

**Fall 2020 Student Government Association Election Report**

SGA Election Chair: Peyton Nees  
SGA Election Board Members: Isaac Kabrick, Beau Lauffer, Joy Nath

**ELECTION BOARD CERTIFICATION STATUS**

The Election Board voted to unanimously certify the unofficial election results. We are forwarding this report to the Superior Court for validation.

**ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Winners identified in bold**

SGA President and Vice President – Results

Total Votes	2111	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Tavana Farzaneh &amp; Alex Gray</b>	<b>1313</b>	<b>62.19%</b>
Drew Brown & Taylor Smail	559	26.48%
Easton Holloway & Diahn Citty	239	11.32%

Student Congress Architecture District Representative – Results

Total Votes	10	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Jake Lange</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100%</b>
Abstain	0	0%

Student Congress Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences District Representative – Results

Total Votes	16	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Zoe Douglas</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>
Abstain	0	0%

Student Congress Business District Representative – Results

Total Votes	91	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Ismael Carmona Casado</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30.71%</b>
<b>Jafet Alfaro Sandi</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>28.1%</b>

<b>Jayke Flaggert</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25.49%</b>
Max Murdock	24	15.68%

Student Congress Communications District Representative – Results

Total Votes	37	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Alexis Marvin</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55.31%</b>
<b>Katie Beltz</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>44.68%</b>

Student Congress Earth and Energy District Representative – Results

Total Votes	3	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Faith Thompson</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
Abstain	0	0%

Student Congress Engineering District Representative – Results

Total Votes	39	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Natalia Raymundi Pinheiro</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>82.05%</b>
Abstain	7	17.94%

Student Congress Finance and Accounting District Representative – Results

Total Votes	37	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Demetri Papahronis</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>78.37%</b>
Beckett Myers	8	21.62%

Student Congress Fine Arts District Representative – Results

Total Votes	25	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Graeson Lynskey</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>92%</b>
Abstain	2	8%

Student Congress Humanities District Representative – Results

Total Votes	14	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Taylor Broadbent</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61.11%</b>
<b>Talon Alcala</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38.88%</b>

Student Congress Interpersonal Studies District Representative – Results

Total Votes	13	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Maegan Bryant</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
Abstain	1	7.69%

Student Congress Life Sciences District Representative – Results

Total Votes	31	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Kennedy Angstadt</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45.83%</b>
<b>Brandon Chenevey</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33.33%</b>
<b>Nishit Garg</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20.83%</b>

Student Congress Physical Sciences District Representative – Results

<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
None	0	0%

Student Congress Social Sciences District Representative – Results

Total Votes	49	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Aida Sertovic</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>72.88%</b>
<b>Jordan Grebe</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27.11%</b>

Student Congress University College District Representative – Results

Total Votes	101	
<i>Choice</i>	<i>Votes</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<b>Carson Poupore</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>27.27%</b>
<b>Kennedy Smith</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>16.99%</b>

<b>Weslie Griffin</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25.01%</b>
<b>Abby Halsey-Kraus</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11.06%</b>
<b>Robel Tesfaselassie</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10.67%</b>
<b>Audrey Dao</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9.48%</b>
<b>Jackson Shelton</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9.48%</b>

## ELECTION GRIEVANCES

There were zero grievances filed in the duration of the Fall 2020 SGA Election.

- All candidates attended one candidate meeting.
- All candidates turned in campaign finance forms when directed by the Election Chair/Board.

## ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

There were two election irregularities during the Fall 2020 SGA Election.

1. Last year, unopposed candidates were listed as the only option on the ballot. OU Engage does not allow an election question to have only one response, so each unopposed election had two options: the candidate and the option to abstain.
2. The election closed at 9 p.m. on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The election results as reported by phone call to the presidential and vice-presidential candidates were:

Total Votes: 2110

Tavana Farzaneh & Alex Gray	1312	62.18%
Drew Brown & Taylor Smail	559	26.48%
Easton Holloway & Diahn Citty	239	11.32%

However, similar to other elections where presence in line means you are allowed to vote, a single vote was accepted post official closing time because an individual was mid-vote at 9 p.m. This vote processed at 9:44 p.m. meaning the official results are actually as follows:

Total Votes: 2111

Tavana Farzaneh & Alex Gray	1313	62.19%
Drew Brown & Taylor Smail	559	26.48%
Easton Holloway & Diahn Citty	239	11.32%

Tech support with OU Engage confirmed this to be factual. The email confirmation showing the correspondence (from SGA Advisor George Ahmadi) is attached below.

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**From:** Ahmadi, Kasra G. <kg@ou.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 6, 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** Nora Kearney <NKearney@CampusLabs.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Election list upload

Hi Nora, one of our elections closed at 9 pm but a vote was submitted at 9:44 pm. Is this because a person had opened the ballot before 9 pm but submitted afterwards?

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**K. George Ahmadi** | Director – OU Student Government and Organization Services | OU SGA Adviser/SafeRide | Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

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**From:** Nora Kearney <NKearney@CampusLabs.com>  
**Date:** Friday, November 6, 2020 at 9:57 AM  
**To:** "Ahmadi, Kasra G." <kg@ou.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Election list upload

Hi George,

Yes, if a user had started voting before 9, they would be able to finish voting (similarly to most elections where you just have to be in line before polls close).

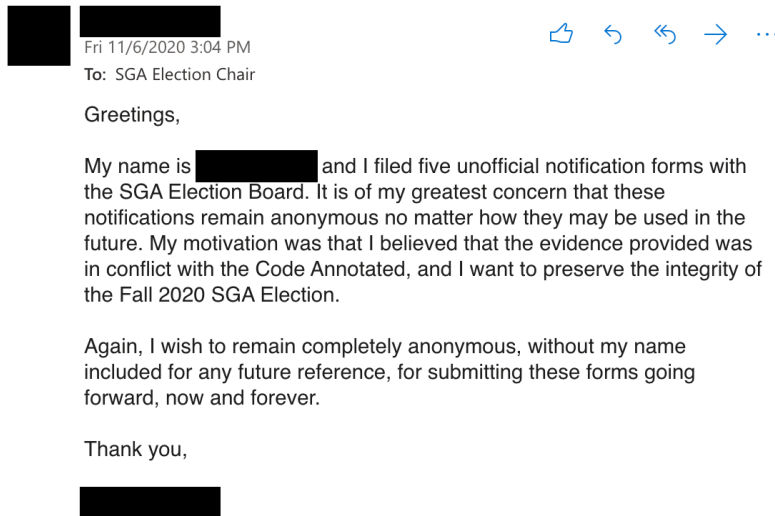
Let me know if you have other questions at this time that I can help with!

Best,  
NK

## ELECTION UNOFFICIAL NOTIFIACTIONS

There were 5 unofficial notifications filed with the Election Board. Upon review, the Election Chair determined these cases would be better examined as grievances due to their objective nature (Title VI, Chapter 3, Section 47 and Title VI, Chapter 4, Section 56). The Election Chair contacted the complainant by phone call to notify them of the initiation of the grievance process. During the phone call, the complainant expressed a deep desire to remain entirely anonymous and to have the information included in the final report. The Election Chair fully explained the Code Annotated only allows for anonymity in the unofficial notification process, not in the grievance process.

An email was received by the Election Chair from the complainant detailing their request (attached below).



After consultation with the Election Board, the Election Chair and Board agreed it is best to allow these notifications to remain as Unofficial Election Notifications to maintain and respect the requested anonymity of the complainant (Title VI, Chapter 4, Section 56).

The complainant sent a follow-up email to reiterate their request to remain anonymous, while also acknowledging this will halt the grievance process. The complainant also affirms their request not to pursue any further action against the candidates (attached below).



[REDACTED]  
Sat 11/7/2020 2:17 PM  
To: SGA Election Chair



Greetings,

My name is [REDACTED] and I filed five unofficial notifications with the OU Election Board regarding the 2020 Fall Election.

I would like to again express my concern that these notifications remain anonymous and that my name not be attached. I understand that by remaining anonymous, these notifications will not move on to become formal grievances.

I would like to reiterate that my intent of filing these notifications was to maintain the integrity of SGA elections and to reaffirm the importance of the Code Annotated for the sake of future precedent. I do not wish to influence any further action upon the candidates.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

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The Election Chair and Board would like to be undeniably clear on this matter. Had the complainant not requested full and unconditional anonymity, the Election Board would have pursued a full grievance process and assigned points for any campaign rule violated. The decision to halt the process was influenced by the following 3 factors:

1. The complainant requested unconditional and full anonymity which is only offered through the unofficial notification process.
2. The complainant acknowledged the want to halt any further action against the candidates.
3. The alleged violations will be made public whether the notification is handled as an unofficial notification or as a formal election complaint/grievance for reasons related to the Code Annotated, public information and precedent.

## Unofficial Notifications (Reverse chronological order)

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Contact information for any follow-up questions. - First Name

Anonymous

To the best of your ability, please explain the election irregularity or other matter.

Candidates Drew Brown and Taylor Small showing an OU logo, font, terminology on Instagram.

Please submit photographic evidence if applicable.

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Contact information for any follow-up questions. - First Name

Anonymous

To the best of your ability, please explain the election irregularity or other matter.

Candidates Drew Brown and Taylor Small displaying OU terminology and logo on Instagram.

Please submit photographic evidence if applicable.

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Contact information for any follow-up questions. - First Name

Anonymous

To the best of your ability, please explain the election irregularity or other matter.

Candidates Drew Brown and Taylor Small displaying OU symbolism, font, and terminology.

Please submit photographic evidence if applicable.

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Contact information for any follow-up questions. - First Name

Anonymous

To the best of your ability, please explain the election irregularity or other matter.

Candidates Drew Brown and Taylor Small displaying the OU letterhead logo in the background of an Instagram post.

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To the best of your ability, please explain the election irregularity or other matter.

Candidate Drew Brown sending unsolicited messages via Instagram direct message. Title VI, Chapter 3. General Campaign Rules, rule iv.

Please submit photographic evidence if applicable.

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