

Welcome to the KeeleSU Election Results 2020

Thank you so much to all of those who have participated in the elections, as voters and as candidates.

This year we were very excited to launch our Vote Leaves initiative, it's the first time that we have done a voter initiative of this sort and as a result of your voting, we are committing to plant 2270 trees on campus. Sorry volunteering, it's your problem now!

It's been a slightly odd election, amidst snow and strikes. It's also the first time we've separated the part time officer roles from these in the main election. We were worried turnout might take a hit but we beat last year's voter turnout by a whole 48 votes. Thank you also to our student staff who have been working hard to promote elections this week and to our student volunteers on elections forum.

The candidates have been truly excellent, I wish we could keep them all. But there can only be 5 officers, so without further ado, on to the results.

At KeeleSU we use the single transferable vote system. This means students preference candidates and we don't know straight away who has been elected. A number of these elections go into rounds.

Here is an example of how you'll see the results in a fictitious election. In this election there are 4 candidates and RON

The total valid vote is 1812

Quota is 906. Quota is half of the vote plus one. Quota is the number of votes that a candidate needs in order to be elected.

In round 1

Candidate A receives 642, candidate B has 601, candidate c 315, candidate d 221 and RON gets 33. At this stage no one gets to quota. We therefore remove the candidates with the lowest vote which is RON and also we can remove candidate d because even if they got all of RON'S votes they still wouldn't beat candidate C.

In round 2 quota becomes 817.

Candidate A gets 657, candidate B gets 629 and candidate C gets 349. Still no candidate is at quota so we move to round 3

You know the drill now, quota has been recalculated. It's now 710.

Because candidate C's votes have been distributed the very close result can change.

Candidate A who has been in the lead all election gets 702 and candidate B gets 718, which is above quota. They are therefore elected.

So I explained that so you can understand how we'll be announcing and we'll now move to some real results.

First of all is the position of Activities and Community Officer

In this election there was 2029 valid votes, quota is 1014

In round 1 Leroy Cohoone receives 1856 votes, RON receives 173 and Leroy is re-elected as your Activities and Community Officer next year

Now we move to the position of Education Officer.

In this election there were 2 candidates and RON

There were 2027 votes and quota is 1013

In round 1 Mari Chappell receives 1543 votes and Jack Medlin receives 433. RON receives 51 and Mari is elected as your Education Officer next year.

Thank you so much to Jack, who has been a fantastic candidate. These pair have been campaigning together, which is extremely wholesome.

Next we go to the position of Union Development and Democracy Officer

In this election 1987 votes were cast, quota is 993. In round 1, no one meets quota.

Jack Karimi gets 944 votes, Elisia Narbett receives 579 votes, Richard Backhurst receives 389 votes and RON gets 75. In round 2 RON and Richard are excluded and quota is recalculated. Please can we have a round of applause for Richard.

Quota becomes 798

Elisia receives 614, Jack receives 982 and is elected

Well done to Jack Karimi, your Union Development and Democracy Officer next year

Please can we hear it for Elisia who has run a brilliant campaign, with possibly the cutest posters I have ever seen.

Do we have any sports teams in the room? Do you want to find out who your next AU and Sport Officer is?

This is a close one. We received 2068 votes and quota is 1034.

In round 1 Holly Brooks gets 723, James Walklett gets 694 and Issy English 624 votes. Poor old RON gets 27 and is excluded.

In round 2 quota is 1022. Holly gets 724, James gets 695 and Issy gets 625. Yep, one more vote each. Unfortunately that's not enough and so Issy is excluded and her votes redistributed. Can we have a round of applause for Issy. Issy, if I don't see you in May running for an AU committee position, I'll be furious.

In round 3 quota is 780. Holly receives 809 and James receives 751.

Holly Brooks is elected as your AU and Sport Officer next year. James, what a trooper.

You've been such an excellent and hard working candidate, and you've managed to get all around campus talking to students despite your injury. Can we have a round of applause for James.

Finally we move to our Welfare and Internationalisation Officer.

In this election there were 2038 votes and quota is 1019

In round 1 Miles Venvil gets 634 votes, Dan Lay receives 611, Natasha Craven gets 476 votes, Anisha Nag receives 264 and RON gets 53. RON and Anisha are excluded in round 1, please can we hear it for Anisha.

In Round 2, quota is 887. Miles gets 656 votes, Dan gets 618 and Natasha receives 501. Natasha is withdrawn at this stage. Please give it up for Natasha, I really hope we see you in our May By-Elections, thank you for your excellent campaign.

In round 3 quota is 707. This is our closest election this year with just 8 votes in it.

Dan receives 703 votes and Miles receives 711.

Miles Venvil is elected as your Welfare and Internationalisation Officer next year. Thank you to Dan, just 8 votes behind. We love a pun here at the SU and we've absolutely loved Dan's puntastic campaign!

Thank you so much to all candidates in this election, it really has been a brilliant election.

Thank you for voting, if you want to have even more of a say in your union, remember that the deadline for submitting your ideas for Union council and the UGM is Tuesday 3rd March. If you're here next year, please think about running in our Part Time officer elections in May. Information out soon.

Enjoy your night!