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CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Elections Report

Addendum to 2026 General Elections
VPSL Re-vote

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1. PURPOSE OF ADDENDUM

This Addendum supplements the *2026 TMSU General Elections Report* dated April 30, 2026, and provides an account of the administration, conduct, and results of the Vice-President Student Life (“VPSL”) re-vote arising from the 2026 Toronto Metropolitan Students’ Union General Elections.

The re-vote was conducted as a continuation of the 2026 General Elections for the purpose of resolving the outstanding VPSL race. The process was limited to the remaining eligible candidates from the 2026 General Elections and did not involve a new nomination process.

2. BACKGROUND AND AUTHORIZATION

Following the conclusion of the 2026 General Elections and the subsequent adjudication of election complaints and appeals, the candidate who received the highest number of votes for the VPSL position was disqualified. As a result, the original General Elections Report noted that the outcome of the VPSL race could not be finalized and that a further election would be required pursuant to section 11.5.1 of the Elections Procedures Code.

The 2026 TMSU General Elections Report accordingly contemplated a run-off election between the remaining eligible VPSL candidates. Following ratification of the General Elections Report by the Board of Directors, TMSU initially intended to proceed with the run-off within the two-week period contemplated by section 11.5 of the Elections Procedures Code.

However, shortly after the election results were ratified, a TMSU member raised, in a pending court proceeding, the argument that the outcome of that proceeding could directly affect the VPSL re-vote. In light of that issue, the electoral process was placed on hold while the litigation remained pending.

Following resolution of the court proceeding, the reason for delaying the re-vote no longer existed. The Elections and Referenda Committee therefore moved forward with the process as soon as reasonably possible and voted to proceed with the re-vote among the non-disqualified candidates who had contested the VPSL position during the 2026 General Elections. The TMSU Board of Directors subsequently ratified the ERC’s proposed calendar.

The re-vote subsequently proceeded on an amended election calendar consisting of a two-day Campaign Period followed by a three-day Voting Period.





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3. AMENDED ELECTION CALENDAR

Given the time that had elapsed since the conclusion of the Campaign Period for the 2026 General Elections, the Elections and Referenda Committee determined that a limited Campaign Period should be provided in advance of the VPSL re-vote. The purpose of this period was to provide the remaining eligible candidates with an equal opportunity to reintroduce themselves to the membership and to ensure that members had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the candidates before casting their ballots.

In establishing the amended calendar, the ERC sought to balance the continuation of the original General Elections process with the need to promote a fair and informed re-vote. Accordingly, the re-vote did not involve a new nomination process or permit candidates to develop new substantive campaign platforms. Rather, a two-day Campaign Period was established to allow the remaining eligible candidates to communicate with members before voting commenced.

The Campaign Period was held on September 14 and 15, 2026. The Voting Period commenced on September 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM and concluded on September 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

For ease of reference, the amended schedule was as follows:

Election Stage	Dates
Campaign Period	September 14–15, 2026
Voting Period	September 16–18, 2026
Complaints and Appeals Period	Forty-eight (48) hours following the close of the Voting Period
Publication of Unofficial Results	September 20, 2026

To preserve the continuity of the 2026 General Elections, candidates were not permitted to introduce new substantive campaign platforms, promises, or messaging. Where previously approved campaign materials identified a candidate as part of a slate, revised versions could be submitted to the Office of the CRO for approval with the slate identification removed.





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4. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AND POLLING

The re-vote was administered by the same Chief Returning Officer who administered the 2026 General Elections, under the oversight of the Elections and Referenda Committee. The Elections Procedures Code assigns responsibility for administration of the election to the CRO and ERC and requires the CRO to arrange at least one physical polling station.

Farhan Malek served as a Poll Clerk during the Voting Period. TMSU non-student staff also provided operational assistance with polling.

In-person polling was available at the Student Campus Centre during each of the three voting days.

5. CAMPAIGN AND VOTING PERIODS

The Campaign Period proceeded from September 14 to September 15, 2026. Candidates were permitted to campaign during this period subject to the Elections Procedures Code and the additional requirements established for the re-vote.

The Voting Period commenced on September 16, 2026, and concluded at 5:00 PM on September 18, 2026.

No complaints were received by the Office of the Chief Returning Officer in relation to the re-vote.

Following the close of voting, the applicable forty-eight (48) hour period for complaints and challenges to the validity of the election result applied. No complaints were received during this period and no appeals or challenges to the election result were filed.

6. ELECTION RESULTS

Unofficial results were published on September 20, 2026.

There were 41,116 eligible voters. A total of 258 ballots were submitted, of which 11 were declined. Accordingly, 247 votes were cast for a candidate, representing voter participation of approximately 0.63%.





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The unofficial results were as follows:

Candidate	Votes
Hamde Ahmed	117
Ahmmad Haidary	88
Michael Horvath	42

Hamde Ahmed received the highest number of votes, with 117 votes. Ahmmad Haidary received 88 votes, and Michael Horvath received 42 votes.

No complaint, appeal, or challenge to the validity of the election result remained outstanding following the expiry of the applicable period.

7. CONCLUSION

The VPSL re-vote completed the voting process required to resolve the outstanding Vice-President Student Life race arising from the 2026 General Elections.

The re-vote was conducted pursuant to an amended election calendar, with a Campaign Period on September 14 and 15, 2026 and a Voting Period from September 16 to September 18, 2026. The process was administered by the Office of the Chief Returning Officer, with polling assistance provided by a Poll Clerk and TMSU staff.

A total of 247 votes were cast for the three VPSL candidates. Hamde Ahmed received the highest number of votes with 117 votes. No complaints were received in relation to the re-vote and no appeals or challenges to the election result were filed.

This Addendum supplements the *2026 TMSU General Elections Report* and records the administration and results of the VPSL re-vote for consideration as part of the applicable ratification process.

This Addendum is respectfully submitted to the Elections and Referenda Committee and the Board of Directors for consideration and ratification.

8. SCHEDULES AND APPENDICES

- **Appendix A - Full Vote Breakdown**



Vice President Student Life	max 1
Hamde Ahmed	117
Ahmmad Haidary	88
Michael Horvath	42
Eligibles	41116
Ballot Submitted	258
Declined	11
Votes Cast	247
Participation	0.63%