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<b>From:</b>	"Elections" <elections@myksa.ca>
<b>To:</b>	"Steve Lee" <steveleenow@yahoo.com>
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1) I have recieved the decision of the board regarding Rita's eligibilty, however, the ballots had already hit the press when she called. Everything was done in haste. I am trying to accomodate everyone but as I'm sure you'll understand, if I had waited to print the amended ballots (with Rita Dhaliwal included) they may not have been ready for the opening of polls. It was Rita's responsibilty to clear the situation much earlier than she did.

2) I will try to send the minutes to our meeting as soon as possible. I've had trouble attaching documents to the ksa account. I will do so again from my personal account. The election meeting was held very soon after the all candidates meeting, all details are in the meeting minutes. Your appeal had recieved the same response from the committee as it did from me, but I am trying to get you the minutes anyhow...

3) Security measures are simple. Poll clerks will pick up empty ballot boxes (which I ordered made myself) before polls open from Surrey campus to take to their respective campus. Once polls close I will pick up the boxes myself, or in the case that I am unable to, the poll clerks have been instructed to lock and take them to the surrey campus and wait for my arrival. THEY WILL NOT STAY OVERNIGHT AT THE KSA OFFICE. I'm sure this is a concern for most candidates, so I will take them (and empty them) at my own office. Empty boxes shall be available for poll clerks to take again on thurs morning and the same procedure for thurs night... Poll clerks have been adequately trained, rest assured as I picked them myself.

As far as the recording of results, I'm sure that there will not be any shortfalls. I take great pride in my work so I will ensure that results are accurate and fair and presented professionally after the count on Friday. There should be no problems with anything. The best idea would be to appoint a scrutineer (on behalf of CSI). The scrutineer must meet with me prior to being allowed into the room. Forwarding student name and number is required first for me to confirm them (24hrs is sufficient notice). This is open to all candidates of course. I didn't mention it in the election package or all candidates handout but it is in the regulations that everyone should have already reviewed.

4) I am not in charge of what a specific board of directors does in terms of reimbursing themselves AFTER they take office, because by that time my job is done. I am not the person to speak with about this issue. I would assume that everyone would follow the same rules, however, it is my duty to ensure a fair, balanced and professional election and not to monitor the board after it takes office. I will be involved as long as the appeal process has been reasonably exhausted after the close of polls and release of official results.

Amar

-----Original message-----

From: Steve Lee [steveleenow@yahoo.com](mailto:steveleenow@yahoo.com)  
Date: Mon, 16 Jan 2006 18:13:58 -0800  
To: Elections [elections@myksa.ca](mailto:elections@myksa.ca)  
Subject: Re: Spending Limits

> thanks for your prompt response. Four additional  
> questions:  
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> 1. Rita just called me, she has been trying to get  
> ahold of you, apparently you noted if she was able to  
> get the KSA Board to grant her honorary membership  
> status by a 3pm deadline that you set, she would be  
> able to stand as a candidate in the 2006 General  
> Election; but when she called you at 2:30pm, to give  
> you an update, you said the ballots were already being  
> printed and would have to see what you could do. Aaron  
> Takhar helped organize this board of directors meeting  
> on behalf of Rita and even participated in it;  
> apparently minutes were also taken and should probably  
> be available from Takhar. If you could  
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> 2. If what you noted to Rita was true at 2:30, that  
> the ballots were already being printed, where does  
> that leave my appeal? Was it considered before 2:30pm?  
> What was the decision? Are their minutes available so  
> I can forward them to the ombudsperson?  
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> 3. Also, what security measures are being taken to  
> ensure the safety of the ballot boxes during the  
> election? Last year, ballot boxes were stolen. Over  
> the past few years, all election material has been  
> stored with security offices on each campus - the poll  
> clerks who start the day would get them from security  
> (security would have a schedule from CRO of who was  
> authorized to pick up and drop off the boxes), and at

> the end of the day would leave them with them. Helps  
> ensure that they aren't in KSA staff or elected  
> official offices each night. It concerns me they were  
> stolen last year. Also, in past years, people would  
> have to sign in on a track sheet and student numbers  
> would be crossed off the student numbers sheet when  
> they came to vote. If they weren't on the list the  
> student would have to provide proof of membership -  
> i.e. go print off registration, get something from  
> admissions, etc. and bring that back. Also each person  
> prints their full name, their student number and signs  
> a track sheet. At the end of balloting, the number of  
> students on the track sheet and in the book was  
> counted up, and if those numbers matched the number of  
> ballots cast you were ok. If there were more ballots  
> in the box, you know something could be amiss. If  
> there are less ballots in the box, then it's odd but  
> probably not hugely amiss (depending on how many are  
> missing). All of that information in the past (at  
> least when I ran elections - I ran five consecutive  
> KSA elections), would be presented in a very detailed  
> tabulation of results, which included breakdowns from  
> each campus for each candidate. I've attached 4  
> examples of what I'm talking about - I know you've  
> done lots of elections, and I've always been one for  
> detail, as it goes a long way towards ensuring  
> validity of the results. You probably saw the reports  
> of the previous CRO and I was impressed with how he  
> documented, summarized and provided rulings on  
> received complaints but his presenting of the results  
> was weak and not very informative. The KSA this year  
> has been heavily criticized for not posting  
> information about things or documenting things  
> properly. So any info you can provide on what you will  
> do to ensure such validity and proper documentation of  
> all aspects of this election this year would be  
> greatly appreciated.

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> Finally,

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> 4. If a slate wins this election, what provisions  
> exist to ensure no reimbursement of campaign expenses  
> occur? In the past it has been a proportion, but if  
> you have any knowledge of last year's election the all  
> parties had been found to overspend but even so, after  
> it went to Supreme Court, when Takhar et al. won the  
> case, all parties were paid 100% of their expenses,  
> because no one could find copy of the candidates  
> handbook as distributed at the all candidates meeting  
> which listed the percentage you could get back. That  
> bugged me, that people got 100% back and what is in  
> place to ensure that people won't do the same after  
> this election - that is, are these limits in the  
> Bylaws, which aren't amendable by the Board of  
> Directors or are they in the Regulations?  
> --- Elections <[elections@myksa.ca](mailto:elections@myksa.ca)> wrote:

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> > 1. spending limit is set out in the regulations  
> > (\$500)  
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> > 2. All candidates are the same... \$500  
> >  
> > 3. There is no reimbursement  
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> > 4. I will forward you the minutes to our meeting  
> > very soon  
> >  
> > 5. Multiply each candidates spending limit (\$500) by  
> > the number of candidates in a slate and you get the  
> > total expenditure for the slate. One candidate may  
> > only spend \$10 and another \$600, as long as  
> > everything added does not exceed the total allowed  
> > for the slate, its ok. The campaign manager can  
> > submit a SLATE expense report instead of each  
> > individual separately of course.  
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> > -----Original message-----  
> > From: Steve Lee [steveleenow@yahoo.com](mailto:steveleenow@yahoo.com)  
> > Date: Mon, 16 Jan 2006 15:58:28 -0800  
> > To: [elections@myksa.ca](mailto:elections@myksa.ca)  
> > Subject: Spending Limits  
> >  
> > > I'm curious to know two things regarding the  
> > Spring  
> > > 2006 General Election:  
> > >  
> > > 1. What is the spending limit per candidate during  
> > > this election?  
> > >  
> > > 2. Is there a difference for candidates running  
> > > for  
> > > campus specific positions (Campus Directors;  
> > > Campus  
> > > Members at Large) and multi-campus positions  
> > > (executives, liaisons)?  
> > >  
> > > 3. What is the reimbursement limit per candidate  
> > > during this election? That is, how much can each  
> > > individual candidate receive back from the KSA  
> > > after  
> > > the election closes?  
> > >  
> > > 4. When were these limits set? If I am correct,  
> > > the  
> > > regulations require them to be set by the  
> > > elections  
> > > committee before December 31 prior to the  
> > > election. If  
> > > this is the case, please provide me with minutes  
> > > for  
> > > that meeting.  
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> > > 5. If you are part of a slate, would that change  
> > > how  
> > > much you can spend? Or, if say one candidate could  
> > > spend \$10, and you have 10 people in a slate can  
> > > the  
> > > total spend \$100? Or is it reduced in some manner  
> > > (such as they used to do during UBC AMS  
> > > elections)?

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> > > Look forward to your reply,  
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> > > - Steve Lee  
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