

**KWANTLEN UNIVERSITY**  
**STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**BY- ELECTION AND**  
**REFERENDUM**  
**APRIL 10-13, 2007**

**COMPLAINTS AND**  
**RULINGS REPORT**

**SUBMITTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2007**  
**BY F.P. SCHIFFNER, CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER**

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**RULINGS ON COMPLAINTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

This Report contains the text of one (1) complaint received by me together with my decision in respect of this complaint.

**COMPLAINT #1**

**April 16, 2007**

**Complainant: Steven Lee**

**Alleged Offender(s): Not applicable The complaint deals with the process of the April 10-13, 2007 By-Election and Referendum**

**Date: April 13, 2007**

**Time: Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00pm**

**Location: Cloverdale Campus Room 2210**

**COMPLAINT:**

Mr. Lee alleged that he was not permitted to vote in the By-Election using a Surrey Ballot when voting at the . Cloverdale Campus. The Surrey Campus was where most of his courses were, and Mr. Lee alleges that the Polling Clerks refused to allow him to vote using a Surrey Ballot, hence he feels he was disenfranchised and unable to vote for the individuals who might represent him in Surrey.

As a result of Mr. Lee's experience with the Cloverdale Polling Station he requested the following:

- That polling re-occur for the campus Council Candidates under the following provisions
- On the same rotational basis that was already adopted for use during this by-election
- On dates and times that allows for proper notice of polling to be given; as well as
- To allow as many members as possible to have a chance to vote, in a way that allows ballots to be available on all campuses.

## **RULING:**

The complaint was denied for the following reasons:

1. My partner and I personally conducted the polling stations at Surrey and Richmond and did take a number of ballots from voters for campuses other than the physical voting campus.
2. The Deputy R.O.'s who conducted the Langley and Cloverdale polling stations were well trained and had served in the same capacity in the October , 2006 General Election and each D.R.O. was aware of this process and had a number of ballots on hand for each campus.
3. Upon questioning the D.R.O.'s at Langley and Cloverdale, they were emphatic that they were aware of the process relating to cross campus voting and the issue did not arise in Langley or in their view Cloverdale.
4. Item #3 is not questioning the validity or truth in Mr. Lee's statement in his complaint. It appears that the D.R.O.'s at Cloverdale for some reason misunderstood Mr. Lee's request to vote on a ballot for another campus.
5. Even if Mr. Lee had been permitted to vote using a Surrey Campus Ballot, it would not have changed the outcome of the Election results based on the actual vote spread.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS:**

I recommend that in all future elections that the issue of how and where to properly vote be advertised along with other pertinent information relating to the election.

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