

# 2024 General Election Voter's Guide



## **General Information Timelines**

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Notice date (Nominations Open): February 6, 2024

*This is the date that notice is given to every eligible voter via their Durham College Email, and nominations open. The Elections Policy says that notice is given 29-37 days before the last day of voting.*

Nominations Close: February 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

*This is the last day a candidate can submit a nomination form through the [online](#) portal or to the [DCSA office](#). The nomination form must be received by 1:00 p.m. eastern time when the nominations close. The Elections Policy says that this date is set on the 21st day before the last day of voting.*

Campaign opens/ Board enters "Lame Duck" provision: March 1, 2024

*This is the first-day candidates can openly campaign in the elections. Campaigning must conform to the election rules as outlined in the Elections Policy and regulations made under the Elections Policy. If there is more than 1/3 of the Board of Directors running for re-election there are restrictions placed on the Board of Directors ability to function until the end of the Election Period.*

Voting dates: March 13-15, 2024

*The days the membership votes for their Executive Chair and Directors from facilities. Voting starts at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of voting and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day. Election results are posted at around 6:00 p.m. on the last day of voting on the DCSA website and Instagram.*

Elected Candidates take office May 1, 2024

## **General Information: Roles**

The Election is called to elect:

- Executive Chair and Chief Elected Officer
- Director from the Faculty of Business (Class A)
- Director from the Faculty of Health Sciences (Class B)
- Director from the Faculty of Media, Art and Design (Class C)
- Director from the Faculties of Skilled Trades, and Apprenticeship; Hospitality and Horticulture Science; and Liberal Studies (Classes D, F and H)
- Director from the Faculty Science, Engineering, and Information Technology (Class E)
- Director from the Faculty of Social and Community Services (Class G)

*Durham College is currently holding an election for the Student Governor on the Durham College Board of Governors.*

*The role of the Student Governor is to sit on Durham College's Board of Governors, which is the governing body of the college; it sets policies and oversees the operations of Durham College. Durham College Student Association is separate from Durham College and provides advocacy and services to its members (who are full-time Durham College Post-Secondary Students).*

*It is important to note that these positions are not related. The Student Governor position is a member of the Durham College Board of Governors. The DCSA Executive Chair and Board members are part of the DCSA Board of directors.*

*This voter's guide does not cover the Election of the Student Governor; please see the website of the Board of Governors for more information: <https://durhamcollege.ca/about/governance/board-of-governors/elections/student-elections>.*

**The Role of the Executive Chair** is to:

- Chair Board meetings and Members' meetings;
- act as the representative of the DCSA;
- uphold, promote and further the interests of the Corporation;
- promote public involvement in DCSA's activities;
- participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of DCSA and its Members; and
- provide leadership, information and recommendations to the Board.

**The Role of the Directors from the Faculties** are to:

- oversee the governance of the Corporation by attending and participating in Board and Committee meetings; and
- serve on various college committees as required.

## ***What do I do if I am interested in running?***

If you are interested in running, please see the Candidate's Guide for details but nomination forms can be downloaded online or from any DCSA office.

## ***What do I do if I know someone who it think should run?***

If you know someone who you think should run, you can let them know by speaking to them or you can ask them to run through the online form at <https://mydcsa.ca/elections/ask-them-to-run/>.

## ***Campaign Events***

There will be three official campaign events.

### **Candidates in the Pit**

The Pit, Oshawa Campus

March 6, 2024, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Candidates will have tables to speak to students in the Pit. Each Candidate for Executive Chair will have a table to talk to students. If candidates cannot make this event, please contact the Chief Returning Officer. Candidates will be issued unique stamps to stamp students' passports for attending this event.

### **Candidates at Whitby**

Whitby Campus Atrium, Whitby Campus

March 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Candidates will have tables to speak to students in the Whitby Atrium. Each Candidate for Executive Chair will have a table to talk to students. If candidates cannot make this event, please contact the Chief Returning Officer. Only Directors from Educational Centres at this Campus should attend this event due to space limitations. Candidates will be issued unique stamps to stamp students' passports for attending this event.

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### ***Supporting a candidate***

If you like what a candidate has to say about the future of your student association and your college talk about it. We encourage you to talk about it on social media, to friends and classmates! We will however ask you to be nice to everyone running, and not go negative.

### ***Reporting Candidate misconduct***

If you believe a candidate had broken election rules, email [dcsa.elections@durhamcollege.ca](mailto:dcsa.elections@durhamcollege.ca) and we will get back to you to get some more information regarding what happened and we'll look into it.

### ***Who can vote***

Any full time post-secondary student can vote for Executive Chair and Chief Elected Officer.

Any full time post-secondary student within the faculty or faculties represented by the Director can vote for that director.

### ***How to vote***


You will receive an email on March 13, 2024 with a direct link to a ballot, simply click on that link, and you will be taken to the ballot. Voting is as simple as that.

### ***Results***

Results will be made available on the DCSA website and social media after the polls close.

# Appendix I: Sample Ballot (Mobile)

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**Test Election**

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**Executive Chair and Chief Elected Officer**

Please vote for one Candidate.

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