

**Special Elections Committee Minutes 17-09**  
**April 14, 2017 2:30-3:30pm**  
**USU 3700**

Agenda Posted Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 2:00pm

Elections Committee  
 2016-2017

Members

**Samuel Ramtin**  
*Chair*

**Collin Bogie**  
*ASI Representative &  
 Vice Chair*

**Christopher Morales**  
*ASI Representative*

**Rye Boulter**  
*ASI Representative*

**Stephanie Ferro**  
*CSUSM Student*

**Jordan Gaydos**  
*CSUSM Student*

**Kelcee Funderburg**  
*CSUSM Student*

Advisors

**Rodger D'Andreas**  
*Senior Director*

**Ashley Fennell**  
*Government Affairs  
 Coordinator*

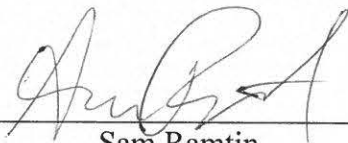
**Ahmbra Austin**  
*Media & Communications  
 Coordinator*

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
01	<b>Call to Order</b> <b>The meeting was called to order 2:33pm</b>	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair
02	<b>Roll Call</b> <b>Present: Samuel, Collin, Chris, Rye, Stephanie, Jordan, Rodger, Ashley</b> <b>Absent: Kelcee, Ahmbra</b>	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair
03	<b>Recognition of Guests</b> <b>Kim Clark, Katy Rees, Lori Brockett, Rhiannon Ripley, Anna Rapada, Chris Lee, Joe-Joe McManus, Margaret Chantung, Aaron Herrscher, Yomira Zamora</b>	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair
04 Action	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> <b>Chris motioned to approve the agenda</b> <b>Jordan-2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Motion Carries</b>	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair
05 Action	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> <b>Chris motioned to approve the minutes</b> <b>Jordan-2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Motion Carries</b>	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair
06 Information	<b>Open Forum</b> <b>Guest Rhiannon Ripley</b> discussed requests for the elections results made public since their discussion was within an open session. She also discussed the need for more increased information shared with students. She also mentioned the need for more involvement via the Elections Committee members. <b>Kim Clark</b> clarified that the Office of Communications will be sending out a campus message after this meeting was the results and next steps. <b>Guest Yomira Zamora</b> discussed the need for increased transparency through the elections process as well as concerns related to a re-election process. She mentioned that a second elections process would be taxing on energy and academic success. She also mentioned bias within the Elections Committee since one member is in the same fraternity as candidates. She thought committee membership should to address more than just Greek Life. She had concerns related to the EVP placing members on this committee who could have a conflict of interest. <b>Guest Aaron Herrscher</b> (current EVP) clarified that he was sick and out of the office when Elections Committee members were appointed and approved by the Board. He believes since he did not have a hand in	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair

	<p>picking these members he therefore did not believe he have a conflict of interest in the matter.</p> <p>Further conversation focused on how Elections Committee members were appointed. <b>Ashley Fennell</b> mentioned that as the coordinator of the Board, she most likely stepped in to help Aaron identify members, as he was out of the office and the Elections process cannot start until we have members approved by the Board. She believed that after Aaron had attempted to reach out to all of the ASI employees via an Internal ASI email and had not heard anything back, she reached out to various ASI members in person. She believed that only Chris, Collin, and Rye were able to fit this committee into their schedules. This committee requires the membership of 3 ASI employees. Other members of the committee were recommendations from various campus partners.</p> <p><b>Collin Bogie</b> wanted to clarify section 2 in the in the complaint received from Guest/Candidate Yomira Zamora. He did not believe his actions of “liking” a Facebook page constituted a violation of campaigning for a candidate. However, he understands how that can look from the outside. He believes the actions of this committee, and himself, have been as fair as possible even if some committee members have a bias. He believed it is impossible to find an entire committee who has no bias whatsoever. He further mentioned that he chaired most of these items so he always had to remain impartial and never had a vote in any of the matters. He mentioned that he would recuse himself from further discussions in order to remove perceived bias in decisions. Nevertheless, he believed all the decisions of this committee were made to be fair to all candidates and to represent all students.</p>	
<p><b>07 Action</b></p>	<p><b>Closed Session, Pursuant to CA Education Code Section 89307 (c) (1): Review of Complaint regarding the Elections process</b></p> <p>The ASI Elections Committee will review and take action on complaint regarding the ASI Elections process</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact: None</b></p> <p><b>Chris motioned to move into closed session Jordan-2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p><b>Motion Carries</b></p> <p>After moving back in open session, <b>Kim Clark</b> reported that the committee has decided to reopen the investigation into Chris Lee in order give due process to the candidate. The committee has also decided to postpone the revote process until these steps are completed.</p> <p><b>Guest Yomira Zamora</b> wondered about timeline.</p> <p><b>Chris Morales</b> mentioned that after evidence is presented and a determination is reached regarding the complaints against Chris Lee, the committee will know more about the timeline.</p> <p><b>Kim Clark</b> mentioned that the results will be made public today with the footnote of the results that are</p>	<p><b>Kim Clark</b> Associate Vice President, Student Auxiliary Services &amp; Executive Director, ASI and U-Corp</p> <p><b>Katy Rees</b> Associate Vice President, FAS Administration</p>

	<p>unverified. The results will be posted on the ASI website. She also mentioned that the elections code and process would be examined and updated after cycle is complete. <b>Rodger D'Andreas</b> echoed that the process could not be changed mid-way through the process.</p> <p><b>Sam Ramtin</b> also clarified that the reimbursements for the second cycle are still approved, since some candidates already purchased materials.</p>	
<b>08 Information</b>	<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p><b>Kim Clark</b> mentioned that her door is always open for questions.</p>	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair
<b>09 Action</b>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p><b>Chris</b> motioned to adjourn the meeting <b>Jordan-2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Motion Carries</b></p> <p><b>The meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm</b></p>	<b>Sam Ramtin</b> Elections Chair

I, Sam Ramtin, Chair of the ASI Elections Committee, hereby certify that the above minutes were approved by the committee at a scheduled special meeting held on April 20, 2017.

  
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 Sam Ramtin

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 4/20/17  
 Date