Elections Committee Meeting Minutes for May 25th, 2012

I. **Call to Order:** Chair Weisbecker calls meeting to order at **1:05pm**

II. **Roll Call**

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III. **Action Item** - Approval of the Agenda

Amendment I: (Sood) to add a discussion item to determine the validity of grievances filed.

Amendment I Carries.

Motion Carries as Amended.

IV. **Action Item** – Approval of the May 7th, 2012 Minutes.

Motion: (Sood) to approve the May 7th 2012 Minutes.

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.

VI. **Discussion Item** – Determine the Validity of Filed Grievances

Chair Weisbecker indicates that there have been six grievances filed. There are three things that should come along with the filing of grievances which includes, evidence, where the violation is in the elections code, and what remedies they hope to have take place.

1st Grievance that was filed includes: Campaigning as a slate prior to sending slate designations. On Tuesday, May 15th, 2012 there was a Facebook page generated that included the names of the Students against Politics slate. The slate designation form was not given until Wednesday in which the deadline to turn it in was Friday 18th.
2012. However, they were told that they can campaign because they completed their Mandatory Candidates Meeting. The committee will have to determine if the committee considers this a valid grievance.

Chair Weisbecker states that he would conclude that this wouldn’t be a violation because the committee did subsequently file their paper work as a slate the Friday after the candidates meeting.

Sood indicates in section 9 article B of the elections code states that candidates have unfairly benefited or been harmed. How are these groups of students who filed the grievance harmed by the other group of students campaigning as a slate?

Chair Weisbecker indicates that this grievance is not a violation.

The committee discusses the grievance at hand.

**Motion:** (Wilson) that grievance one is not valid.

**Motion Carries.**

Chair Weisbecker highlights grievance 2. It is alleged that candidate Robert Lopez used Blackboard to campaign and have students vote for him. My opinion on this is that it is worth investigating and looking further into it.

Hebert indicates that there should be a message sent to Robert Lopez to inform him about the grievances filed against him. Then he can respond to them and defend his case. If the committee does find out that he was using blackboard to campaign for him this would be an accepted grievance therefore it will be assigned accordingly.

**Motion:** (Sood) to accept the grievance as valid and further investigation.

**Motion Carries.**

Chair Weisbecker highlights grievance number 3 against Robert Lopez and Ian Crueldad. Also indicates that he made it very clear not to have campaign material around voting stations.

Hebert indicates that the whole idea behind these procedures is to have fairness.

Chair Weisbecker indicates that the committee should look into these allegations more.

**Motion:** (Wilson) that this is a grievance that needs further investigation.

**Motions Carries.**

Chair Weisbecker highlights grievance number 4 against Robert Lopez and Ian Crueldad. The grievance highlights campaign material being taped to the ground.

Chair Weisbecker states that the two candidates inquired about the universities posting policy and once informed they took flyers down.

**Motion:** (Sood) that grievance 4 is not valid.

**Motion Carries.**

Chair Weisbecker highlights grievance number 5 against the slate “Students against Politics” for wearing campaigning shirts in prohibited areas.

"Students working for Students!"
Hebert highlights the Article 11 of Elections Code. ASI sponsored events, ASI business offices are prohibited, along with ASI programming areas.
ED Saffold indicates that neither of those grievances filed violates the lines of elections codes.

Motion: (Sood) that grievance 5 is not valid
Motion carries.

VII. Action Item - Discussion and approval of marketing budget
Tabled

VIII. Action Item - Discussion of Polling Stations
Chair Weisbecker indicates that the code requires the committee to have two polling stations on campus where there are highly traffic areas of students and also at the Concord Campus.
-One station down in front of the University Union.
-In front of the RAW
-Tuesday and Wednesday for polling locations
-Polling station for at the meet the candidate’s forum
-11am to 3pm in front of the Union
-Volunteer work with Silvia to work out the best times for polling

Motion: (Wilson) to compose a working group consisting of Kayla Wilson and Silvia Soloro to work on polling stations.
Motion Carries.

IX. Discussion Item - Discussion of plan for announcing results
Tabled

X. Roundtable Remarks
Hebert: states that they are keeping track of voting and so far there are about 865 votes casted and there were about 600 on the first day.
Saffold: indicates that once the results are out we should let the candidates know not to immediately go on vacation because they do have to do the transition. The date is Wednesday the 27th at noon. In which we would expect them all to be at that meeting. If anyone is not able to make it they would need to see me to make special arrangements.

XI. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:00pm
Motion Carries.

Minutes Reviewed by:
Elections Committee Chair
Name: Mark Weisbecker

06-01-12
Date: