

Dear Members of the Students' Representative Council (S.R.C.):

I am writing to you to outline my plan for the upcoming ASU General Election 2018.

My goal for this General Election is to try to ensure that the Acadia student body will be well informed of all candidates, events and other ongoings during the election.

In this General Election, the following positions will be open for Acadia students to run for: President, Vice President Student Life, Vice President Events and Promotions, Vice President Academic and External, Four (4) Councillors, Equity Officer, Sustainability Officer, Community Relations Officer, Arts Senator, Science Senator, Professional Studies Senator and Student Board of Governors Representative.

The nomination period will open on Monday, January 8th, 2018 and close 21 days later on Monday, January 29th, 2018. An All Candidates Meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, January 30th, 2018 for all those who submitted their 2018 General Election nomination forms by the deadline. These candidates must attend this mandatory All Candidates Meeting as important information about this election process and By-Law Three (Union Elections Act) will be given to them at this meeting.

Candidates will have the opportunity to submit a short write up to The Athenaeum and use Axe Radio, in accordance with the provisions of By-Law Three (Union Elections Act). I will talk with the Editor-In-Chief of The Athenaeum (Sid Kondapuram) to work out a deadline to have the candidates submit the write-ups. If the deadline is not met by a candidate, their write-up will not be published. I will also talk with the Coordinator for Axe Radio (Blake Ward) to secure time on Axe Radio that either the candidates or myself (or both) can go on to promote themselves and the General Election.

It will be mandatory that all candidates participate in the All Candidates Debates that will be held on Monday, February 5 th, 2018 (for Members of the Executive Board and Student Board of Governors Representative) and Tuesday, February 6 th, 2018 (for remaining Members of Council) at 5:30 PM at the main level of Students' Union Building (SUB). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. There will not be a cash bar available. I intend to discuss advertising and promoting ideas with the Vice President Events & Promotions (Malcolm Anderson) in order to increase attendance. Also, I will be continuing the idea of live streaming the debates. This allows for an increase of people watching the debates and interacting with campaigns.

The voting period will take place over a two-day period starting at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 and closing at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, February 14th , 2018. Polling stations will be located in the Beveridge Arts Center, Huggins Science Hall, Patterson Hall, Students' Union Building, and Wheelock Dining Hall. Free candy

will be available at each of the polling stations to encourage students to vote. Polling stations will have a large sign to be easily identifiable. I will work with Technology Services to develop the ballot and get the link so it can be given to the voting population of Acadia using different outlets. I will be looking to members of the Students' Representative Council (S.R.C.) to help with working at the polling stations during the voting period. In case of inclement weather resulting in full campus closure, I have a plan in place to extend voting days.

In terms of communications, I will continue to use the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages and these will continue to be administered by myself and the Deputy Chief Returning Officer (DCRO). These Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages will be used to showcase election events, what positions are open and promote voting, as well as a means of communication for the larger student body to contact Election staff with questions. I will be contacting the Vice President Events & Promotions (Malcolm Anderson) to discuss posters, and creating a Facebook event and promotion of the Chief Returning Officer social media accounts. In addition, I will speak with the VP Student Life (Emily Murray) regarding the role of Senior Residence Assistants (SRAs) and House Councils in the promotion of the 2018 General Election. I will also ensure that emails are sent to the student body, leading up to and including during the election and voting periods, to encourage students to run for office, attend election events, and vote.

In accordance with Council's direction on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, I will ensure that the plebiscite question is placed on the 2018 General Election ballot. The question, as approved by Council, will read as follows: "Should co-op students who are currently in a co-op placement be extended the right to vote in ASU elections?" and will have "Yes" or "No" options pursuant to By-Law Four (Referendum and Plebiscite Act). I will also ensure that all rules and regulations applicable to plebiscites are strictly adhered to and upheld by both sides.

I will also talk with Vice President Student Life (Emily Murray) to see if a table during the January version of Club Axe-travaganza can be set up for Election staff to talk with students about how to run (the nomination process), the election rules, and/or about election events (depending on the dates of the event).

From a communication standpoint personally, I will be available on all social media fronts as well as email throughout the entire election. As well, I will make sure to have office hours available to all candidates, Union members and Members of the Students' Representative Council to ask any questions if they prefer to do it that way.

To ensure the election period runs smoothly, I will be counting on everyone's full participation in support of the election, including distribution of communications products, running election tables, and helping to promote the debate. In the interim, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me via email, text or social media accounts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HPaul". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the "H" and "P" being particularly prominent.

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