April 24 run-off set to settle UA election

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Matsika said that the committee discussed the situation with the three candidates when the "stuffed" ballots were discovered. With the candidates' consent, the committee decided to count the votes after eliminating the suspect ballots. 

"We hoped to avoid putting the candidates and the community through the strains of another campaign," Matsika said. "But when we counted the votes, we found that the results were close enough to cast doubts upon the outcome." The difference between the candidates in the final count was within the committee's "margin of error," in determining which ballots were valid, Matsika said. The committee's statement said that the committee would have "no further comment at this time." The candidates were not consulted in the final decision to invalidate the election. Wallman and Zimmerman met briefly with the Election Committee shortly after the statement was made. Nichol, who was at home at SAE, was informed of the committee's decision.

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