

Dear GSS Executive Board and Members of the WUSC Referendum Campaign,

I am writing to formally recuse myself from making any decisions regarding the WUSC complaint related to the 2026 GSS referendum.

I acknowledge the complaint submitted by WUSC regarding the referendum process and the concerns they have raised about fairness and impartiality. After careful consideration, I have concluded that my personal relationship with a member of the GSS Executive Board, combined with my prior involvement in approving aspects of the referendum FAQ, creates a reasonable perception of conflict of interest and compromises the legitimacy of my decision. To ensure the process remains impartial and consistent with principles of administrative fairness, natural justice, and the appearance of fairness, recusal is the most appropriate course of action.

I respectfully request that responsibility for handling this complaint be transferred to the next Electoral Officer appointed at the SAGM, or to another impartial decision-maker as deemed appropriate.

I will provide any necessary documentation or context to support the incoming Electoral Officer or the Electoral Appeals Committee in handling this matter.

Thank you for your understanding.

Best regards,

Semyon Drozdetskii

Electoral Officer, Graduate Student Society