

DSU Council Meeting Update –
January 19, 2018

1. Publicize the elections timeline
 - a. Have talked to Paul Whyte and will be posting that on the website to start publicizing the elections
2. Vacant Council Seats
 - a. Met as a committee on January 17 to figure out the schedule for that
Of the 7 vacant representative positions, 3 (Black Students Rep, LGBTQ+ Rep and Residence Rep) of them will be filled by next Sunday in the form of nominations from the community and then voting by the community on January 18
 - b. Health Profession representative will come as nominations from the involved societies (in accordance with their bylaws) and then an open table discussion to pick the representative
 - c. The other three representative positions either require a member of the committee to sit down and facilitate a discussion with them or have not responded to our emails
3. Publicity
 - a. Have decided to start publicity of the elections this week with revamping the different social media pages and making sure they are up to date (considering making new pages for them for this year)
 - b. By our next meeting (January 24) will have come up with different posts to be advertising online as well as plans to advertise the different events that will be hosted during the elections week
4. Elections Platform
 - a. Reviewing the platform used last year to see if there is an option for individuals to only vote for the community reps that they are a part of (ie. An individual who is not part of the LGBTQ+ community should not be able to vote for that representative)
 - b. If the platform from last year does not fit this need, then other platforms will be considered
5. Society Expo
 - a. Will request to have a table at the Expo
 - b. Potentially have pamphlets with information about the different positions that people can be elected into – maybe have the contact information for the current individual in that position so they can talk to the executive to learn more about the position or we could have a blurb from the executive member about their position
 - c. Also looking into having other material that people can take with them (pens, pencils, buttons, stickers, etc.)
6. Requests
 - a. The Elections Committee would like to request that the Council to enlist “the ratification of new councillor(s)” as a standing item on the Council’s meeting agenda until all vacancies are filled.

- b. The Elections Committee would like to request that the Council to enlist “the review and approval of referendum question(s)” as a standing item on the Council’s meeting agenda until all referendum questions are processed.