Constituency Update

1. New UA Executive

We are happy to relay the results of the recent UA Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections. In a vote with 41% turnout, the student body elected successors Dan Bernick (SAS 13) and Abe Sutton (W, SAS 13) to the positions of President and Vice President, respectively. We wish them the best of luck next year!

2. University Council Seat Allocation Bylaws Amendment

On 25 March, the UA voted to amend its bylaws with regard to its University Council seat allocations. Under the new bylaws, the UA Speaker will retain a seat, nine seats will be allocated by the Nominations & Elections Committee to mis- and/or under-represented student organizations, and the remaining three seats will be allocated by the UA Executive, with the NEC’s recommendation, to some combination of internally-elected UA members and/or organizations on the NEC’s alternative list. This change serves two purposes:

1) By replacing the current system wherein the UA’s top vote-getters from each school automatically receive a seat, we hope to improve accountability and suitability of UA UC seatholders; and,

2) By allocating more seats to undergraduate organizations, we are able to empower more of the student groups with the greatest need.

Respectfully submitted,

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