

HUU Elections Report October 2016

Nomination Period

The [notice of election](#) was publicized on the HUU website on Monday, 19 September 2016. Nominations were open online from 3-7 October 2016. 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. Moreover, for the first time HUU managed the process of electing all course reps via their online elections process.

The first week of WelcomeFest was used to engage students in the upcoming elections and inform them about the role of course reps, School reps and part-time Officers and how to get involved in the election. New marketing material had been specifically produced for this purpose and face-to-face engagement was supported by four Student Voice interns.

All interested students and candidates were provided with a candidate handbook comprising more information about the roles, tips on how to run a successful campaign, and ideas about what previous part-time Officers have achieved. The HUU elections website included a hub for candidates with detailed role descriptions for each position, the handbook, and the election rules & regulations.

Table 1. Nominations received for Part-Time Officer positions (14 positions available)

Position	Number of nomination(s)
Disabled Students Officer	1
LGBT+ Co-Officer	1
Part-time Students Officer	0
International Students Officer	7
Postgraduate Taught Students Officer	3
Postgraduate Research Students Officer	3
Chair Media	1
Councillors for Scrutiny	4
AU Events & Varsity Officer	1
Faculty Rep FACE	1
Faculty Rep Science & Engineering	1
Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	2

Faculty Rep Health & Social Care	1
Faculty Rep HYMS	0

Contested Positions: 5

Uncontested Positions: 7

Positions with no nominations: 2

Total nominations received: 26

Table 2. Nominations received for School and Course Reps

School rep positions

Contested positions: 5

Uncontested positions: 9

Positions with no nominations: 17

Total nominations received: 19

Course Rep positions

	FACE	FBLP	FSE	FHSC
Contested positions	3	3	8	3
Uncontested positions	34	25	34	8
Total nominations received	48	35	77	24

Voting and Turnout

Voting opened online on Monday, 10 October 2016 at 9am and closed on Friday, 14 October 2016 at 5pm. 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 voting booths specifically set up for this purpose in the Library and HUU every day during voting week.

Table 3. Voter turnout

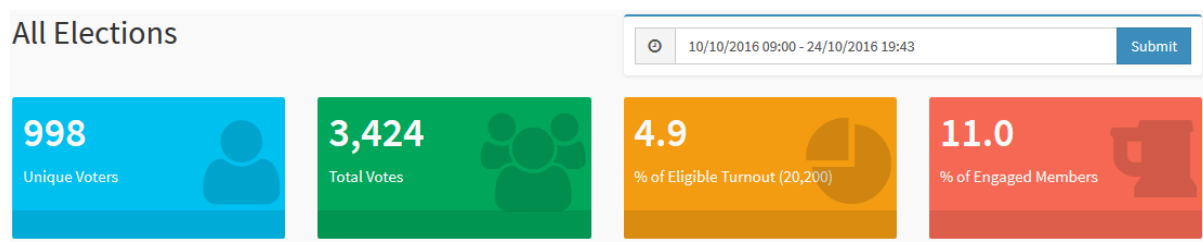


Table 4. Turnout by Faculty

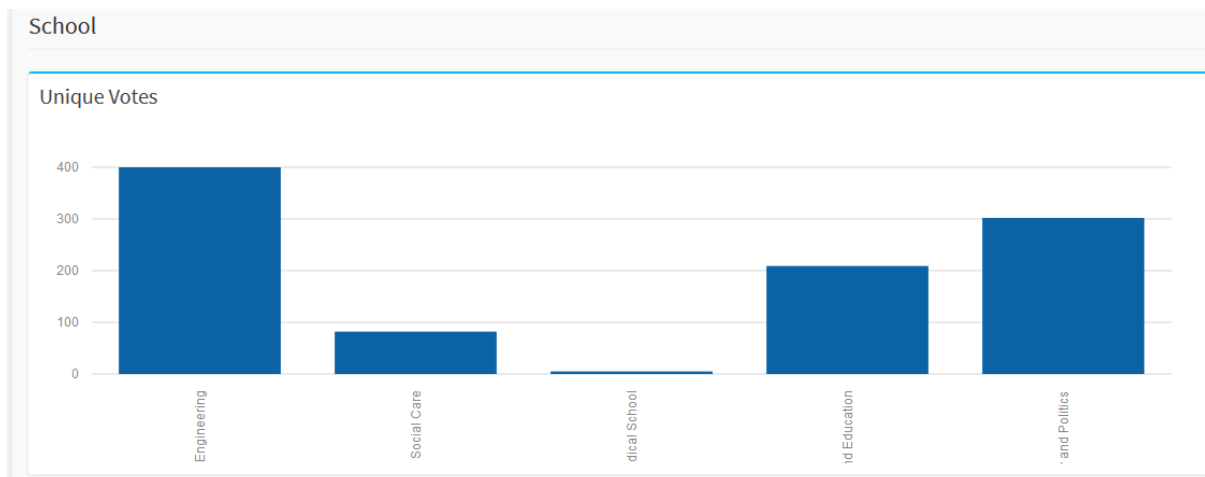


Table 5. Turnout by Year of Study

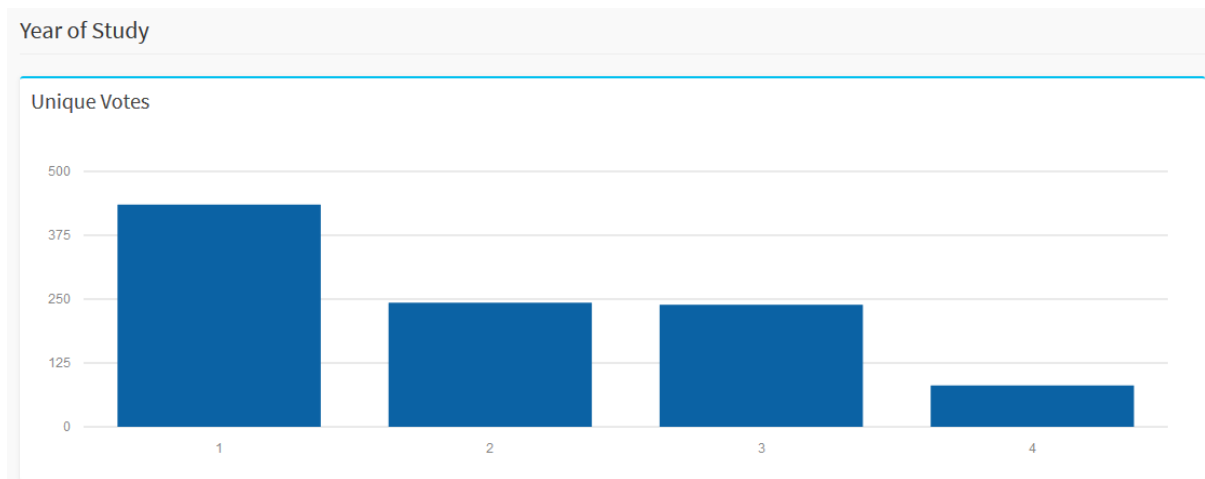


Table 6. Turnout by Level of Study

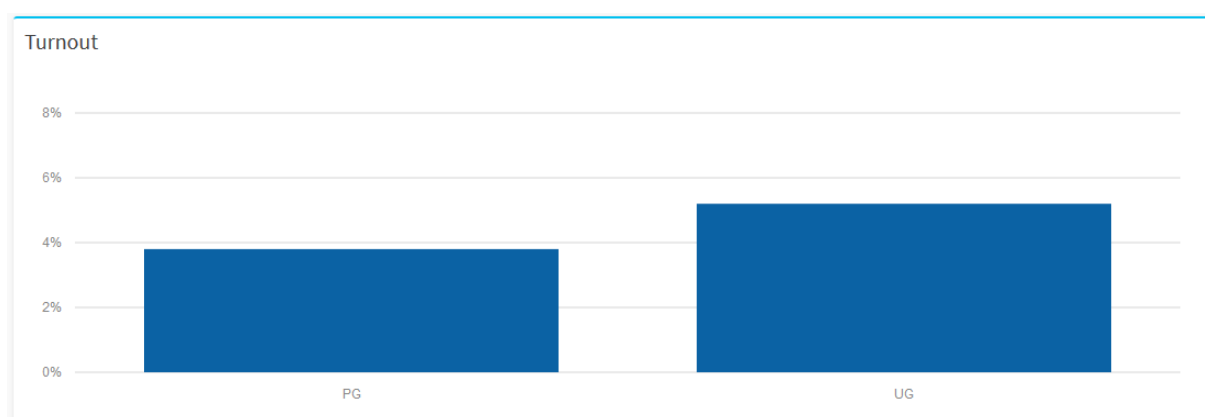


Table 7. Number of total votes for Part-time Officers

Position	Votes
Disabled Students Officer	37
LGBT+ Co-Officer	81
International Students Officer	126
Postgraduate Taught Students Officer	72
Postgraduate Research Students Officer	54
Chair Media	407
Councillors for Scrutiny	348
AU Events & Varsity Officer	393
Faculty Rep FACE	28
Faculty Rep Science & Engineering	34
Faculty Rep Business, Law and Politics	48
Faculty Rep Health & Social Care	14

The voter turnout for course and School rep elections varied between 0-17 and 0-76 votes, respectively depending on the size of the course, the number of candidates and the engagement of candidates. There were instances of course rep elections with candidates standing but no votes received which meant that these elections had to be rerun.

Results

The results for the by-election of part-time Officers are available [online](#).

The results of the course and School rep elections were directly communicated to students and can be accessed by contacting elections@hull.ac.uk.

Recommendations for 2017

- The time scale of the nomination period should be reviewed. While elections were promoted from Week 1, nominations only opened in week 2 thus potentially losing interested students.
- The technological aspect of the election process for course reps should be reviewed in liaison with Lincoln staff.
- It is strongly recommended to review the process of course rep recruitment and consider whether these need to be elected or could be selected via an appointment process.

- It is recommended to create a robust process for recruiting course reps during semester one that is easily accessible to students and also makes efficient use of staff time.
- Following the completion of the University's Shape & Size Review, School and Faculty Representatives should be elected in the spring elections so they are fully trained at the beginning of the following academic year and can drive course rep recruitment in their subject areas.

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