

The following is a public address by the University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) regarding the official results of the 2017 General Election.

On the night of Thursday, February 16th 2017, the unofficial results of the 2017 election were publically announced. Following standard procedure, the UWSA's Chief Returning Officer (CRO) had 14 days to conclude the election and produce their official election report. During the 14-day period, the CRO and the Elections Committee received complaints and made rulings on these complaints that altered the unofficial results within the Presidential and Vice President of Student Services positions.

The UWSA's Chief Returning Officer publically announced the official 2017 General Election report on Thursday, March 2nd 2017. As all elections complaints and appeals are confidential, information about the complaints and decisions was not made public to the Board or to the Members. Therefore, clarification to what caused the results to be altered were deemed a privacy concern and were not shared at the meeting.

Concerned about the processes that were followed that led to the various decisions in the election, a majority vote was met when Board Members issued a motion for a third party legal investigation into the general election processes and decisions. The third party investigator and election team will work in collaboration to review the processes and decisions that were made throughout the election. A final report will then be issued, and the decisions that come from the joint investigation will be binding.

We sincerely understand the confusion and mixed feelings that some students have in regards to the recent decisions. The purpose of this investigation is not to cast blame, but to ensure that all the processes and decisions that were made during the election were in line with UWSA policy and bylaws. We are tirelessly working towards bringing forth progressive, transparent, and conscious values for this organization and working with all of our student leaders to grow and learn within their positions as they represent their student body.

We sincerely apologize for the series of events which have taken place and any confusion that it might have caused. At this time, we look forward to a resolve and are committed towards continuing to improve and strengthen our elections policies and procedures.

Thank you.