SENATE ELECTIONS 2018-19

Overview

- 29 Departments are represented with senators in the GSS
- 29 Departments are not represented with senators in the GSS
- 15 Departments ran external elections via campus pulse
  - 2 out of 15 external elections were not valid due to low participation. (turn out< %5)
  - For those departments we suggested that they run an internal election.
  - 13 out of 15 external elections were valid.
  - 6 Departments had write-ins
- 14 Department ran internal elections.
- Educational Policy, Research and Administration has the largest number of representatives in the senate: 4 senators

Recommendations

- We only have 50% representation across the university from departments. This is historically low. Two years ago it was close to 100%. Even though we tried multiple ways of reaching out, ranging from department level emails, events, and in person meetings, it seem they still fell short.
• For this year's GSS leadership, we suggest that the GSS should begin working on elections early in the summer.

• One possible suggestion would be to hire an election coordinator whose job shall exclusively be reaching out to any and all departments regarding the elections.

• When and if the GSS amends the constitution and bylaws, the elections timeline should be extended so that we can have more time for outreach. Current Bylaws mandates that the entire process cannot exceed 4 weeks.

• Another suggestion is to inquire with the graduate school about the possibility of including GSS election and participation material with their acceptance letters and packets.