Elections Committee Special Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:34 PM

II. ROLL CALL
   Present: Sia Saquee, James De La O, Bomani Howard, Imani Davis, Khushboo Malhotra, Masoud Hamidi, James Carroll, Erik Pinlac
   Absent: Marguerite Hinrichs

III. ACTION ITEM – Approval of the Agenda
    Motion to approve the agenda by J. De La O, second by M. Hamidi, motion PASSED.

IV. ACTION ITEM – Approval of the Minutes June 1, 2018
    Motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2018 by M. Hamidi, second by J. De La O, motion PASSED.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affection ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.
   No public comment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

   a. Ice Breaker
      The Elections Committee did an ice breaker in order to get to know each other. S. Saquee asked if they were an animal what would they be and why.
   
   b. DISCUSSION ITEM – Overview of the ASI Elections Code
      J. Carroll states that everyone should have the Elections code. Over time they will have to transition to the files of last year. It’s a place where everyone can input their files and where the group can see it. The Elections Code was adopted in 2010 and there has been some revisions made to it. However, we will have to add the language of who is eligible to run and based on their amount of time of involvement. This year was a transition time due to the quarter to semester conversion. Another key detail is in order to be the President of ASI; one must have a minimum 2 quarter/2 semesters experience with ASI such as being involved in a committee or ASI board position. For the Vice President and the other positions they need to have 1 quarter or 1 semester experience. The third piece, in the change of language is that one can be an ASI First Year Intern or Student Staff in the ASI office and it would count toward their 1 quarter or 1 semester experience. The language was changed after this last year based on feedback given from students who have been
involved. The wording is not there and we will need to add it in since it was already approved by the Board. This Election Code is the one we have to use for this year’s elections. We want to give the Elections Committee to review the work of this year and what needs to be changed in order to make the election process more effective and better for subsequent years. S. Saquee states that there cannot be any changes to the code at this time because we don’t have enough time. Since the election process has already started. If we find anything in the Code that needs to be changed keep it in mind and we will discuss it for the next election. Bring it up to my notice or to our Advisors. Read over and be familiar with the Code because there might be some questions or issues that will come up and we will have to defend our answers using the Code. J. Carroll states that if anyone has questions to ask them. If there are small grammatical errors they can change it. Everyone on the committee should have lens over the Code but particularly the Ethics Coordinator. It would fall directly under your role and be the Catalyst of overseeing the Elections Code. As we defer we will take toward your lead to review it and gather feedback from the Committee. M. Hamidi states that he has been looking over it and has his mark up on it and will definitely share it with the Committee. J. De La O asks if the Election Code was modified last elections and the time line as well. E. Pinlac states that the Election Code was modified and the timeline was put together by the Advisors during the summer. J. De La O asks if they will have to worry about the time line in these elections. E. Pinlac states they will not have to since it is already set. It is already being advertised, it is in print and ASI has a whole pamphlet of all our events. We have a section dedicated to the Elections and have all of our timeline. We are trying to solidify something’s so they don’t change to much every year. J. Carroll states that the one article in the Elections Code does give the rough dates for the time line. For next year we will want to look over that piece. As advisors we try to shift the calendar based on a semester model but we will need some feedback from the group. Does the time line seem to work because that is the recommendation that we will want to put in the Elections Code to change. We will want the Board to have the updated Code before their last meeting in April. J. Carroll states that everyone in the committee should review the timeline but look at it through the eyes of your position. When you review your job description and talk off line with your advisor, you will want to think about how long it is going to take for you to plan those pieces that you need to do.

c. DISCUSSION ITEM– 2018-2019 ASI Elections Timeline
   This item was discussed in the previous discussion item.

VII. ROUNDTABLE REMARKS
   I. Davis states that she is excited for what is to come. She has ideas for the Candidates and hopes to get the campus more involved.
   E. Pinlac states if everyone can meet with Shen in the ASI office sometime this week or next week in order to fill out the paperwork to get payed.
   M. Hamidi states is excited but nervous at the same time
J. De La O states this election year will be better than last year.
K. Malhotra states that she is excited to be part to do the marketing part of the elections.
B. Howard states that he looks forward to add new things to the Elections and it will be better than last year.
J. Carroll states that their next critical deadline is February 29th at 11:59pm when the application closes. So, far there is one person who has applied but if you can send the application to your network.
S. Saquee states that we should put in our social media and advertise it to everyone.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 1:09 PM

Minutes Reviewed By:
Chair, Elections Committee
Name: Sia Saquee

Minutes approved on:
Date: