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Shortly after the start of balloting for the 2019 USC Elections, the Elections Committee was notified that there was a technical issue that resulted in the ballots of Schulich science students not being able to cast a ballot for candidates running for Science President or Science Councillor. As soon as the Elections Committee was notified of this error with the ballots, we took action to rectify the situation. Schulich science students' ballots now correctly show the names of their Faculty President and Councillor candidates.

As is described on the first page of the ballot, students are told to review the ballot and to not vote if they do not see the options which they expect. If they do not see the options which they expect, students are instructed to contact the CRO before submitting their ballot.

Additionally, upon completion of the ballot, students are also given a final opportunity to review their selections before they submit it to be counted. Almost every year, there are a number of students whose ballots appear incorrectly, and as such, this disclaimer has been a recurring aspect of the ballot for many years.

The concerns of the students who have submitted their ballots and were unable to vote for the President and Councillors of the Faculty of Science are understood by the Elections Committee, however, the program used to collect ballots does not allow us to alter votes which have already been cast. Interfering with this process by allowing students to go back and change their ballot would not be in the spirit of the fair and democratic elections we strive to uphold.

Any further issues with ballots are not associated with this event, and students are encouraged to contact cro.intern@westernusc.ca and cc_gapimlat@uwo.ca to solve any issues.

Sincerely,

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