



## **Voter's Frequently Asked Questions**

**2017 Fall By-Elections**

**Student Association of George Brown College**

***This Guide provides general information in plain language about the rules contained in the Election By-law and other election regulations. It is not meant to replace the by-laws. For more specific information, please refer to the relevant by-law and regulations which can be found as an appendix to this document.***

### **Why is a by-election necessary?**

A by-election has been called because a number of positions were not filled in the general election last spring, or have become vacant since the spring election. For more information on the duties of these positions please see the by-laws of the Student Association of George Brown College available online at [www.studentassociation.ca](http://www.studentassociation.ca).

### **Am I eligible to vote?**

You are eligible to vote if you are a full time student at George Brown College and have paid the student association fee. Everyone who is a member of the Student Association of George Brown College can vote for the Director of Operations and the Representative to the Board of Governors of George Brown College. For campus directors, only those who are in programs on that campus are eligible to vote (for example only Waterfront students can vote for the Waterfront campus director). For educational centres, only students who are enrolled in those educational centres are eligible to vote are eligible to vote for that representative (for example only health sciences students can vote for the health sciences representative).

### **What if I am not on the voters list?**

Sometime voters who are eligible to vote does not appear on the Voters List provided by George Brown College. This is not your fault, and does not mean you cannot vote. In these cases you simply have to go to a polling station and fill out a short form. Once the form is filled out you will be given a ballot and an envelope. Elections staff will work with the college to determine if your name should be on the list.

### **What are the important election dates?**

September 28, 2017 – Election Information Session 6:00 p.m. Waterfront Campus

October 2, 2017 – Nominations open, nomination forms available from all student association offices.

October 6, 2017 – Nomination Closes, nomination forms must be returned to any student association office by 2:00 p.m.

October 10, 2017 – All Candidates Meeting – All candidates must attend the meeting at St. James Quiet Lounge at 6:00 p.m.

October 12, 2017 – Campaigning opens at 9:30 a.m.

October 30- November 2, 2017 – Voting is conducted in person and online.

### **Someone asked me to sign their nomination form, does that mean I have to vote for them?**

If someone asks you to sign their nomination form it simply means you support their right to run. It is not a commitment to vote for them or even support them in the election, it is simply you supporting their place on the ballot for the upcoming election.

### **Are there going to be debates for this election?**

Yes, keep an eye on [www.studentassociation.ca/elections](http://www.studentassociation.ca/elections) for information on the debates.

### **How and where can I vote?**

There will be polling stations operating on all four campuses from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Online voting will also be available during that time as well. Here are where the polling stations will be located:

#### ***On Monday, October 30, 2017:***

St. James Campus, Kings Lounge	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Casa Loma Campus, Student Centre	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Waterfront Campus, Main Lobby	9:30a.m. -3:30 p.m.

#### ***On Tuesday, October 31, 2017:***

St. James Campus, Kings Lounge	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
St. James Campus, Lower Level (by main cafeteria)	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Casa Loma Campus, Student Centre	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Waterfront Campus, Main Lobby	9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### ***On Wednesday, November 1, 2017:***

St. James Campus, Kings Lounge	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
St. James Campus, Culinary School	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Casa Loma Campus, Student Centre	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Casa Loma Campus, Main Doors	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Waterfront Campus, Main Lobby	9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### ***On Thursday, November 2, 2017:***

St. James Campus, Kings Lounge	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
St. James Campus, Lower Level	10a.m. – 4 p.m.
Casa Loma Campus, Student Centre	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Casa Loma Campus, Main Doors	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Waterfront Campus, Main Lobby	9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Ryerson Campus, S.H.E. building, 5th Floor	10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
The George Residence, Main lobby	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### ***On Friday, November 3, 2017:***

St. James Campus, Kings Lounge	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Casa Loma Campus, Student Centre	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Waterfront Campus, Main Lobby	9:30a.m. -3:30 p.m.

### **How can I find out about the candidates?**

See [www.studentassociation.ca/elections](http://www.studentassociation.ca/elections) in mid-October for information on the candidates and events.

### **What if I need assistance voting?**

Each polling station will be equipped with the following:

- Large print ballots.
- Magnifying sheets to enlarge print.
- Sufficient space at the voting booths for mobility devices.
- Chairs (in case of long lines) for electors to sit in while waiting for their ballot.
- Voter-assist consent/confidentiality agreements for those requiring another person to aid in their voting process.
- All elections officials will be equipped with identification tags with their name and position listed prominently.
- Each building will have signage prominently posted directing members to the polling stations.
- If for any reason you need an alternative voting location, please contact the Deputy Returning Officer ([dro@sagbc.ca](mailto:dro@sagbc.ca)) to make arrangement an alternative location at least before November 1, 2017.

Further the online voting system is fully compliant with all assistive technology. If you need any assistance voting please contact the Deputy Returning Officer ([dro@sagbc.ca](mailto:dro@sagbc.ca)).

### **Can the online voting system be hacked?**

The Student Association of George Brown College has partnered with a reliable third party to perform online voting during the election. This company has a system which complies with the highest security needs and the latest technology, and has been used for many elections for student associations, municipalities, and other organizations. While hacking is not impossible, the latest technology is being used and it is unlikely that any hacking incident will occur.

### **Do I have to vote online?**

No! You can still vote in person! Voting online is your choice for this election. There will be polling stations for every campus.

If you are a student at the George Brown College program at the Young Theatre Centre, then you can vote at St. James Campus.

If you are a student at a program hosted at Sunnybrook Hospital you can vote at the polling station at the Waterfront Campus.

If you are at a placement you can vote at the polling station where your program is located.