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Hi Fred,

I've been debating on whether or not I should submit this complaint. It does not have anything to do with the conduct of any of the people who ran in the election, rather it concerns the process of polling.

I voted on Friday at Cloverdale, and polls were advertised to have been open between 10am - 4pm on that day. As such, I believe my complaint is on time, as it has not yet been 72 hours since the polls closed.

It is now 2:55pm on Monday, April 16, 2007, in case my Yahoo! E-mail sends the incorrect time.

Respectfully,

- Steven Lee

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## Attachments

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 [Spring2007complaint.pdf](#) (26k)

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Fred Schiffner, CRO, Spring 2007 KSA By-Election

**Re: Complaint No. 1: Voting on Other Campuses**

Dear Mr. Schiffner,

This letter is an official complaint regarding the polling that occurred on each campus from April 10 – 13, 2007.

As you know, a rotational schedule for polling was adopted for this election whereby polling occurred on one campus per day during the polling period as follows:

- April 10: Surrey Campus, room G1225, 10am – 7pm
- April 11: Richmond Campus, Rotunda, 10am – 7pm
- April 12: Langley Campus, room 1550, 10am – 5pm
- April 13: Cloverdale Campus, room 2210, 10am – 4pm

Going into this election, it was my understanding as a current member of the *KSA's Board of Directors*, that students would be able to vote on any campus, regardless of whether or not it was their home campus. To do this makes sense, as Section X, Article 7(1) of the KSA Regulations states:

*"The Chief Returning Officer shall establish polling stations at such locations and times so as to ensure that as many Members as possible have an opportunity to vote."*

And indeed, this did occur. As a student whose home campus is Richmond, I was able to vote in Cloverdale.

Furthermore, as you may know, during past KSA elections:

- dates and times for polling have been structured so that polling occurred on all campuses throughout the entire election period;
- a limited supply of ballots were kept at the polling station of each campus;

- upon finding that a student's home campus was different from the one they were voting at, poll clerks used to be instructed to ask that student voter whether or not they would like to vote on a ballot for that campus;
- some student voters would chose to vote on the ballot representing their home campus and some would not as they were no longer taking courses on the campus that was listed as their home campus.

Now the number of ballots cast in this manner was usually very low (as illustrated in attachment number one), but in elections where races are tight, those numbers can have a material effect on the election.

I was under the impression that the past practice described above would be in affect for this election, but it appears that it was not.

As I stated my home campus is currently listed as Richmond. However, I do have a number of courses this term on the Surrey Campus and indeed, during the summer and fall 2006 semesters, all of my courses have been on the Surrey Campus.

But due to personal reasons, I was unable to cast my ballot on the Surrey Campus during this by-election and I was only able to cast my ballot on the Cloverdale Campus.

But when I did vote at Cloverdale, I was only allowed to vote for the multi-campus liaison positions and on the referendum question. When I asked if I could vote on a Surrey ballot, I was told that things were not setup to allow me to vote on a Surrey ballot. So, as a student whose course-load is and has been on the Surrey campus over the last year, I was disenfranchised and unable to vote for individuals who might represent me in the KSA in Surrey.

I want to also make it clear that I am very supportive of the new polling system of one campus per day. I believe it allows multi-campus candidates the chance to campaign on a more even playing field and it also allows election staff to more easily monitor the campaigning on each campus. But I am not in favour of the new system if students are disenfranchised by it in the process.

From what I have seen, it appears that all students had the opportunity to vote on the referendum and for the multi-campus liaison candidates. However, it is currently unknown whether or not other students faced the same situation that I did during the balloting period.

As such, I am asking 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 have a chance to vote, in a way that allows ballots to be available on all campuses.

That way, if this situation occurs again, student voters will not be disenfranchised.

If you have any questions about this complaint, do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven H. Lee

Witnesses / Persons Privy to the Incident:

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