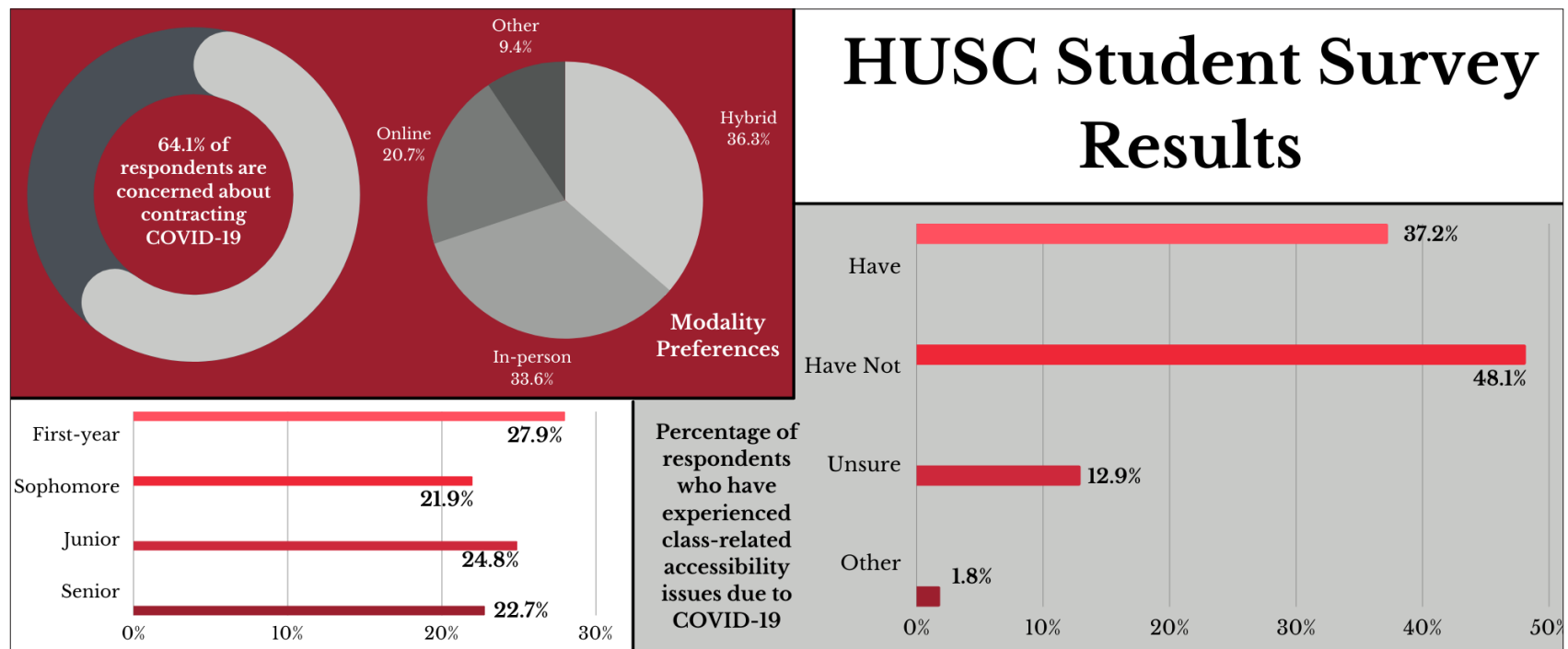


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The race for student body presidents

At HUSC's February 17 informal presidential debate, candidate teams discussed their platforms. This year's race is so far defined by issues brought forward by students.

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THE RACE FOR 2022-23 Hamline Undergraduate Student Congress (HUSC) co-presidents has officially started, after candidates submitted their petitions to appear on the ballot and recently appeared in an informal debate.

In the spring of 2021, Hamline students passed a resolution changing the roles of HUSC President and Vice President to External and Internal Presidents, widely referred to as co-presidents. Currently, the External President is Hamline senior Raina Meyer and the internal president is junior Ruben Dominguez.

Three teams are running for 2022-23 HUSC co-presidency. Sophomore Maddie Swanson and junior Emily Hilderbrand are current members of the HUSC executive board and are campaigning to positively affect the impact Hamline leaves on students.

Sophomores Skyler Rush and Spencer Olson have not served on HUSC, but are running on a platform of "leadership that listens."

In a surprise February 18 announcement, current HUSC executive board members and juniors Lisette Guzman and

Lindsey Rajala announced their candidacy. Guzman and Rajala will not be on the ballot, and are encouraging supporters to write them in.

The informal debate was held on February 17. Over 30 students gathered virtually and physically in Drew Science Center 118 to listen and ask questions of official candidates Swanson, Hilderbrand, Rush and Olson. The event served less as a debate and more as a chance for candidates to speak on their experience, platforms and plans.

Hamline senior and HUSC public relations chair Mya Severson ran the debate livestream, and believes it's important for student voters' voices to be heard.

"HUSC's tagline is your voice HUSC, and I think the most important questions come from the student body," Severson said.

The debate began with candidate introductions.

Swanson, who is running for internal president, is a public health and environmental studies double major. She is involved in the women's lacrosse team, as well as the wind ensemble and Food Steering Committee. Swanson serves as the technology coordinator on the HUSC executive board.

Hilderbrand is running for external president, and is a religion and social justice double major with a minor in digital media arts. They are also Hamline Undergraduate Programming Board (HUPB)'s special event coordinator and the HUSC political affairs chair.

"We believe the impact that Hamline leaves on you matters, and that impact is created every day," Hilderbrand said.

Their platform is focused on impact, engagement and see DEBATE page 4