**Supplemental recommendation to the board**

**by the chief Returning officer**

April 20, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Student Association of George Brown College

c/o The Director of Communications and Internal

 The Director of Operations

 The Director of Education

 The Director of Equity

 The Director of Campus Life

c.c. Faris Lehn; Roslyn Miller; Clara Pasieka; Jessica Pason; Steve Cornwall

After consideration of a matter and review of the best practice, I am making an additional recommendation to the board regarding a revision to be considered to by-law 13. I recommend for the sake of clarity by-law 13.16 be amended as follows:

**Current wording**

**13.16** Recounting Ballots

If there is a difference of 5 per cent or less between candidates an automatic recount shall take place. The CRO at their discretion reserves the right to call a recount.

**Recommended wording**

**13.16** Recounting Ballots

If there is a difference of 5 per cent of the **total valid votes casted** between candidates an automatic recount shall take place. The CRO **or the Elections Committee** reserves the right to call a recount. **Such recount shall take place within 72 hours of validation and shall be done by the Chief Returning Officer personally.**

This recommendation serves to provide clarity to Chief Returning Officer and Elections Committee regarding the appropriate threshold for recount, and brings the recount threshold in line with the statutory threshold of the *Canada Elections Act*, and *the Elections Act (Ontario)*.

Thank you,

Charles Wilson

Chief Returning Officer