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# Elections and Referenda Report

*Elections 2018 for the 2018-2019  
year*

By the whole board of the IEC Spring 2018 for  
the Simon Fraser Student Society

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## CHIEF COMMISSIONER SIGNATURE

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## TIMELINE

<i>Electoral Period 2018</i>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
<i>Notice of Election Period</i>	February 5	February 18
<i>Nomination Period</i>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>March 4</b>
<i>Campaign Period</i>	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 19</b>
<i>Voting Period</i>	March 20	March 22
<i>Post-Election Period</i>	March 23	April 8

## ELECTIONS RESULTS

### PRESIDENT

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <small>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <small>(No' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Jaskarn (Jas) Randhawa</i>	1,206	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Amar Singh</i>	952	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

### VICE-PRESIDENT – STUDENT SERVICES

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <small>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <small>(No' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Samer Rihani</i>	1,061	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Simran Sanghera</i>	1,024	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

### VICE-PRESIDENT – FINANCE

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <small>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <small>(No' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Vikramaditya Chandhok</i>	940	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Matthew Chow</i>	1,086	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### VICE-PRESIDENT – EXTERNAL RELATIONS

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <small>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <small>(No' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Jasdeep Gill</i>	1,125	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Livleen Sidhu</i>	930	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

### VICE-PRESIDENT – UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <small>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <small>(No' votes if uncontested)</small>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Colin Fowler</i>	950	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jackson Freedman</i>	1,048	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

VICE-PRESIDENT – STUDENT LIFE

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES IN FAVOUR <i>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</i>	VOTES AGAINST <i>(No' votes if uncontested)</i>	ELECTED
<i>Sarosha Ali</i>	299	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reza Mardan</i>	745	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tawanda Masami</i>	971	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – APPLIED SCIENCES

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES IN FAVOUR <i>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</i>	VOTES AGAINST <i>(No' votes if uncontested)</i>	ELECTED
<i>Fuyu Li</i>	82		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Kia Mirsalehi</i>	133		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES IN FAVOUR <i>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</i>	VOTES AGAINST <i>(No' votes if uncontested)</i>	ELECTED
<i>Mehak Kalra</i>	224		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Kailyn Ng</i>	236		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ali Versi</i>	174		<input type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – BUSINESS

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES IN FAVOUR <i>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</i>	VOTES AGAINST <i>(No' votes if uncontested)</i>	ELECTED
<i>Jessica Nguyen</i>	325	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Raunaq Singh</i>	179	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – COMMUNICATION, ART, AND TECHNOLOGY

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES IN FAVOUR <i>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</i>	VOTES AGAINST <i>(No' votes if uncontested)</i>	ELECTED
<i>Amrita Mobar</i>	86	24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – EDUCATION

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES IN FAVOUR <i>(Yes' votes if uncontested)</i>	VOTES AGAINST <i>(No' votes if uncontested)</i>	ELECTED
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<i>Leila Amouzandeh</i>	55	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Cameron Nakatsu</i>	66	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – ENVIRONMENT

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Russel Dunsford</i>	78	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – HEALTH SCIENCES

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Christina Koutsik</i>	131		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Yasmin Khalili</i>	106		<input type="checkbox"/>

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – SCIENCE

<i>CANDIDATE NAME</i>	<i>VOTES IN FAVOUR</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>VOTES AGAINST</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>Gurprince (Prince)</i> <i>Cheema</i>	233	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Natasha Birdi</i>	360	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES (2)

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Mohammed Ali</i>	895	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>David Evans</i>	376	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Wareez Ola Giva</i>	712	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alexander Krivoli</i>	657	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Arman Mohseni</i>	697	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### RECOMMENDATION 1 – EXTEND PERIOD THAT COINCIDES WITH READING BREAK

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>The reading break is disruptive to the relevant period as academic and social activities tend to be suspended and so any outreach work is not as useful.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>Extend the period that coincides with Reading Breaks by one week.</p>



## RECOMMENDATION 2 – REQUIRE OR SUGGEST DEBATE AND TABLING BOOKINGS

### DEADLINE

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>Although tabling bookings were done early on to resolve conflicts, the same care was not demonstrated by the IEC in booking the debates. We attempted booking them one month ahead of time; the Surrey booking was not confirmed until the weekend before the event was to take place.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>We recommend all locations bookings be done during the notice of election period if not before.</p>

## RECOMMENDATION 3 – EXCESSIVE WORK HOURS

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>The IEC had a difficult time attempting to keep stipend costs low (the original goal was to have \$8000 leftover). This was due to meeting candidates demands for extended office hours as well as round the clock responses to emails to meet these demands.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>We recommend that each IEC member should work a maximum of 15 hours per week and that candidates be made aware of time restraints.</p>

**RECOMMENDATION 4 – OVER RELIANCE ON COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE AND COPY CENTRE**

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>The Communications officer was made responsible for many tasks that should have fallen to the IEC (such as social media). The copy centre was also forced to work overtime to meet candidates’ printing requests</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>To ease the burden on the Communications officer, debate bookings, and social media for the elections should fall on the IEC. In order to ease the burden on the Copy Centre and the Communications office, candidates should be required to submit campaign literature at the last Friday of the Nomination Period, and platforms along with their nomination forms.</p>

**RECOMMENDATION 5 – SLATES**

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>The IEC erroneously permitted slates which resulted in a toxic electoral atmosphere.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>Slates should be banned as individuals should be able to campaign for themselves.</p>

**RECOMMENDATION 6 – INFRACTIONS AND CAMPAIGN EXPENSE LIMITS**

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>As printing costs are directly billed to the IEC, any monetary infraction is unenforceable if all costs are limited to printing. This problem extends with campaign expense limits in that they are unenforceable in general as candidates can choose to simply not include receipts.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>Monetary Infractions should be eliminated, and Campaign Expense Limits policies must be re-evaluated to solve this issue (current IEC has no solution to this dilemma).</p>

**RECOMMENDATION 7 – ENDORSEMENTS**

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>Although, highly unethical, endorsements ran amok in the elections cycle. Ranging from external companies to Board members, these were difficult to eliminate without co-operation. Most complaints about candidates and also the IEC’s work revolved around this.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>Endorsements should be ignored as it is not the IEC’s responsibility to protect the reputation of the SFSS. The IEC failed to recognize this.</p>

**RECOMMENDATION 8 – CANDIDATE NOMINATION**

<p><b>Issue</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the issue or problem faced by the IEC in this election that has prompted this recommendation.</i></p>	<p>Many conflicts arose among candidates due to anti-social behaviour ranging from harassment to slander. This behaviour has been ongoing and is directed towards candidates, and members of the IEC. Incidents towards candidates include sexual harassment, social bullying, and spreading rumours of criminal activity. Many complaints were issued regarding this. The IEC has also had to deal with candidates behaving in a confrontational manner outside of the workplace.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> <i>Describe as clearly, precisely, and succinctly as possible the approach to solving the issue listed above. Ensure that your recommendation is actionable (i.e. avoid</i></p>	<p>We highly recommend that, like any other job posting, candidates submit 3 academic, work, volunteer or character references which should be checked by the IEC or by an SFSS staff member (preferably IEC).</p>