Elections Committee Meeting Minutes for May 7th, 2012

I. Call to Order: Chair Weisbecker calls meeting to order at 12:08pm

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mark Weisbecker, Riddhi Sood, Kayla Wilson, Marguerite Hinrichs

Absent Members: Randy Saffold, Stan Hebert

Guests: Silvid Solorio, Zamil Alzamil, Garrick Sangil, David Metrock, Kelsey Mohland, Omar Sanchez, Cynthia Neira, Heather Harbeck, Jose Gonzalez, Erik Olivar

III. Action Item - Approval of the Agenda

Motion: (Sood) to approve the Agenda.

Amendment I: (Sood) to change the venue to room #311 instead of University Union room #303 due to the accommodations of the students that attended of the Elections Committee Meeting.

Amendment I Carries.

Motion Carries as Amendment.

IV. Action Item- Approval of April 20th, 2012 Minutes

Motion: (Sood) to approve Minutes of April 20th, 2012.

Motion Carries.

V. Public Comment

Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the Committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.

Jerry Chang: indicates that his concern is with extending the application deadline. Students that have the drive for running for the elections should have been aware of the application deadline of May 7th, 2012.

Heather Harbeck: indicates that the deadline should be extended being that there should be an encouragement of competition. This will benefit students in the long run due to there being a larger pool of students.

Jose Gonzales: indicates that he opposes the extension of the application due to there being plenty of emails sent out to students indicating the application deadline.

"Students working for Students!"
The students that wanted to run for a specific position has had plenty of time to run for those positions. If these people who are running does need an extension on their application; when it comes to the day to day tasks if elected they will need extensions while in office and I would like someone who is much more prepared and are aware of deadlines to represent me as a student.

**Garrick Sangil**: opposes the extended application deadline. This would have people come who are not responsible enough to meet the first deadline.

**Heather Harbeck**: indicates with the extension of the deadline this would be better outreach to the campus and would have more people involved in the ASI elections.

**Marguerite Hinrichs**: indicates that her concern is with the email that was sent out to the students. The link with the application was broken, the page was not found. There was another email sent out a week after. Being that this email was sent out a week down the line this may have caused the students to not have things together. Everyone did not have access to the same information all at the same time.

Chair **Weisbecker** states that the purpose of extending the deadline is because the Elections Committee did not do a good job of publicizing the elections early enough. As Marguerite mentioned, the email went out two Wednesdays ago and in that email there was a link in which this was not the correct one. There was some coordination and some miscommunication. The second part was that the posters were not up around campus in time. The elections code mentions that the publicizing should be done a week in advance. The rationale behind this is to make up on elections committee part.

19:32

**NEW BUSINESS**

VI. **Action Item- Elections Timeline**

The Committee will consider extending the application deadline from May 7th, 2012 to May 9th, 2012.

Chair **Weisbecker** indicates that he heard a lot of comments from the public, discussing this action item. I have heard from both sides of extending the deadline and the main thing that I am hearing when it comes to opposing the deadlines, is the people who are going to feel these spots are going to need to work with deadlines. This sounds like the overall theme of discussion here. Also students have spent a lot time and effort before hand and this would go to waste if the extension of the deadline was approved. On the opposite side of things, support for encouraging the competition, the more people that are running the better elections campaign there will be. The more people we have the better pool of people to choose from.

**Motion**: (Sood) to extend the application deadline to May 9th, 2012.

**Sood**: mentions that she understands the need of the prospective candidates, but we are all college students and there are hardships everywhere, but I would like to give everyone an equal chance.

**Wilson**: indicates that she does agree that everyone needs an equal chance and there is a need for a little more competition in the elections. If students are not able to meet deadlines this will show during campaigning.
Hinrichs indicates that CSUEB does have a long way to go when it comes to getting students involved. We have 14,000 students and in the past there have only been 1700 students that have voted in the elections. Something that needs to be thought about is giving all the students opportunities especially when it comes to students.
Chair Weisbecker receives some more feedback from the public when it comes to extending the deadline.
Motion Carries.
30:30

VII. Closing Roundtable Remarks
Hinrichs: states that she would like to thank the committee for their work and would like to thank the public that came out to show their leadership abilities. No matter what side of the table you are on this is what leadership is all about.
Weisbecker: states that he would also like to thank all the students for coming out to the Elections Committee Meeting. If there are any questions they can be brought to him after the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment
Motion: (Weisbecker) to adjourn meeting at 12:46pm
Motion Carries.

Minutes Reviewed and Approved By/On:

Elections Committee Chair
Name: Mark Weisbecker

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