

# DIE Board Hearing Application

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NOTE: Under the DIE Board Protocols, the DIE Board reserves the right to reject applications that it judges to be frivolous or vexatious.

**Name** Denee Reansbury

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**Phone Number**

[REDACTED]

**This application is for a:**

Appeal of a DIE Board Decision

## Reason for Application

Describe the specific violation of a bylaw or rule, your specific interpretation question, or the specific errors made by the DIE Board or the CRO. If you want the Board to issue some kind of order, explain what you think the Board should do. You may also attach additional written submissions or supporting documents at the end of this form.

### Reason

I am writing to formally appeal Ruling #1 concerning my absence from the mandatory Candidates Meeting.

I have the utmost respect for the authority of the Elections Office and for the processes that uphold fairness and integrity in UASU elections. However, I believe there are significant procedural and contextual factors that warrant a reconsideration of this ruling.

#### 1. Lack of Notice and Communication

I did not receive a calendar invitation or official meeting notice for the Candidates Meeting. For a meeting designated as mandatory, it is reasonable to expect that participants would receive a formal invite or reminder. I was later informed that you waited until 7:00 p.m. for me to attend, yet no outreach or attempt was made to contact me regarding my absence. Had any communication been initiated, I would have immediately reiterated my unavailability due to academic and parental responsibilities.

#### 2. Valid Grounds for Absence

On the day of the meeting, I had both an academic exam in NS 352 and childcare responsibilities as a single parent. These are legitimate reasons for absence under Regulation 320.08(2), which provides exemptions in cases of unforeseen academic circumstances or emergencies for which no prior notice could reasonably be given. I acted in good faith and with transparency regarding my situation.

#### 3. Procedural Fairness and Timing of the Ruling

The ruling was due on September 29 but was not issued by that date. Consequently, my name remained

on the official ballot, and the election proceeded as normal. My faculty voted unanimously in my favor, which reinforced the understanding that my candidacy was valid and approved. Issuing a ruling four days after the election's conclusion creates a perception of procedural unfairness and undermines the confidence of both candidates and voters.

#### 4. Demonstrated Commitment to the UASU

I have consistently demonstrated my dedication to the UASU and the Faculty of Native Studies, serving on several boards and fulfilling my duties as Faculty Councillor with diligence and professionalism. My intent has always been to uphold the integrity and responsibilities of these roles.

In light of these circumstances, I respectfully request that this decision be reviewed and that my candidacy and election results be upheld. I am prepared to provide documentation of my exam attendance and childcare obligations upon request.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to fairness and transparency in the elections process.

Sincerely,  
Denée Reansbury  
Candidate, Students' Council Faculty of Native Studies Councillor

## Proposed Respondent(s)

List the individual(s) alleged to have infringed a rule or who are otherwise adversely involved in interest to your application. If you are appealing a CRO Ruling, list the CRO and any candidates involved.

### Proposed Respondent

Megan Garbutt, CRO

## Anticipated Witnesses

List other individuals involved in the case who can contribute to the Hearing, if any.

### Anticipated Witness

Corina Waldie  
Aurora Duboise-oka

### Signature



## Attach File

Although not required, you may attach additional written submissions or supporting documents for the Board to consider, including any relevant facts, a copy of any Students' Union legislation or rules relevant to your arguments, and your position on the matters in issue. These submissions will help the Board understand the nature of your complaint or request for interpretation. The Board may rule against you if you do not provide sufficient reasons for your application.

**Please submit as a single document.**

*If you're unsure of how to combine multiple separate documents, you can save all documents as a PDF and use [PDF Merge](#).*

**Direct any questions to:**

DIE Board Registrar

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