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# Election 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 General Elections Report

DATE: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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### **Hello members of the Assembly,**

We are excited to present our report on the results of the SRA General and Referenda Election. 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 all caucus elections ran smoothly and successfully without any major issues. We were pleased with the candidate campaigns and overall election and candidates' engagement. With a total of 61 nominations this year, compared to last year's 30 nominations, we hope to carry on this trend of student engagement with the SRA.

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

Best,

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## Results

### SRA

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Listed below are the results of the SRA General Election ratified by the Elections Committee. Those 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 that more candidates than seats and therefore went to election has a screenshot of the elected person for transparency and evidence of the elected. Those that won a vote of confidence simply had more YES votes than NO. Data for these can be found in the link, located at the end of this section.

**Arts & Science:** Amelia Glaab\*

**Business:** Gabriel Muratha\*; Aisha Mahmoud\*; Joshua Pickering\*; **Chanice Olokesusi**

**Engineering:** Hosam Abd-Alal\*; Raghav Arora\*; **Arib Ashhar**; **Alice Liang**; **Omar Kamel**; Jessica Ricafort\*; Avery Zeiler\*;

**Kinesiology:** Isabella Bolca, Makye Wilkinson

**Health Science:** Larissa Long, Matthew Olejarz

**Humanities:** **Violet Randle-Bragg**; Danoya Thomas\*; Edward Zhang\*

**Nursing:** Finn Cheung\*

**Science:** Jazzlyn Abbott; Krish Arora; Arya Ebadi; Omar Fouda; Liya Monfopa Yenou; Simran Ram; Ishan Sharma

**Social Sciences:** Kate Blumberg; Logan McLean; Kashish Modi; Danielle Plener

Please see this link for more detailed stats:

<https://mcmaster.simplyvoting.com/index.php>

**Nominations Submitted:**

| Position            | # of Nominations |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Arts & Science (1)  | 2                |
| Business (4)        | 4                |
| Engineering (7)     | 11               |
| Kinesiology (2)     | 4                |
| Health Science (2)  | 6                |
| Humanities (3)      | 5                |
| Nursing (1)         | 1                |
| Science (7)         | 20               |
| Social Sciences (3) | 8                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>61</b>        |

**Voter Turnout**

| Year  | Academic Division | Electors     | Votes       | % Voted      |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| TOTAL | Arts and Science  | 277          | 81          | 29.2%        |
| TOTAL | Business          | 3218         | 99          | 3.1%         |
| TOTAL | Kinesiology       | 897          | 187         | 20.8%        |
| TOTAL | Engineering       | 6678         | 301         | 4.5%         |
| TOTAL | Health Sciences   | 1124         | 332         | 29.5%        |
| TOTAL | Humanities        | 2045         | 178         | 8.4%         |
| TOTAL | Science           | 7273         | 746         | 10.3%        |
| TOTAL | Social Sciences   | 3867         | 294         | 7.6%         |
| TOTAL | Nursing           | 613          | 47          | 7.7%         |
| TOTAL | <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>25992</b> | <b>2265</b> | <b>8.71%</b> |

**Election Results:**

Which candidate would you like to see as your SRA Humanities Representative?

| Option               | Votes       |
|----------------------|-------------|
| RANDLE-BRAGG, Violet | 115 (76.7%) |
| ERLICH, Yael         | 35 (23.3%)  |

**VOTER SUMMARY**

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Total   | 172        |
| Abstain | 22 (12.8%) |

Which 2 candidates would you like to see as your SRA Health Sciences Representatives?

| Option            | Votes       |
|-------------------|-------------|
| LONG, Larissa     | 146 (26.0%) |
| OLEJARZ, Matthew  | 128 (22.8%) |
| ISMAIL, Lubna     | 86 (15.3%)  |
| PATEL, Tiya       | 82 (14.6%)  |
| SINCLAIR, Shardae | 69 (12.3%)  |
| MIRZA, Ausaf      | 50 (8.9%)   |

**VOTER SUMMARY**

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Total   | 332       |
| Abstain | 27 (8.1%) |

Which 3 candidates would you like to see as your SRA Engineering Representatives?

| Option               | Votes       |
|----------------------|-------------|
| LIANG, Alice         | 164 (27.3%) |
| KAMEL, Omar          | 134 (22.3%) |
| ASHHAR, Arib         | 108 (18.0%) |
| STORGER, Adam        | 81 (13.5%)  |
| BELMONT, Harel       | 71 (11.8%)  |
| SADEESH, Archish     | 42 (7.0%)   |
| <b>VOTER SUMMARY</b> |             |
| Total                | 356         |
| Abstain              | 89 (25.0%)  |

Which 2 candidates would you like to see as your SRA Kinesiology Representatives?

| Option               | Votes       |
|----------------------|-------------|
| BOLCA, Isabella      | 122 (43.4%) |
| WILKINSON, Makye     | 96 (34.2%)  |
| SHARMA, Aditya       | 44 (15.7%)  |
| SCHAUB, Maxwell      | 19 (6.8%)   |
| <b>VOTER SUMMARY</b> |             |
| Total                | 187         |
| Abstain              | 9 (4.8%)    |

Which 7 candidates would you like to see as your SRA Science Representatives?

| Option                | Votes       |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| ABBOTT, Jazzlyn       | 303 (12.0%) |
| SHARMA, Ishan         | 245 (9.7%)  |
| MONFOPA YENOU, Liya   | 180 (7.1%)  |
| EBADI, Arya           | 179 (7.1%)  |
| RAM, Simran           | 177 (7.0%)  |
| ARORA, Krish          | 176 (7.0%)  |
| FOUDA, Omar           | 170 (6.7%)  |
| ROTSTEIN, Avery       | 169 (6.7%)  |
| EMERSON, Nadav        | 148 (5.9%)  |
| RAEISI SISTANI, Radin | 138 (5.5%)  |
| LLERA, Mary           | 126 (5.0%)  |
| VARMA, Sameer         | 123 (4.9%)  |
| NEITERMAN, Benjamin   | 117 (4.6%)  |
| BEGUN, Isaac          | 107 (4.2%)  |
| NEWMAN, Joseph        | 62 (2.5%)   |
| VAYNBERG, Yana        | 57 (2.3%)   |
| QANNAM, Fares         | 52 (2.1%)   |
| <b>VOTER SUMMARY</b>  |             |
| Total                 | 746         |
| Abstain               | 73 (9.8%)   |

Which 4 candidates would you like to see as your SRA Social Sciences Representatives?

| Option            | Votes       |
|-------------------|-------------|
| MCLEAN, Logan     | 178 (24.1%) |
| MODI, Kashish     | 165 (22.3%) |
| PLENER, Danielle  | 124 (16.8%) |
| BLUMBERG, Kate    | 96 (13.0%)  |
| RULL, Samrit      | 67 (9.1%)   |
| SCOTT, Colin      | 43 (5.8%)   |
| SALEEM, Laraib    | 42 (5.7%)   |
| TAZKARJI, Ibrahim | 24 (3.2%)   |

**VOTER SUMMARY**

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Total   | 294        |
| Abstain | 33 (11.2%) |

## Promotional Events & Strategies

### Nominations Promotion

This year, the nomination period for the SRA General Election ran from February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 until March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. We had extended nominations for Business, Humanities and Engineering that ran from March 4<sup>th</sup> until March 10<sup>th</sup> 2025.

We ordered a Digital + Print package to promote through online and on campus channels, including a window banner and MUSC banner. On Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, graphics detailing the positions available and important nomination/voting dates were circulated during the first week of nominations. In the second week, social media stories and email blasts were used to communicate the upcoming deadline and encourage the submission of nomination forms. Printed posters were put up around campus, primarily in MUSC. Finally, campus media screens also displayed information about the SRA election.

Due to four (4) unfilled positions for Business, Engineering, and Humanities, 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.

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 SRA General Elections.



## **Updates**

### **Rule Changes/Clarifications**

The Elections Committee voted on changes to several rules that they felt were outdated or no longer necessary. The wording for some rules was also changed to improve clarity.

### **Challenges**

A challenge we had was regarding voter turnout with certain faculties and garnering interest in voting in these elections. We believe increased promotion and events by the SRA would be beneficial for next year and would increase voter participation.

### **Success**

#### **Nominations**

We had a strong increase in student engagement this year with the SRA General Election. We had a huge increase in nominations from potential candidates. With a total of 61 nominations this year, compared to last year's 30 nominations.

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

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

### **Next Steps**

#### **No Appeals**

This election cycle, we did not have any appeals.

#### **Candidate Reimbursement**

All candidates have either already been reimbursed or are in the process of receiving their reimbursements.