



STUDENT

ELECTIONS

2019

THE RESULTS



Full-Time Officer Election Results

March 2019

Introduction

2019 has seen Edinburgh College Students' Association's 7th annual Full-Time Officer Elections and it has been another year which has engaged plenty of candidates to stand and students to vote. In fact, this year, we reached our highest ever number of candidates for elections, with 17 students putting themselves forward for 3 positions.

It has been fantastic to see so many enthusiastic students willing to put themselves forward and do something positive for the benefit of students, the Association and the College. We have been involved in a Scotland-wide project called the 'Big Student Elections', which is also in its 7th year and includes Students' Associations from across Scotland working together to run annual elections in the same week.

Our own polling period lasted just over 4 days and involved polling stations being made available in high-footfall areas on all campuses throughout that period. On Friday the 8th of March, ECSA joined colleagues from Edinburgh Napier Students' Association, Heriot Watt Students' Association, Queen Margaret Students' Union and the National Union of Students Scotland to celebrate a successful week and announce the winners from the participating Associations in Edinburgh.

All of our polling takes place online on the Association website, so students can vote from the comfort of their sofa, on the bus, or come and speak with us at one of the polling stations on campus. The vast majority of our voters prefer to vote on campus, so it proved particularly challenging to engage students, given that all classes were cancelled on 1 of the 4 days due to ongoing national industrial action. However, despite this, we have managed to increase our voter turnout by almost 200 voters (a 27.5% increase in turnout from last year).

We're proud of all of our candidates for the work they've done throughout the week and for working hard with renewed energy and enthusiasm after the strike day in the middle of the week. It is what keeps the Association going and what helps make students' lives better.

We'd like to thank all of the fantastic candidates, all of the staff from across the College who encouraged students to participate, and all of our students who cast their votes.

There is still plenty to get done before the end of this academic year, but we're excited to see what next year hold when the new team take the reins in July.

The Winners

President

Carla Ford

Carla Ford is currently studying Route to Health Professions at the Milton Road Campus. Her priorities this year will be: student mental health, particularly for young men, improving the quality of education and support offered, and support for student parents and carers.



Vice President (Activities)

Shannon Young

Shannon Young is our current VP Activities and will be continuing onto her second year in the post. Her goals for the year are empowering students to set up new clubs and societies, promoting physical activity and the benefits for mental health, and ensuring students are represented at every level.



Vice President (Welfare)

Seoras Hearton

Seoras Hearton is a photography student at the Sighthill Campus. His priorities for the year are: improving mental health provision in the college, working to set up music/drama therapy, improving the Class Rep experience, and accomplishing the Healthy Body, Healthy Mind award.



Results Sheet - March 2019

Post	President
Places	1
Valid votes	871
Quota	436

Candidates	Stage 1	Result
Lewis Bergen	71	
Carla Ford	537	Elected @ Stage 1
Tamsin Henderson - McGlone	68	
Bilal Iqbal	25	
Connor Leckie	128	
Kieran Massey	37	
RON (Re-Open Nominations)	5	
Non-transferable	0	
Totals	871	

Carla Ford has reached the quota at stage 1 and is duly elected as President for 2019/20

Results Sheet - March 2019

Post	Vice President Activities
Places	1
Valid votes	776
Quota	389

Candidates	Stage 1	Result
Abbie Davidson	44	
Samantha Nuttall	45	
Corey Watt	83	
Shannon Young	595	Elected @ Stage 1
RON (Re-Open Nominations)	9	
Non-transferable	0	
Totals	776	

Shannon Young has reached the quota at stage 1 and is duly elected as Vice President Activities for 2019/20

Results Sheet - March 2019

Post	Vice President Welfare
Places	1
Valid votes	782
Quota	392

Candidates	Stage 1	Result
John Farrington	57	
Lisa Frantz	130	
Seoras Hearton	401	Elected @ Stage 1
Kevin Rae	61	
Grace Ross	58	
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RON (Re-Open Nominations)	5	
Non-transferable	0	
Totals	782	

Seoras Hearton has reached the quota at stage 1 and is duly elected as Vice President Welfare for 2019/20

Results Sheet - Cash Machine Referendum

Question	The cash machines now charge 95p - should they be removed from campus?
Explainer	<p>Cash machines on all Edinburgh College Campuses are supplied and run by an external contractor.</p> <p>Although they have always provided transactions for free, they have recently imposed a £0.95 charge for each transaction when withdrawing cash.</p> <p>Catering on all campuses have also recently been taken over by another new external contractor, who have abolished the minimum spend threshold in their outlets and provided contactless card payment facilities.</p> <p>ECSA has been asked to gather opinion on the new charges for cash machines and we are asking you to decide if you would like the cash machines removed form campus due to the new charge.</p>
Valid votes	215

Answer	Votes	%age	Result
Yes	182	84.65%	WINNER
No	33	15.35%	
Totals	215		