



CRO denies allegations

by Suzette C. Chan

The Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union denies he made a request to faculty associations to hold their elections concurrently with the SU general elections

Rob Splane, VP Finance of the Arts Students Association and a candidate in the current SU general election, alleged that a CRO request forced the ASA to change the dates of the ASA election.

In an article in the Jan. 31 issue of the Gateway, Splane accused the member of the ASA who brought the ASA executive to Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board of wanting "to ensure those who ran for SU executive and lost could run for Arts rep on Students' Council.'

A DIE Board ruling regarding the ASA elections will appear next week

CRO Michael Brings says, "(Splane) asked me to make this request (that faculty associations hold their elections early). I told him it wasn't in my sphere to make such a ruling."

Asked to speculate why Splane would have said the CRO made the

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"Our (old) approach was like treating clients as a captive market," said Brown. "We were forced to awake to new industry concepts."

Brown noted that undertaking renovations during an economic request, Brings replied, "I guess he wanted to prevent people from running (for Arts council) later. Or maybe they thought it wuld be cheaper. I don't know."

Representatives from the Science and Law faculty associations also said the CRO forwarded no guidelines on their elections.

Splane could not be reached for comment.

downturn was risky, but ac.ded, "If we hadn't made those changes, the outcome would have been disastrous."

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