

Elections Committee Minutes 17-05
March 29, 2017 1:00-2:00pm
USU 3700- ASI Conference Room

Elections Committee
 2016-2017

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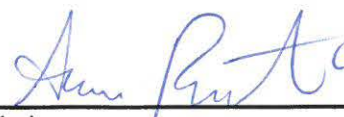
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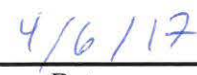
ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
01	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair
02	Roll Call Present: Sam, Collin, Chris, Rye, Stephanie, Jordan, Rodger, Ashley Absent: Kelcee, Ahmbra	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair
03	Recognition of Guests Brandy Williams, Karen Ambrocio, Leon Striker, Lori Brockett, Katy Rees, Kim Clark	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair
04 Action	Approval of Agenda Chris motioned to approve the agenda Jordan -2 nd Motion Carries	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair
05 Action	Approval of Minutes Chris motioned to approve the minutes Jordan -2 nd Motion Carries	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair
06 Information	Open Forum Guest Brandy William brought up concerns regarding campaign signs and supplies still being up around campus. She also mentioned concerns regarding the campaign spending of one slate. She believed they went over the \$500 per candidate limit. She believed that \$500 per person was too high and the committee should consider lowering the total in order to be inclusive of all students on campus- keeping in mind not all students would have \$500 to spend on their campaign, thus limiting their accessibility to students. Sam thanked Brandy for coming and voicing concerns. He mentioned that they rely on student feedback in making changes to the election process. He also mentioned that they did receive and review the receipts from the slate in question and they did not exceed their \$500 per candidate limit. Ashley confirmed these totals include costs for the signs and supplies. Rodger echoed changes to the process in response to concerns. He also mentioned that the candidate spending used to be a \$100 maximum and it was increased a few years ago. But, this is always something that can be visited after this elections cycle closes. Brandy also inquired about the process for filling open positions on the Board. Ashley mentioned that	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair

	<p>the new President would be in charge of opening the application and interview process. She suggested that Brandy watch for flyers, a-frames, emails, or social media posts regarding these open positions.</p>	
<p>07 Information</p>	<p>Next Steps in the ASI Elections Process Description: The ASI Executive Director will provide an overview of next steps in the elections process. Kim mentioned that in the next agenda item guests Katy Rees and Lori Brockett would stay to assist in the discussion to find solutions and make decisions on the complaints submitted. Katy and Lori both are very familiar with ASI and committee processes since they are standing invitees on the ASI Board of Directors. She mentioned that she, Rodger, and Ashley would step out of the room to remove themselves from any decisions made. She believed that because of their direct work with the ASI Board of Directors, it would be useful to have them uninvolved in the decision making of complaints received. She also mentioned that Sam will be stepping out of the room as well and Collin will be stepping in as Chair since he is the Vice Chair of the committee. Since Sam submitted a complaint, it would be best that he step out of the room during discussions or decisions made regarding these complaints in order to avoid any perceived conflict of interest.</p>	<p>Kim Clark ASI Executive Director & Associate Vice President, Student Auxiliary Services</p>
<p>08 Action</p>	<p>Closed Session, Pursuant to CA Education Code Section 89307 (c) (1): Review of Alleged Elections Code Violations Description: The ASI Elections Committee will review and take action on alleged violations of the ASI Elections Code, including consideration of investigation findings to date. University Administrators who are not employed by ASI will serve as advisors to the Elections Committee throughout this process. Sam handed the gavel to Vice Chair, Collin Bogie Chris motioned to move into closed session Jordan-2nd Motion Carries Sam left room, Chair Collin asked Ashley, Rodger, and Kim to stay shortly to present follow-up information found on complaints received. After the presentation, they left the room for the committee to discuss and deliberate. Chris motioned to move out of closed session Jordan-2nd Motion Carries Chair noted that the meeting was extended at 1:42pm to 3:00pm at the will of the chair during closed session Committee reported unanimous decisions made on the complaints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allegation of mass emailing of by Chris Lee, the committee determined this is a violation of the guidelines on the usage of </p>	<p>Katy Rees Associate Vice President, Administration</p> <p>Lori Brockett Associate Vice President, Alumni Engagement & University Events</p>

	<p>online social network for ASI election document, bullet 1 found within the ASI Elections packet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allegation of early campaigning, the committee determined there was no violation of early campaigning based on IITS investigation. • Allegation of a public polling place being established, the committee determined there was no violation of the code as it is currently written. But, the committee would like to place this on a future elections agenda to define the guidelines of a polling place • Allegation of code of conduct violation by Leon Stiker, the committee determined this is a violation per Election Code 500, Section X, Bullet P referencing the code of conduct pledge. <p>The committee has decided to remove both Chris Lee and Leon Striker from the election process. In addition, the committee recommends future clarification needed on guidelines and consequences for a slate.</p> <p>Kim sought clarification on the decision regarding removal and approval. The committee clarified that only Chris and Leon are removed and all other candidates would remain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim also wanted clarification on next steps. Ashley mentioned that now the removed candidates are notified and they have 24 hours to appeal the decision. The committee will meet and make final decision then the results can/might be approved, pending committee decisions on the appeals. There is a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 4th. The appeal reviews will also be done within closed session with the candidates being allowed to present their case with in open forum or within their action item. 	
09 Information	Announcements None	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair
10 Action	Adjournment Chris motioned to adjourn Jordan-2nd Motion Carries The meeting was adjourned at 2:44pm	Sam Ramtin Elections Chair

I, Sam Ramtin, Chair of Elections Committee 16/17, hereby certify that the above Minutes were approved by the Elections Committee., at a meeting held on April 4 2017.

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Chair

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Date