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## 2016 Presidential Primary Straw Poll Results

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FAIRFAX, VA – The George Mason Democrats are pleased to announce the results of their Presidential Primary Straw Poll. The polling period began January 18, 2016 and ended February 5, 2016. There were two options for participants to submit their opinion, both online and on paper at GMU Democrats' voter registration drives.

There were 157 online ballots submitted and 131 paper ballots submitted. Participants could choose to fill out either a Democratic or a Republican ballot, which listed out all declared candidates as of January 31, 2016.

**For the Democratic Primary Straw Poll:** Senator Bernie Sanders won the Democratic straw poll with 69.5% of the vote, with Fmr. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton coming in second with 22.3% of the vote, and finally Fmr. Governor Martin O'Malley coming in third with 7.3% of the vote.

**For the Republican Primary Straw Poll:** Senator Marco Rubio won the Republican straw poll with 32.7% of the vote, with Sen. Rand Paul coming in second with 18.2% of the vote, Sen. Ted Cruz and Ms. Carly Fiorina tying for third with 9.1% of the vote, Mr. Donald Trump, Mr. Ben Carson and Fmr. Governor Jeb Bush tying for fourth with 7.3% of the vote, Governor John Kasich coming in fifth with 5.5% of the vote and the rest of the Republican candidates receiving no votes.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this straw poll, don't forget to vote in the primary election on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Students living on-campus who are registered at their George Mason address can vote on-campus in Merten Hall between 6 A.M. and 7 P.M.

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