

CUSA GENERAL ELECTIONS 2018 WRIT OF ELECTION

Whereas pursuant to section **7.1** of the CUSA Consolidated Electoral Code Policy (hereafter referred to as the Electoral Code), the Chief Electoral Officer shall issue a Writ of Election.

Be it hereby known that Elections Carleton intends to hold elections for the positions below for the CUSA Council (hereafter referred to as the General Elections), on **February 7th and February 8th 2018**.

The campaign period will start on **Wednesday January 31st 2018 at 12:00AM, with the last day of campaigning on Tuesday February 6th 2018 at 11:59PM**.

Be it hereby known that ballots cast for Carleton University Students' Association **Executives** will be counted with the **ranked voting system**.

Be it hereby known that ballots cast for CUSA Council **Constituency Representatives** will be counted with the **first past the post system**.

Pursuant to section **2.2** of the Electoral Code, the positions available are:

Carleton University Students' Association Executives:

President; **(1)** position

Vice-President Finance; **(1)** position

Vice-President for Internal Affairs; **(1)** position

Vice-President for Student Life; **(1)** position

Vice-President for Student Services; **(1)** position

Vice-President for Student Issues; **(1)** position

CUSA Council Constituency Representatives:

Arts & Social Sciences; (6) positions

Business; (2) positions

Engineering & Design; (6) positions

Public Affairs; (6) positions

Science; (4) positions

Special Students; (1) position

Qualifications:

Pursuant to sections **12.3 – 12.5** of the Electoral Code, all candidates, in order to be eligible for any of the above mentioned positions, must be undergraduate students eligible to vote in the constituency in which they are seeking election, and must not be indebted to CUSA.

Furthermore, for CUSA Council positions, nominees must be registered such that, at that time, they are a bona fide member of that constituency for which they seek election.

Nominations:

Pursuant to section **12.2** of the Electoral Code, the nominations period will begin on **Thursday January 25th 2018 and end by 11:59 pm Friday January 26th 2018**, with all nominations requirements to be submitted to the Elections Office no later than this time.

Nomination forms may be obtained **as of Thursday January 25th 2018 at 8:00 A.M. at Elections Carleton (129B University Centre Building)**.

Validation Period:

Pursuant to sections **13** of the Electoral Code, a maximum of two (2) business days occurring after the end of the Nomination Period and before the Campaign Period shall be known as the Validation Period. This will be considered a blackout period which will begin on **Monday January 29th 2018 and end by 11:59 pm Tuesday January 30th 2018**.

There will be no seeking for nomination or campaigning on these days. On the final day of the Validation Period, the nominees will be declared after have been validated. These people shall comprise the candidate list.

Expense Limits:

Total Campaign expenses are restricted to no more than **\$450** each for CUSA President and all Vice-President Candidates. Campaigns for all other positions are restricted to a budget of no more than **\$200**. All funds, provided candidates have not violated the Electoral Code, are 50% refundable. Any withholding of reimbursement shall be in accordance with the Electoral Code. All information on campaign expenses shall be recorded within the parameters of section **22** of the Electoral Code.

Further Information:

All inquiries regarding the electoral process and conduct should be referred to the Chief Electoral Officer at: elections@cusaonline.ca and/or the Elections Carleton Office in room **129B University Centre**.

Interested persons and parties are encouraged to visit www.cusaonline.com/elections for information. All rules and regulations regarding campaigning will be posted on the website prior to the opening of the campaign period.

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