



November 4th 2019

To: The University of British Columbia's Alma Mater Society Council
From: University of British Columbia's Nursing Undergraduate Society

Re: UBC Nursing Undergraduate Society's Election

Hello University of British Columbia's Alma Mater Society Councilors,

On Friday November 1st, 2019 the University of British Columbia's (UBC) Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) was informed by the AMS Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Ashan Sahibzada, that we are to halt our November 4th 2019 elections due to restrictions, specifically NUS Constitution Bylaw 5(10)(B) and AMS Code of Procedures Section IX (A)(9)(1)(q), in our constitution. The inconsistencies highlighted are that only third year nursing students may run and vote in these elections. Please consider this a time sensitive topic.

The UBC Nursing program is an accelerated 20-month nursing program that begins in September and is completed by the next spring (five terms). There are some timeline considerations that come along with an accelerated program, namely that NUS council members assume office January 1st of the academic year, fourth year nursing students depart on their final off-campus clinical rotation at a clinical site somewhere in British Columbia on February 1st, fourth year students complete the program by April 30th, and lastly the fourth-year students graduate by May 30th. What this means is that there is only a one month overlap for fourth year students being on-campus if they took over a NUS council position and could hold the position for a maximum of four months.

On behalf of the NUS Council please find the following recommendations regarding the amendment of our constitution and subsequent bylaws. Currently our constitution restricts election voting and application for a NUS council position to be done only by third year nursing's students. We would like to move to:





1. Allow all NUS members (third and fourth years) to vote in elections, and;
2. Permit the NUS Council to appoint any NUS member to fill a vacant NUS Council position using an Ad Hoc committee until a third year student is elected or appointed into the position, or the appointed fourth-year student graduates by May 30th of that academic year, and;
3. Uphold the restriction of fourth years being ineligible to apply for a NUS council position.

We would respectfully request that our restriction on only third year nursing students being allowed to apply for a NUS Council position be upheld. The reason for this is that our program timeline does not allow for fourth year students to effectively contribute. As our newly elected council takes office January 1st of that academic year and holds the position for twelve months, even if the fourth-year applicant stays in Vancouver for their final rotation they can only hold the position for a maximum of four months.

If fourth year students apply and acquire the position, then the NUS is forced to make at least one snap election to fill potentially the position(s). This will then lead to inconsistent leadership, slow progress, higher rates of turnover, and ultimately would be detrimental for the future of the NUS. It would take little effort and few fourth-year students to take advantage of the constituency for official titles that may help their future job prospects, but in-fact lessen the work the NUS does while being incredibly self-serving. We want to avoid this at all costs.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these changes.

With thanks,

Haddon Rabb

President

UBC Nursing Undergraduate Society





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