

HUU Elections Report October 2017

Nomination Period

The [notice of election](#) was publicised on the HUU website on Tuesday, 15 August 2017. Nominations were open online from 18-29 September 2017. Throughout the entire duration of the elections, students were kept informed through all-student emails, Social Media posts and posters around campus.

The election consisted of a by-election for part-time Officer positions that had not been filled in the spring election, including Faculty and School reps. The recruitment of course reps was managed separately. As a result of recommendations from the previous year, nominations for course reps opened during the summer and will remain open all year via a survey link on the HUU website, removing the voting stage and thus simplifying the process for students to become a course representative.

With the introduction of week 0 by the University, nominations were open for two weeks to ensure that both new and returning students were captured and given an equal chance to nominate for vacant positions. The elections promotion was supported by three Student Voice student staff. The HUU elections website included a hub for candidates with detailed role descriptions for each position and the election rules & regulations.

Table 1. Nominations received for Part-Time Officer positions (13 positions available)

Position	Number of nomination(s)
Disabled Students Officer	1
LGBT+ Co-Officer	1
BAME Students Officer	4
International Students Officer	2
Postgraduate Taught Students Officer	0
Chair SEC	2
Chair RAG	1
Councillors for Scrutiny (4 positions)	2
Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	1
Faculty Rep Health Sciences	1

Contested Positions: 3

Uncontested Positions: 7

Positions with no nominations: 3

Total nominations received: 15

Table 2. Nominations received for School and Course Reps

School rep positions

Contested positions: 3

Uncontested positions: 6

Positions with no nominations: 17

Total nominations received: 12

Rep positions by Faculty:

	FACE	FBLP	FSE	FHS	Total
Faculty Reps	1	1	1	1	4
School Reps	3	7	8	3	21
Course Reps	97	48	79	76	300
Total	101	56	88	80	325

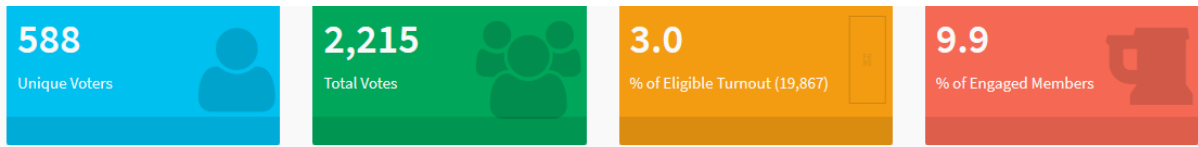
Voting and Turnout

Voting opened online on Monday, 2 October 2017 at 9am and closed on Friday, 6 October 2017 at 3pm. All candidates had to stand against Re-Open Nominations (R.O.N.) and Single Transferable Vote (STV) was used to determine the winner.

In addition to the general elections marketing campaign, HUU engaged students in the importance of the elections by encouraging them to vote at stalls in the Library and HUU every day during voting week.

A total of 2,215 votes were cast by 588 unique voters in comparison to 3,331 total votes cast by 945 unique voters in the October 2016 by-elections.

Table 3. Voter turnout



Voting By Day

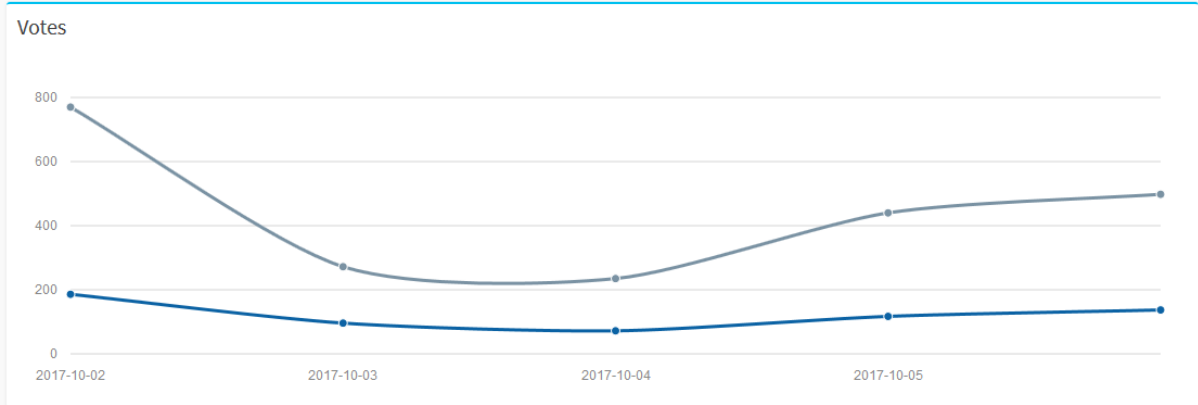


Table 4. Turnout by Faculty

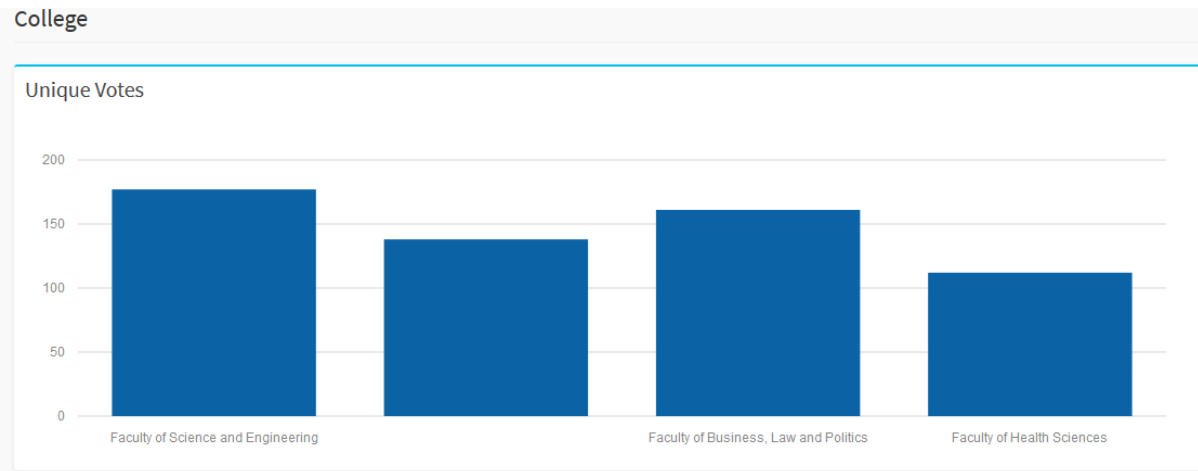


Table 5. Turnout by Year of Study

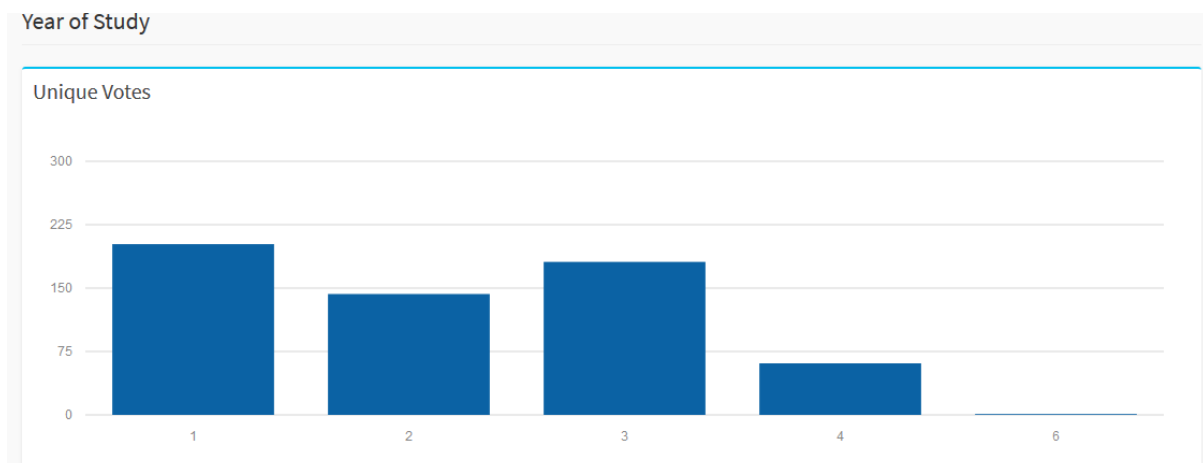


Table 6. Turnout by Level of Study

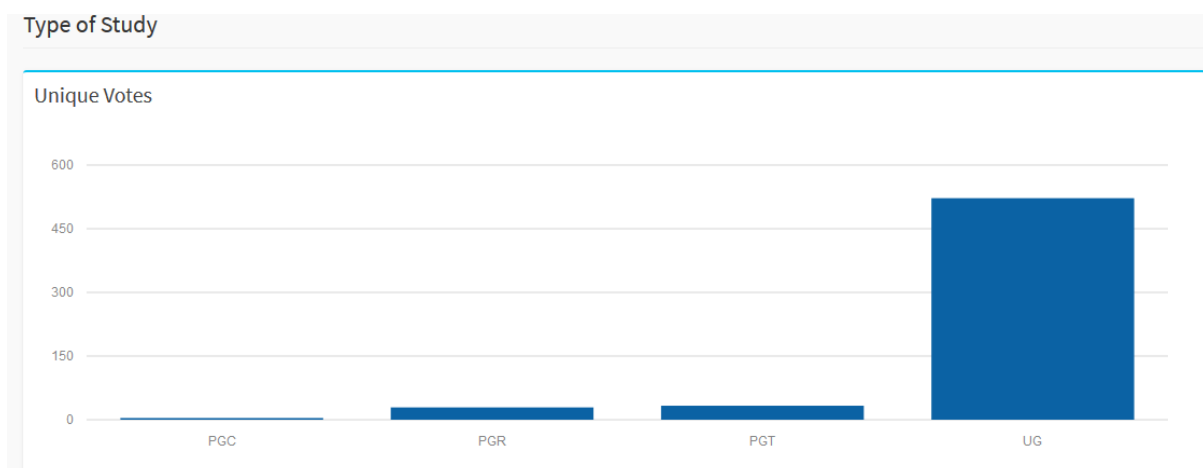


Table 7. Number of total votes for Part-time Officers

Position	Votes 2017	Votes 2016
Disabled Students Officer	53	37
LGBT+ Co-Officer	76	81
BAME Students Officer	83	N/A
International Students Officer	64	126
Postgraduate Taught Students Officer	0	72
Chair RAG	383	N/A
Chair SEC	370	N/A
Councillors for Scrutiny	411	348
Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	113	48
Faculty Rep Health Sciences	60	14

The voter turnout for School rep elections varied between 1-50 votes depending on the size of the subject group, the number of candidates and the engagement of candidates.

Results

The results for the by-election of part-time Officers, including Faculty and School reps, are available [online](#).

Recommendations for 2018

- To maintain the simplified process for course rep recruitment allowing students to sign up via a simple form on hullstudent.com that opens during the summer and remains open all year.
- To consider aligning School rep recruitment with the process of course rep recruitment by eliminating the voting stage given the low number of nominations and votes for these positions.
- To consider interviewing Faculty reps and offering monetary compensation given their vital role in the academic representation system and the time commitment required for this position.
- To explore with the Associate Deans (Student Experience) how the rep recruitment process can be enhanced during induction by working more closely with Directors of Student Experience, Heads of Subject Groups and Programme/Module Leaders.
- To continue the work on increasing the retention of reps from previous years by improving the course rep community, visibility of reps and their impact as well as reviewing rep reward and recognition.

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