



## THE THIRD EYE

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President Waleed Alhweeshel

Vice-President Essa Qasem

Dear Mr President,

The Third Eye (TTE) believes in a democratic process in which every student is entitled for proper representation of their views and principles in conduct. Without proper representation, any student organisation becomes less of a student body and more of an institutionalised entity focused on brand preservation and power upkeep.

This letter is written in response to your request for feedback on the recent events which occurred during and prior to the General Election Debate carried out by KSU and MUDU. The debate was monopolised in such a way that no other student organisation other than those approved by KSU were allowed to partake for reasons not made clear.

Our response is as follows:

TTE made several attempts to liaise with KSU in order to cover the event. Although the attempts were welcomed, no action was taken. There was an obvious absence in any sort of collaborative environment for student associations to have a role in the planning for the debate.

It seemed as though the event was an entitled one. An acquisitive right for the biggest student organisation in University of Malta (UM); which is highly reflective of the actual debate which paid very little attention to the minority.

The concept of the General Election Debate event was predominantly to expose students to the candidates they will be voting for. This includes media coverage and a broad spectrum of student participation. This means KSU would not be able, alone, to fulfil all the objectives of the event justice.

As a student media organisation, TTE strives to be transparent with its affiliates. The aim is to always be fair to those who trust us with showcasing the student body's point of views. It is to that reason we think adapting to the times is significant in any project we undertake. The contemporary scene in UM is highly competitive and counterintuitive.

If any feedback should be forthcoming from TTE, it would be to make an effort to embrace more collaborative relationships between student associations without the underlying pressure to one-up each other for KSU favours.

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