

Electoral Report

Electoral Committee
Students' Union of Vancouver Community College
Local 16 British Columbia Federation of Students
Monday, October 7, 2025

1. MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

Director of Events.....Isabella Cheung
Director of Internal Affairs.....Howell Repaja
Chairperson.....Dilraj Sandhu
Executive Director.....Brynn Joyce
Chief Returning Officer.....Yan Wei Lau

2. MEETINGS OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

The Electoral Committee met several times over the course of the election to review disqualification appeals.

3. SCHEDULE OF THE ELECTION

The election was scheduled for October 1 at 10AM and closed October 3 at 4PM as per the Bylaws. The election was held online using Simply Voting software.

4. VACANT/EXPIRING POSITIONS

Only Accessibility Director, Director at Large, Indigenous Students' Representative and Women Students' Representative positions were filled. The following positions are still vacant: Broadway Campus Representative, Director of Events and Pride Representative.

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5. CANDIDATES

The following nominees met the following requirements to become candidates:

- Submit a complete and valid nomination form
- Attend an orientation session
- Sign a candidate roles and responsibilities acknowledgement form

Accessibility Representative

Manvir Kaur Dhillon

Marcus Ng

Director at Large

Roma Joy Bambao

Christina Carnacete

Judea Legaspi

Miah Martin-Fewings

Ravinder Pal

Jag Singh

James Stansfield

Indigenous Students' Representative

Brenda Hanuse

Women Students' Representative

Jobanjot Brar

Arshpreet Kaur

Alona Kolesnychenko

Pariksha Kumar

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6. RESULTS

Accessibility Director

Marcus Ng [346 votes] (60.7%)

Manvir Kaur Dhillon [224 votes] (39.3%)

Abstain: 235 (29.2%)

Director at Large

Jag Singh [322 votes] (23.2%)

James Stansfield [207 votes] (14.9%)

Roma Joy Bambao [207 votes] (14.9%)

Christina Carnacete [200 votes] (14.4%)

Ravinder Pal [155 votes] (11.2%)

Miah Martin-Fewings [154 votes] (11.1%)

Judea Legaspi [145 votes] (10.4%)

Abstain: 117 (14.5%)

Indigenous Students' Representative

Brenda Hanuse [374 votes] (100%)

Abstain: 431 (53.3%)

Women Students' Representative

Alona Kolesnychenko [254 votes] (41.0%)

Arshpreet Kaur [218 votes] (35.2%)

Ridhima Sharma [52 votes] (8.4%)

Pariksha Kumar [49 votes] (7.9%)

Jobanjot Brar [47 votes] (7.6%)

Abstain: 185 (23%)

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TURNOUT:

804 (11.1%) of 7237 electors voted in this ballot.

7. COMPLAINTS

The CRO received one formal complaint for the following offence:

- Interfering with the Electoral Process as a member of the Electoral Committee

8. STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

The 2025-26 Board of Directors election was underwhelming in terms of the number of candidates running for various positions within the board. 34 students took out a Nomination Package with 20 students successfully signing and returning their Nomination Packages. 15 nominees attended the Nomination Information session to which they then became officially eligible to campaign as candidates in this election. Most directed their attention to the Director at Large role and the Woman Students' Representative role. 2 students ran for the Accessibility Director position and only one student ran for the Indigenous Students' Representative. This left the following roles vacant: Broadway Campus Representative, Downtown Campus Representative, Director of Events and Pride Representative. Due to a low turnout and not as many problems, only having a single Chief Returning Officer (CRO) ended up being effective and smooth and did not require the appointment of a Deputy Returning Officer (DRO).

9. SUGGESTIONS

Issue #1:

Not enough space on poster boards for all candidates' posters.

Solution:

- Remind staff to remind people not to put up posters of non-election material during the election period.
- Get reliable board members (part of the electoral committee) to remove the posters which are expired
- Get reliable board members (part of the electoral committee) to organize the poster boards according to the amount of space required for the poster placements.
- Choose specific SUVCC boards to use for elections.

Issue #2:

Students unsure of roles to try out for before signing out the nomination form.

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Solution:

- Have a separate flyer that provides introductions to the available positions to give to students, prior to making them sign out a nomination form and making a decision as to which position they should go for.
- Have a brief prepared for students when it comes to tabling for the elections, so as to better answer this specific concern.
- Use mobile poster boards to promote roles and responsibilities for available positions, makes students aware.

Issue #3:

Electoral Committee member not being responsive or very helpful.

Solution:

- Assess and vet who would be eligible to take part in the electoral committee
- Create proper terms of reference for committee, set the rules and expectations for the electoral committee.

Issue #4:

Electoral Committee members talking about elections and wrongfully encouraging running for the elections in a manner that disrupts the electoral process.

Solution:

- Electoral Committee members to direct any concerns or questions, regarding the elections, to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
- Common language of understanding must be spoken when tabling at events when it comes to the elections.