



**2026 FLEMING STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION**

**Election Report to the SAC Board of Directors: 2026**

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## Introduction

The 2026 Fleming SAC Elections was held for five open Board of Director positions. Due to the great marketing and promotion efforts, we handed out 17 nominations package, we received 11 nominations this year and 6 people contested to run for Board of Directors. Students will be able to vote for the candidate that they would like to be in the Board of Directors.

Out of the 17 nominations, 1 of the candidates was disqualified for not reaching the requirements of being a second semester student and 10 candidates' withdrawal their applications due to Academic & personal reasons. This resulted to having 6 candidates in the final ballot. The elections were concluded on February 20th, 2026 where 5 were elected Fleming for SAC Student Board of Directors 2026-2027.

## General Overview of Election Activities:

Date	Events & Commentary
<b>Nominations Period</b>	
January 6, 2026 From 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Had a meeting with the President  Went through the Job Description and the Electoral Officer Manual.
January 7, 2026 From 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Had a meeting with the President  Electoral Officer Training  Went through Teams to review documents.
January 8, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am	Reviewed past documents regarding last year’s SAC Board of Directors Elections.
January 9, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am and 12:00pm – 2:00pm	Reviewed the Elections Package, Elections Rules, SAC Operating Procedures, SAC Policies and Election Rules to acquire information and started with the creation of the “Candidates Campaigning Information” presentation.
January 14, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am And 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Sent emails to Candidates congratulating them on taking the first steps towards the Fleming SAC General Elections 2026.  Promoted nominations at the main foyer and around the campus.
January 16, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am And	Sent emails to Candidates  Went to the “Lunch Grab and Go” SAC Event to promote elections and talk to students.  Reviewed the schedule for the All Candidates Meeting and worked on the

12:00pm – 1:00pm And 1:00pm – 2:00pm	“Candidates Campaigning Information” Presentation.
January 19, 2026 From 12:00pm – 2:00pm	Had an in-person meeting with Candidate Palak in the SAC Office to answer questions.  Provided an in-depth explanation of the Nominations Package, guiding the candidate during the completion of it.  Went to the main foyer to promote elections.
<b>Nomination Package Review</b>	
January 20, 2026 From 10:00am – 1:00pm	Went to the Registrar’s Office to request them to stamp, sign and verify the academic standing of each of the Candidates.  Went to the Main Foyer to promote elections during the Club Fair.
January 21, 2026 From 9:00am – 11:00am And 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Filmed video for social media, inviting students to join us at the Meet Your Candidates Social Events (Popcorn Event and Coffee & Donuts Event).  Reviewed the amount of money available for the two “All Candidates Meeting Event”  Added information on the Power Point Presentation that will be showed during the meeting.  By the end of the day, we got all Nomination Packages sign and stamped.
January 22, 2026 From 9:00am – 11:00am And 11:00am – 1:00pm	Filmed video for social media, inviting students to the Candidates Forum, and reviewed completed Nomination Packages.  Sent emails to Candidates regarding the status of their applications.  Emailed Candidate Kiran to inform her that she was disqualified because she did not meet the requirement of being a Second Semester Student.
January 23, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am And	Reviewed, organized and marked times that accommodated to each Candidate for them to be able to attend the “All Candidates Meeting”  Sent separate emails to each candidate with their event invitation, as they were grouped according to their availability and assigned specific time slots.

12:00pm – 1:00pm	Worked on the Electoral Officer Report.
January 27, 2026 From 11:00am – 1:00pm	Emailed Candidates to request information regarding availability and class schedules, reviewed the presentation and rules for tomorrow’s “All Candidates Meeting”.
<b>All Candidates Meeting</b>	
January 28, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am And 12:00pm – 1:00pm And 2:00pm – 5:00pm	<p>Sent emails to Candidates.</p> <p>“All-Candidates Meeting” from 12:00pm-1:00pm: Held at the SAC Office C1430.1 where we went through the Power Point Presentation and shoot their professional pictures to use and post on social media.</p> <p>“All-Candidates Meeting” from 2:00pm-5:00pm: Held at the SAC Office C1430.1 since 2 Candidates were not available to join the previous one, we also went through the power point presentation and shoot their professional pictures to use and post on social media.</p> <p>Sent emails to Candidates requesting that all candidates share their Instagram and Facebook username or link as per the Election Rules. “Candidates must invite the Electoral Officer to all prospective online campaign platforms prior to the start of the campaign period including the use of any personal account(s)”.</p> <p>Replied to Tirth’s email regarding his decision to withdrawal from the elections.</p>
<b>Pre-campaign Period</b>	
January 29, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am And 11:00am – 12:00pm	<p>Sent emails to Candidates with their professional pictures attached that was taken during the “All Candidates Meeting”.</p> <p>Sent emails to Candidates regarding Electoral Officer’s office hours for them to visit the SAC Office during these times in case they have any inquiries.</p> <p>Sent email to Candidates including the All Candidates Meeting Power Point Presentation and Election Rules for them to review the content that we previously discussed.</p> <p>Went to the Puppy Yoga SAC Event to see the Candidates that were present during that period of time.</p> <p>Sent emails to professors regarding permission to attend the Meet Your Candidates 2</p>

	(Feb 10th).
<p>January 30, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 10:00am</p> <p>And</p> <p>12:00pm – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Worked on the Electoral Officer SAC report.</p> <p>Sent emails to Candidate Emily answering questions regarding campaigning material.</p> <p>Reviewed campaigning materials from Candidates.</p>
<b>Campaign Period</b>	
<p>February 2, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Sent emails to Candidates reminding them that the campaigning period just started, campaign posters, handbills, and included the mandatory events information.</p> <p>Had a meeting with Candidate Alex and the President regarding Alex’s decision to withdrawal from the elections.</p>
<p>February 4, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 11:00am</p>	<p>Started working on the posters that will be used during the Voting Days.</p> <p>Had a meeting with Candidate Emily to answer inquiries and explained table bookings/ gave suggestions regarding promoting elections as requested.</p>
<p>February 5, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 10:00am</p>	<p>Worked on posters that will be used during Voting Days.</p> <p>Replied to Candidate’s emails regarding booking a table to promote elections at the Main Foyer.</p>
<p>February 6, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Social Event:</p> <p>Meet Your Candidates / Meet and Greet Event – Popcorn Event.</p>
<p>February 10, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Social Event:</p> <p>Meet Your Candidates 2 / Meet and Greet Event – Coffee and Donuts Event.</p>

<p>February 11, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 11:00am</p> <p>And</p> <p>2:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p>Had a meeting with the SAC General Manager and the President regarding the Voting Process, how the voting platform works, the functions that are available to review, policies and procedures, and coordinated a timeframe for voting (Voting will be available to student for a total amount of 48 hours).</p> <p>Sent emails to candidates informing them regarding the voting process that will be implemented due to the number of Candidates running for the SAC Board of Directors Elections.</p> <p>Worked on the Electoral Officer Report.</p>
<p>February 12, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 12:00pm</p>	<p>Filmed video for social media: Reminder for students to cast their vote and support their favorite candidate on the voting days.</p> <p>Went to the D wing SAC Bulletin Board to replace one of the Candidate's poster since a student had written something inappropriate on it.</p>
<p>February 13, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 10:00am</p> <p>And</p> <p>12:00pm – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Walked around campus with the President to check SAC's bulletin boards, the posters and discussed ways to have more visibility around campus.</p> <p>Sent email to Candidate Abby to answer her questions regarding the SAC Election Expense Disclosure form, explaining the steps that are required to follow.</p> <p>Sent email to Candidate Palak letting her know that she is welcome to use a table at the Main Foyer to campaign, since arrangements have been made.</p> <p>Talked to Candidate Elysha and Candidate Nirav regarding their campaigns, since they went to the SAC Office.</p> <p>Worked on the Electoral Officer Report.</p>
<p>February 17, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm</p> <p>And</p> <p>2:00pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>Social Event:</p> <p>All Candidates Forum at the Main Foyer and Last day for Campaigning.</p> <p>Continue updating the Electoral Officer Report.</p> <p>Sent emails to Candidates regarding the SAC Election Expense Disclosure for them to complete, attach their invoices, and submit a physical copy to the SAC Office.</p>
<b>Voting Period</b>	
<p>February 18, 2026</p> <p>From</p>	<p>Voting Day 1</p> <p>Went to the main foyer to promote Voting and gave away bags of chips.</p>

<p>9:00am – 10:00am And 12:00pm – 2:00pm And 3:40pm – 4:10pm And 6:30pm – 7:00pm</p>	<p>Went around the campus to promote Voting and gave away bags of chips. Hybrid: Disqualification email was sent to one Candidate since they got 2 warnings during the morning and afternoon regarding the Elections Rules: “Candidates and/or campaign team members are prohibited from soliciting votes on the two voting days. Contravention will result in immediate disqualification of the candidate”. Hybrid: Sent emails to Candidates to remind them to follow the elections rules strictly and campaigning on voting days will lead to immediate disqualification. Hybrid: Sent emails to two other Candidate asking them to join a meeting tomorrow morning.</p>
<p>February 19, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am And 5:00pm – 7:00pm</p>	<p>Voting Day 2 Had a meeting with the two candidates (the Electoral Officer, members of the current SAC Board of Directors, the SAC General Manager and the President attended this meeting) at 9:00am at the SAC Office to discuss Elections Rules. Had a meeting with Disqualified Candidate (the Electoral Officer, members of the current SAC Board of Directors, the SAC General Manager and the President attended this meeting) at 9:30am at the SAC Office to discuss the matter of disqualification. Had a second meeting with the candidate again at 5:00pm to continue the discussion. Sent email the Reply form to the candidate with the decision made which was rescinding the disqualification and allow the candidate to continue in the election process.</p>
<p><b>Election Results February 20th, 2026</b></p>	
<p>February 20, 2026 From 12:00pm – 1:00pm And 3:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p>A meeting with candidates was scheduled to notify them of the results before the all-students email was sent out to announce the results of the Fleming SAC Board of Directors Elections. A meeting was held with the student who was not successful in the election. All students email was sent out announcing the Election Results.  Worked on the Electoral Officer report.</p>
<p><b>End of 2026 Fleming SAC Elections</b></p>	
<p><b>Post Elections, 2026</b></p>	

<p>February 24, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Reviewed past year’s voting results and numbers.</p> <p>Compared to this year’s performance.</p> <p>Thought of ways to improve the voting promotion.</p> <p>Sent a reminder to the candidates regarding the SAC Election Expense Disclosure, explaining the steps that are required to follow. Which is expected to be completed, with their invoices attached, and submitted as physical copy to the SAC Office.</p> <p>Worked on the Electoral Officer report.</p>
<p>February 25, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>Created a line chart to visually recognize the differences between the different year’s elections results.</p> <p>Worked on the Electoral Officer report.</p>
<p>February 26, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 12:00pm</p>	<p>Checked emails regarding the SAC Election Expense Disclosure form.</p> <p>Worked on the Electoral Officer report.</p>
<p>March 2, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>12:00pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Filmed video for social media: The Iain Steele Community Service Award.</p> <p>Sent a final reminder to the candidates regarding the SAC Election Expense Disclosure.</p>
<p>March 3, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>10:00am – 12:00pm</p>	<p>Checked emails regarding the Fleming SAC Board Meeting where the Electoral Officer will present the Election Report to the Board, additionally, the candidates will be joining as they requested clarification since they have concerns.</p> <p>Worked on the Electoral Officer report.</p>
<p>March 4, 2026</p> <p>From</p> <p>9:00am – 10:00am</p> <p>And</p> <p>12:00pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Reviewed the candidates’ SAC Election Expense Disclosure’s.</p> <p>Gave the candidates’ SAC Election Expense Disclosure’s to the SAC Finance and Administration Officer in order to obtain the checks that will be given to the candidates.</p> <p>Reviewed the Fleming Student Administrative Council Elections Expenses.</p>

March 5, 2026 From 11:00am – 12:00pm	Worked on the Electoral Officer report.
March 6, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am	Presented the Electoral Officer report to the President.
March 11, 2026 From 9:00am – 10:00am	Made changes to the Electoral Officer report.

## Election Results

The election results were released on February 20th 2026 and as per the data received from Simply voting:

### Voter Turnout

Total number of Candidates: 6

Total number of positions and candidates elected: 5

Total number of votes: 846

Total number of possible votes: 3482

Total percentage of the population that voted: 24.3%

The number of votes and percentages of all the candidates with the elected candidates being highlighted:

Names	Election Results
<b>Gabriel Onosejele</b>	Total number of votes received: <b>221 (26.8%)</b>
<b>Abby Mandar</b>	Total number of votes received: <b>220 (26.6%)</b>
<b>Nirav Himmatbhai Modi</b>	Total number of votes received: <b>144 (17.4%)</b>
<b>Palak</b>	Total number of votes received: <b>100 (12.1%)</b>
<b>Emily Bradley</b>	Total number of votes received: <b>79 (9.6%)</b>
Elysha Sharpe	Total number of votes received: 62 (7.5%)

## Election Statistical Analysis:

<b>Election Year</b>	<b>No. of Candidates</b>	<b>Position(s) Contended</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>
Fall 2010	2	1 Positions	200
Fall 2014	5	3 Positions	194
Fall 2016	4	1 Positions	337
Fall 2017	3	1 Positions	159
Winter 2009	2	1 Positions	451
Winter 2012	4	2 Positions	346
Winter 2013	9	4 Positions	309
Winter 2014	9	5 Positions	491
Winter 2015	16	5 Positions	643
Winter 2016	8	5 Positions	490
Winter 2017	5	5 Positions	237
Winter 2018	No data available	5 Positions	No Data Available
Winter 2019	7	5 Positions	1247
Winter 2020	9	5 Positions	602
Winter 2021	No data available	1 Position	No Data Available
Winter 2022	4	3 Positions	320
Winter 2023	6	5 Positions	842
Winter 2024	7	5 Positions	1767
Winter 2025	3	3 Positions	1022
Winter 2026	6	5 Positions	846

Prior to 2013 FDR did not collect data on positions that were uncontended. It is presumed that these positions were either acclaimed or hired.

**To be considered:**

Results - 2022 Fleming SAC General Election:

Turnout: **283 (8.4%)** of **3367** electors voted in this ballot.

Turnout second time: **760 (22.2%)** of **3431** electors voted in this ballot.

Results - 2023 Fleming SAC General Election:

Turnout: **842 (21.2%)** of **3975** electors voted in this ballot.

Results - 2024 Fleming SAC General Election:

Turnout: **1767 (29.9%)** of **5902** electors voted in this ballot.

Results - 2025 Fleming SAC General Election:

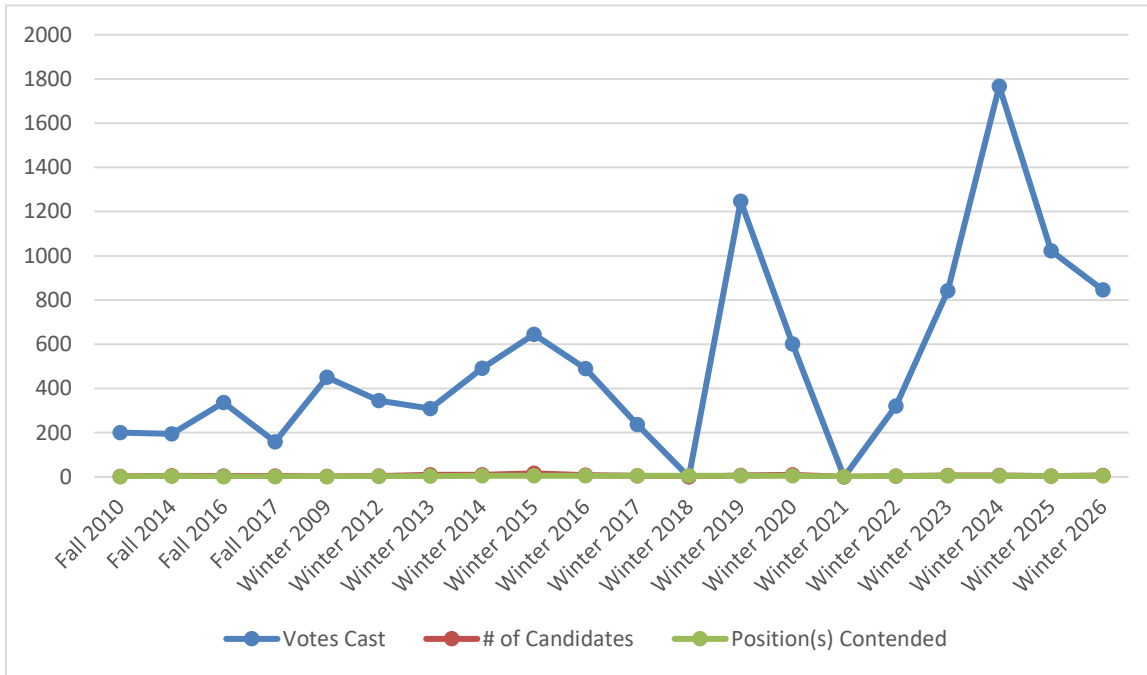
Turnout: **1022 (18.0%)** of **5687** electors voted in this ballot.

Results - 2026 Fleming SAC General Election:

Start: 2026-02-18 9:00:00

End: 2026-02-20 08:59:00

Turnout: **846 (24.3%)** of **3482** electors voted in this ballot.



## Candidate's SAC Election Expense Disclosure

### Emily Bradley

Student Number: 10381922

Receipt #	Explanation of Expense/Details	Monetary Amount/ Actual Cash Value (\$)
1	Poster/Tabling Supplies	\$45.48
2	Stickers for tabling	\$21.46
3	Campaign photos	\$12.20
4	Binder + Cardstock for handbills	\$16.90
		<b>\$96.04</b>

### Abby Mandar

Student Number: 10371660

Receipt #	Explanation of Expense/Details	Monetary Amount/ Actual Cash Value (\$)
1	Pack of 100 buttons	\$51.60
2	Handbills and papers for buttons	\$56.94
		\$108.54
		<b>\$100 limit</b>

### Gabriel Onosejele

Student Number: 10372039

Receipt #	Explanation of Expense/Details	Monetary Amount/ Actual Cash Value (\$)
1	Small picture photo	\$0.31
2	Big poster photo	\$44.99
3	HST 13%	\$5.89
		<b>\$51.19</b>

### Palak

Student Number: 10366419

Receipt #	Explanation of Expense/Details	Monetary Amount/ Actual Cash Value (\$)
1	Campaigning materials	\$68.35
		<b>\$68.35</b>

**Nirav Himmatbhai Modi**

Student Number: 10375045

Receipt #	Explanation of Expense/Details	Monetary Amount/ Actual Cash Value (\$)
1	Poster	\$33.90
2	Stickers	\$37.26
		<b>\$71.16</b>

Total amount available for the candidates' campaign: \$600

**Total amount spent on the candidates' campaign: \$386.74**

## Fleming Student Administrative Council Elections Expenses

**Total amount available for the Fleming SAC Election: \$8575**

Board Expense:

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
2026-01-12		Dollarama	Bristol board for elections	\$5.80
2026-01-27		Dollarama	Bristol board for election candidates	\$8.62
2026-02-04		Kernels	150 assorted bags of popcorn for elections campaign	\$228.83
2026-02-05	16644	Maddie Scott	Posters for elections	\$61.02
2026-02-10	37177	Simply Voting Inc.	\$2531.25 plus tax	\$2860.31
2026-02-17	004700352-000901	Aramark Canada Ltd.	150 small coffees, 100 timbits, 174 donuts	\$535.43
2026-02-20	16648	Charan Pitla	Costco chip bags for election campaign handouts	\$169.43
				<b>\$3869.44</b>

**Total amount spent for the Fleming SAC Election: \$3869.44**

**Total amount spent on the candidates' campaign: \$386.74**

**Total amount spent: \$4,256.18 from the allocated budget for AGM & Elections - \$8575**

## Election Summary

For most of the election period, everything proceeded according to plan, including over 30 classroom visits to promote nominations, successful hosted events, promotions during SAC events, and outreach during the voting period.

However, it was reported that a candidate was seen asking individuals to vote for them during the official voting period. As per SAC Election Rules, campaigning during voting days is prohibited and the candidate was initially disqualified pending clarification. The candidate and the Elections Committee were informed of this decision.

The candidate later met with the Electoral Officer, members of the current SAC Board of Directors, the SAC General Manager and the President to clarify the circumstances surrounding the report. During the meeting, the candidate provided his perspective and explained how the situation occurred. Given the seriousness of the matter, the situation was carefully reviewed. After thorough discussion and consideration of the candidate's clarification, it was decided to rescind the disqualification and allow the candidate to continue in the election process. We acknowledge the candidate's explanation and recognize their cooperation, patience, and understanding throughout the process. As a result, the student was reinstated as a candidate in the SAC Board of Directors election.

Additionally, during the mentioned meeting, the candidate shared concerns regarding other candidates asking individuals to vote for them during the official voting period. A second meeting was scheduled with the mentioned candidates to discuss the matter and remind students of the SAC Elections Rules.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the elections concluded, and the results were received from Simply Voting. The 2026 elections saw a voter turnout of 846 out of 3482 eligible voters. A meeting with candidates was scheduled to notify them of the results before the all-students email was sent out to announce the results of the Fleming SAC Board of Directors Elections.

Furthermore, a meeting was held with the student who was not successful in the election.

All things considered, the election process went well.

## Recommendations

1. Add more SAC bulletin boards or relocate the existing ones to more strategic, high-traffic areas, as some are currently too close to each other. One additional board could be placed in the main foyer.
2. To implement a criteria that allows first semester students to run for the Fleming SAC Board of Directors position.
3. Slightly modify Candidate's Forum to a social event with snacks and games so students can engage with candidates and get to know them in a different environment.
4. Set up a designated voting booth with trained voting agents to actively promote participation and make the voting process more accessible and streamlined for students to get strong student's mandate.
5. Include a QR code linking directly to the voting platform to provide quicker access, as some students were unaware of the email announcement or had not checked their inbox before the voting promotions. The QR code could be displayed on SAC bulletin boards (especially in the main foyer) and shared on SAC's Instagram account.
6. Have professors talk about the SAC Board of Directors Elections in their classes during the voting period, while sharing a simple presentation with the QR code of the voting platform, allowing a few minutes for students to scan the QR code, read the candidate's bios and vote for their favorite candidate.
7. Create small incentives for voting participation (merch giveaway to few students who voted, and "I Voted" merch such as pencils, stickers, bracelets) to create social visibility around voting.
8. Implement a pre-election awareness day dedicated to educating students about what SAC does and the importance of the SAC Board of Directors.
9. Create a "Why Vote?" video from current students explaining why participation and voting is important.