Spring 2017 MUSG/RHA Student Elections
Final Results

Election conducted Thursday, March 30, 2017
Results certified Monday, April 3, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

1,710 Total Voters (out of 7,491)
23% Voter Turnout

**MUSG President / Executive Vice President – 1710 Voters**

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<td><strong>Ben Dombrowski and Allie Bitz:</strong></td>
<td>1038</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>Adam Kouhel and Reba Streightif*:</td>
<td>558</td>
<td>28% (33% raw votes minus 5% penalty)</td>
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<td><strong>Ben Pettee and Christopher Kowalski:</strong></td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>Invalid write-ins:</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>5%</td>
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*Ticket was penalized with a 5% deduction for violating campaign rules. (See footnotes at the end of this document for justification.)*

Because one ticket received over 50% of the percentage of votes, there was no need to conduct instant run-off voting per the MUSG Constitution.

**MUSG Arts & Sciences Senator (3 seats) – 435 Voters**

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<td>Daniel Brophy</td>
<td>239</td>
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<td>Samantha Dorow</td>
<td>219</td>
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One Arts and Sciences Senator seat remains unfilled. In accordance with the MUSG Constitution, MUSG Legislative Vice President will work with the college council to appoint a student to fill this vacancy.

**MUSG Business Administration Senator (3 seats) – 316 Voters**

There were no registered candidates. Three Business Administration Senator seats remains unfilled. In accordance with the MUSG Constitution, MUSG Legislative Vice President will appoint a student to fill this vacancy.

**MUSG Communication Senator (2 seats) – 231 Voters**

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<td>Blake Ruppee</td>
<td>197</td>
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One Communication Senator seats remains unfilled. In accordance with the MUSG Constitution, MUSG Legislative Vice President will work with the college council to appoint a student to fill this vacancy.
MUSG Education Senator (1 Seat) – 65 Voters
There were no registered candidates. One College of Education Senator seat remains unfilled. In accordance with the MUSG Constitution, MUSG Legislative Vice President will work with the college council to appoint a student to fill this vacancy.

MUSG Engineering Senator (2 Seats) – 245 Voters
There were no registered candidates. Two College of Engineering Senator seats remains unfilled. In accordance with the MUSG Constitution, MUSG Legislative Vice President will work with the college council to appoint a student to fill this vacancy.

MUSG Health Sciences Senator (2 Seats) – 294 Voters
There were no registered candidates. Two Health Sciences Senator seats remain unfilled. In accordance with the MUSG Constitution, MUSG Legislative Vice President will work with the college council to appoint a student to fill this vacancy.

MUSG Nursing Senator (1 Seat) – 124 Voters
There were no registered candidates. One College of Nursing Senator seat remains unfilled. In accordance with the MUSG Constitution, MUSG Legislative Vice President will work with the college council to appoint a student to fill this vacancy.

Senior Speaker – 480 Voters
The names of three seniors will be forwarded to the committee as finalists for Senior Speaker. Their proposed speeches will be reviewed by a selection committee, which makes a recommendation to Dr. Michael Lovell, University President, who selects the student speaker for Commencement.
The three finalists are:
Andrea Hughes
Alexandra Mohs
Aleksander Druck

RHA President – 892 Voters
Nicole Sapio 715 80%

RHA Executive Vice President – 892 Voters
Ally Nelson 725 81%

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Several campaign violation allegations were filed during the course of the campaign period as follows:

a. An alleged violation of campaign rules was filed against the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket on Monday, March 27, 2017. A hearing was held by the MUSG Election Committee on March 29, 2017. The committee ruled that the Kouhel/Streightiff Campaign was not guilty of mass distribution of campaign materials in Marquette place.
b. An alleged violation of campaign rules was filed against the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. A hearing was held by the MUSG Election Committee on March 29, 2017. The committee ruled that the Kouhel/Streightiff Campaign was guilty of violating elections rules by leaving campaign publicity on the Raynor Library Bridge and was penalized with a 1% vote reduction.

c. An alleged violation of campaign rules was filed against the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. A hearing was held by the MUSG Election Committee on March 29, 2017. The committee ruled that the Kouhel/Streightiff Campaign was guilty of mass distribution in the apartments at 1422 W. Kilbourne. The campaign was penalized with a 2% vote reduction.

- An appeal to these two decisions (b. and c.) was filed by the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket with MUSG’s Judicial Administrator on Wednesday, March 29. Per MUSG’s constitution, the Appeals Committee was convened on Thursday, March 30. The Committee upheld the Elections Committee’s decision to penalize the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket 1% for distribution of materials on the Raynor Library Bridge but overturned the decision to penalize the Ticket 2% for mass distribution in the apartments at 1422 W. Kilbourne on the basis of insufficient evidence.

d. An alleged violation of campaign rules was filed against the Dombrowski/Bitz ticket on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. A hearing was held by the MUSG Election Committee on March 29, 2017. The committee ruled that the Dombrowski/Bitz Campaign was not guilty of violating Section VII B.1.f. because 1) the graphic was approved by the elections committee and 2) the error was noticed and fixed by the campaign in a timely manner to be reapproved by the elections committee.

e. An alleged violation of campaign rules was filed against the Dombrowski/Bitz ticket on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, charging that the campaign had violated MUSG Election Rules Section VII – Campaigning, Subsection C. A hearing was held by the MUSG Election Committee on Thursday, March 30, 2017. The Committee found that the Dombrowski/Bitz Campaign was not guilty of “Solicitation of votes by direct or indirect mailings (electronic or otherwise)” because members of the organization in question had consented to be on that organization’s email list and because a campaign cannot control the content of an organization’s communications to members. Furthermore, the committee ruled that an endorsement was not an act of campaigning.

f. An alleged violation of campaign rules was filed against the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 with regard to exceeding campaign expenses and improper documentation of campaign expenses. An initial hearing was held by the MUSG Election Committee on Thursday, March 30, 2017. The committee postponed a decision pending further documentation from the Kouhel/Streightiff campaign and reconvened on Friday, March 31, 2017. The committee ruled that the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket did not properly document the cost of campaign t-shirts and penalized the ticket with a 4% reduction in votes.

2. Preliminary results are being released pending a possible appeal to a campaign violation ruling that resulted in a 4% reduction in votes for the Kouhel/Streightiff ticket. If an appeal is filed and the Elections Committee decision is reversed, the outcome of the election would be unaltered, but the final voting percentages may change.

3. MUSG received a write-in-candidate registration packet on 3/27/2017 at 4:58 p.m. by Ben Pettee for President and Chris Kowalski for EVP. The candidates were certified as write-in candidates on 3/28/2017 at 9:57 a.m.

4. 1,710 voters represent 23% of the 7,491 eligible voters (full-time undergraduate students). 26% is the average voter turnout for Spring General Elections conducted online since 2007.