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Sheridan Student Union to create Elections Integrity Task Force

November 1, 2018: Sheridan Student Union (SSU) has been concerned to receive a variety of reports of campaign violations over the past several student Board of Director elections. This past fall's by-election was no exception to this trend, with several complaints investigated leading to the disqualification of two candidates.

The integrity of the student election process is a matter of significant concern to the Sheridan Student Union, and to Sheridan College students. Concerns related to reports of campaign violations, and voter intimidation and coercion, particularly at the Davis Campus, cannot be ignored and will be investigated further.

In response to this feedback, Sheridan Student Union is forming an Election Integrity Task Force to examine challenges related to participation in student elections over the past several years. This Task Force will update the SSU Board with recommendations to be implemented in advance of the 2019 SSU Election.

"It is important to SSU that our members have faith in the integrity of the voting process that establishes the leadership of our organization." Enrique Ponce, President, Sheridan Student Union.

"Our elections play an important role on our campus community. Any attempts to improperly influence the outcomes of these contests disrespects the efforts of those students who attempt to respect SSU election rules and policies." David Siringo Ringo, Chair, Sheridan Student Union.

Membership in the Task Force is still to be established, but will include officials from Sheridan Student Union and Sheridan College. Sheridan students will have an opportunity to provide feedback directly to the committee in the coming months.

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Established in 1975, the Sheridan Student Union (SSU) is an organized body that represents the full-time and part-time students of Sheridan College. The SSU is led by a Board of Directors that is comprised of 12 elected Sheridan College students. The SSU is a student led community enhancing the experience of our fellow students. www.thessu.ca

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