

2018 STUDENT BODY GENERAL ELECTION FINAL RESULTS

FINAL RESULTS OF THE 2018 STUDENT BODY GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT AND STUDENT TRUSTEE FOR SESSION XL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE STUDENT SENATE, AND TO ANSWER ONE REFERENDUM QUESTION.

A PUBLICATION OF THE STUDENT SENATE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

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PARTICIPATION

TOTAL BALLOTS SUBMITTED:

1837 VOTES CAST FOR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT/VP | 14.98% Participation Rate¹

1593 VOTES CAST FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE/USSBR | 10.90% Participation Rate^{2 3}

1731 VOTES CAST FOR REFERENDUM QUESTION(S) | 14.12% Participation Rate^{1 4}

CURRENT ELECTION PARTICIPATION VS. PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017 PARTICIPATION:

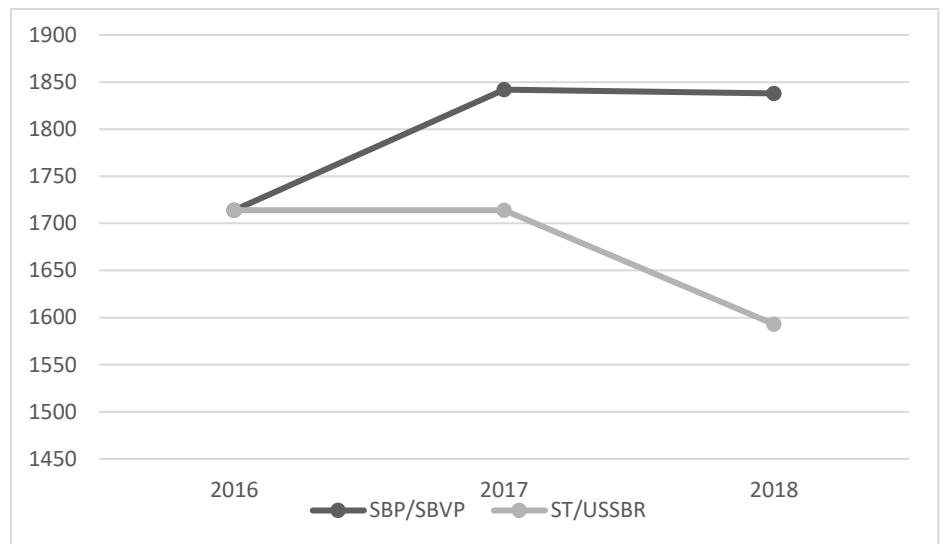
SBP/SBVP: 1,842
VOTES CAST

ST/USSBR: DATA
UNAVAIL.

2016 PARTICIPATION:

SBP/SBVP: 1,714
VOTES CAST

ST/USSBR: 1,714
VOTES CAST



GENERAL FINDINGS:

There seems to be a steady growth in voter participation with regards to Student Body President/Vice President, although whether a correlation between participation 2016 & 2017 Student Body General Elections with the 2016 US Presidential Election had actually existed is unclear. The maintaining of similar numbers in 2018, despite it being a non-presidential election year, may be attributed to an increase in public outreach to students and better marketing and social media presence by the Election Committee.

However, once students were not required to vote for Student Trustee/USSBR if they wished to vote for Student Body President/Vice President, many students simply chose to ignore that section of the ballot, leading to a sharp decline in voter participation for Student Trustee/USSBR.

¹ Of 12,259 Undergraduate Degree students (https://www.unh.edu/institutional-research/sites/unh.edu.institutional-research/files/media/enroll_by_college_res_class_gender_spring_2018.pdf)

² In 2016 and 2017, voters were required to vote for Student Trustee/USSBR if they wished to submit their ballot. In 2018 this restriction was lifted, and students could vote for SBP/SBVP or a referendum without voting for Student Trustee

³ Of 14,608 Undergraduate and Graduate Degree students (students (https://www.unh.edu/institutional-research/sites/unh.edu.institutional-research/files/media/enroll_by_college_res_class_gender_spring_2018.pdf))

⁴ Does include ballots cast for "I prefer not to answer"

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

TOTAL BALLOTS SUBMITTED:

1837 TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT/VP
11 BALLOTS INVALIDATED
1826 VALID VOTES CAST

RESULTS:

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Total Borda Points ⁵
Ethan McClanahan/Jake Adams	1019	331	80	3778
Joseph Ramirez/Thomas Libby	789	497	108	3451
Other	<i>See Data</i>			

Therefore, with 3778 Borda Points, Ethan McClanahan and Jake Adams have been duly elected Student Body President and Student Body Vice President, respectively for Academic Year 2018-19.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

TOTAL BALLOTS SUBMITTED:

1596 TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE
3 BALLOTS INVALIDATED
1593 VALID VOTES CAST

RESULTS:

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Total Borda Points
Christian Merheb	1436	39	67	4626
Jake Adams (Write-In)	5	1	2	24
Liam Sullivan (Write-In)	7	1	0	24
Jimmy Thompson (Write-In)	5	2	0	21
Other	<i>See Data</i>			

Therefore, with 4626 Borda Points, Christian Merheb has been duly elected Student Trustee for Academic Year 2018-19.

⁵ Borda Count Formula: 1st Choice receives 3 Borda Points, 2nd Choice receives 2 Borda Points, 3rd Choice receives 1 Borda Points

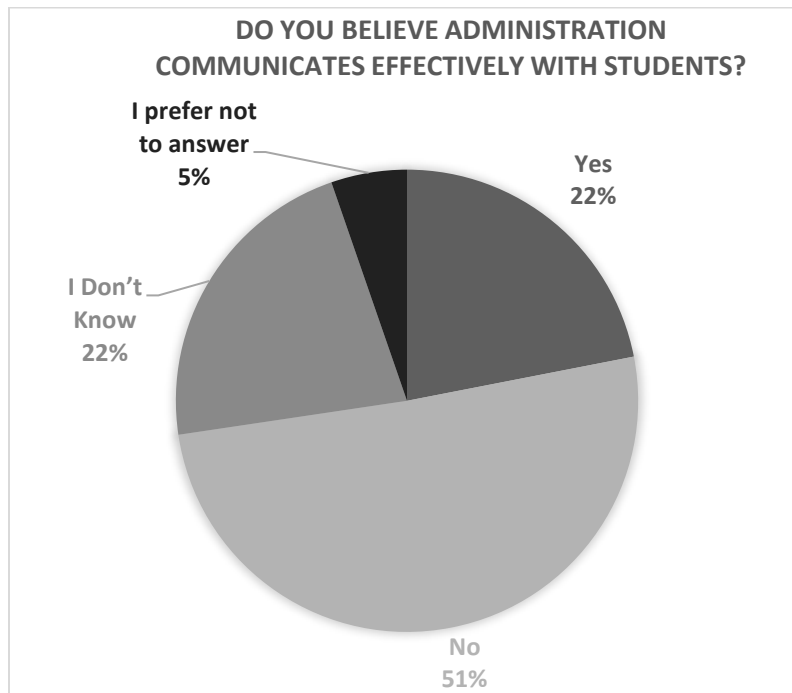
REFERENDA

TOTAL BALLOTS SUBMITTED:

1731 TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR REFERENDA⁶

RESULTS:

	Yes	No	I don't Know	I prefer not to answer
Q1: "Do you believe Administration effectively communicates with students?"	401	927	403	97



⁶ Does include ballots cast for "I prefer not to answer"