Richard Wu Elected Freshman Class Council President as Elections See Highest Voter Turnout in Recent History

Richard Wu was elected Freshman Class Council President for the Class of 2018 on Tuesday night, receiving 24.4% in the election with the highest voter turnout in recent SU history. Elise Burton will serve as Vice President of Administration, Kevin Jia will be Vice President of Finance, Molly Brodsky Vice President of Programming and Maria Gilfoyle Vice President of Public Relations.

This was the first year Freshman Class Council candidates ran without slates, as well as the first year position titles mirrored that of Student Union exec. The presidential race was especially competitive, with eight candidates in the running. Student Union President Emma Tyler cites the removal of slates as a possible reason for the high number of candidates and the increased voter turnout.

“We think removing slates increased the number of freshmen that decided to run and with that increased voter turn out,” Tyler said. “It definitely led a wider range of students to run and made the campaigning more competitive.”

Full election results are available at su.wustl.edu. Questions can be directed to SU Vice President of Public Relations Vivek Biswas at administration@su.wustl.edu.