



University  
of Manitoba  
**STUDENTS'  
UNION**

## Motion

0559

Date

March 28, 2023

**UMSU Presidential Election**

**Category**  
Standing Resolution

### Motion

Whereas the CRO's motion #0557 to call a revote for the presidential election was ruled out of order because, it was claimed, all election processes had been followed, and;

Whereas it has since come to light that a number of contraventions occurred during the disqualification of Justin Langan, including the Judicial Board failing to meet quorum for the hearing by including fewer than six required by Section VII 26., which states "the quorum for a Judicial Board Hearing shall be six members, which shall consist of five members of the Judicial Board plus the Chairperson or Vice-chair," and;

Whereas the UMSU bylaw Section V 18. further states that "no action of a governing body shall have any force or effect in the absence of quorum," and;

Whereas the Judicial Board also failed to announce the results of their decision concerning Langan's disqualification appeal within the timeframe mandated by Section XIX 5. j. of UMSU's election bylaws, which reads that: "the Chair shall issue the written ruling of the Judicial Board within 12 hours of the end of the meeting," instead announcing their decision approximately 20 hours later, and;

Whereas this delay meant that many students presumably cast their ballots for Langan after the point at which UMSU's bylaws mandated that they should have been informed of his disqualification, and;

Whereas UMSU's Election Manual Section XIV states that: "where a serious contravention of the election occurs, such that the results of the election could not reasonably be deemed to indicate the actual preference of the voters, that election, or part related to the contravention, may be declared void," and;

Whereas there is no official definition of a "serious contravention" approved by the UMSU Board of Directors as well as no official interpreter of the UMSU Governing Documents, and;

Whereas the razor-thin margin of the Presidential race outcome means that another candidate could have plausibly won the race had the election processes been followed;

Be it resolved that a revote be called for the UMSU Presidential Election, and that the details of this revote be determined by the CRO.

**Status**  
**Pending**

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