies

### Nominations Promotion

For October By-Elections, we had two rounds of nominations. The first round was held from October 7<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup> and the second round was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Given the shortened nominations period, we used targeted promotions and emailing towards the specific caucuses that had seats open. Using the undergraduate emailing lists, we sent out individualized emails to each specific faculty to disseminate how many seats were open and the appropriate deadlines and dates. To target the Nursing seat, which has been unfilled for an extended period of time, we previously reached out to MUNSS in the beginning of the academic year to support the promotion of the SRA Nursing seat. Additionally, by ordering a Digital + Print package from the Underground, we circulated posters around campus, and social media posts on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Instagram stories and reminder emails were used to remind students of the upcoming nominations deadlines.

We are content with the level of interest generated. Moving forward, we'd like to facilitate more in-person promotions such as additional tabling or events to increase awareness.

## Updates

With SRA by-elections now being complete, the DRO and I are now well into the preparations for the upcoming presidential election, so we are looking forward to that.

## Challenges

There was a minor issue regarding the voter list for the SRA Science election however it was promptly rectified, and the polling period was extended by a few hours to account for this.

We had a candidate that was automatically disqualified due to the accumulation of enough severe/standard violations to warrant an automatic disqualification. However, we were successfully navigated through this process and communicated well with the candidate.

## **Success**

We were happy with the number of nominations that we received and the interest that was generated for this election, we only had 1 open seat that we needed to extend nominations for.

We are very happy to see a full Assembly!

## **Next Steps**

### **Appeals Process Complete**

The appeals process for this election has now been completed. 2 candidates chose to appeal some of their fines that were decided by the Elections Committee. These appeal meetings ran successfully, and the candidates did not choose to appeal their fines further.

### **Candidate Reimbursement**

With the appeals period now being complete, our department is in contact with the accounting office to work on reimbursing all candidates their original deposit minus any fines accrued during the election.