

Elections Committee Special Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair **Sood** calls meeting to order at **1:17 PM.**

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Riddhi Sood
Connie Liao
Nitish Mane
John Zamora

Absent Members

Bhavik Bhatt
Marguerite Hinrichs
Stan Hebert

Guests

Randy Saffold
Thamer Alhathal
Jordan Leopold

III. ACTION ITEM- **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: (Mane) to approve the agenda.

Motion carries.

IV. ACTION ITEM – **Approval of the Minutes of April 14, 2014**

Motion: (Zamora) to approve the minutes of April 14, 2014.

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.

VP of Finance/Acting EVP **Alhathal** addresses the following:

- VP of Finance/Acting EVP **Alhathal** states that he is running in the elections and that he and his slate members turned in their applications. **Alhathal** further asked the committee for an extended deadline since it is better to have a high turnout in the elections because it would look better for CSUEB.
- VP of Finance/Acting EVP **Alhathal** states that the applications were supposed to be out on April 15, 2014, but they came out on April 22, 2014.
- Chair **Sood** interjects by stating that the applications were supposed to be out on April 14, 2014, but they came out on April 15, 2014.
- VP of Finance/Acting EVP **Alhathal** states that even other students said that the applications were out on April 21, 2014. Being that there was some miscommunication, **Alhathal** urges the Elections Committee to take that into consideration and extend the deadline.

Director, Legislative Affairs **Leopold** addresses the following:

- Director, Legislative Affairs **Leopold** states that he is also running in the elections again.
- A few of his friends had intended on running in the elections also, but they didn't know when the applications were released.


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- An extension of the deadline would give great benefits, being that ASI wants a high turnout.
- Last year (2013-2014) in the elections there were a lot of unopposed candidates, therefore extending the deadline would help bring more value to the elections.
- Chair **Sood** states that she feels there has been some miscommunication so she will look more into extending the deadline and getting back to them.

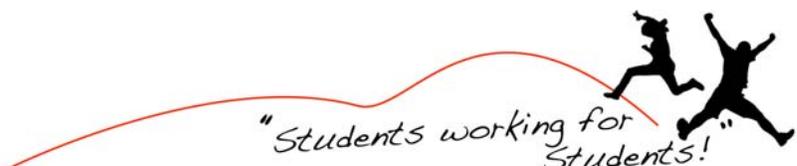
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NEW BUSINESS

VI. ACTION ITEM – Extension of Election Student Application deadline

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- Agrees that some of the marketing for the elections came late and after talking to a few students there were some aspects that were lacked.
- Chair **Sood** suggests to either extending the deadline to Monday April 28, 2014 at 5pm or Tuesday April 29, 2014 at 12pm.
- **Mane** suggests that they extend it to the Monday April 28, 2014 deadline.
- **Zamora** questions why the deadline is for 12pm on Tuesday (4-29-14).
- Chair **Sood** states that she feels like the weekend is long and Monday night (4-28-14) is long enough to give to students. She doesn't want to give students all of Tuesday because it takes time to go through all the procedures. Also, the Candidate meetings are proposed for May 1, 2014 and May 2, 2014, and **Sood** wants to have extra time in case they need to speak to the candidates about any issues that come up.
- ED **Saffold** states that students could actually submit applications all the way up to (5-01-14). Since the Candidate's meetings are mandatory for all candidates, their eligibility does not need to be proven to come to the Candidate's meeting; candidates just need to be proven eligible to run for office. If Stan and Marguerite can commit to work with Hal Gin to prove that students are eligible on (5-02-14 and 5-03-14) the Elections Committee may be able to accept applications all the way up through (5-01-14) instead of Tuesday (4-29-14) or at least through Wednesday (4-30-14). The names of the applicants just need to be sent over to Hal Gin to make sure that they are eligible.
- Chair **Sood** states that she doesn't know how long that process takes and she knows that Stan and Marguerite already have responsibilities so she wants to give them time to do that. **Sood** further states that she was thinking Tuesday (4-29-14) at 12pm because it will give them Wednesday (4-30-14), since on Thursday (5-01-14) there will be two meetings. Also reservations have already been made for the meetings on Thursday (5-01-14) and Friday (5-02-14) already.
- **Liao** states that she feels they should extend the deadline until Tuesday (5-29-14) because she personally went out and posted posters around the school and she noticed that there were no other posters that were posted. Also on Monday the committee can table and give students more time to get information and turn in their applications.



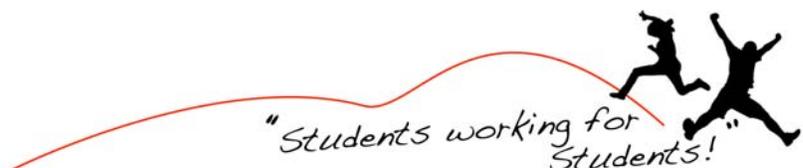
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- Director, Legislative Affairs **Leopold** questions if the applications can be picked up at Student Life and Leadership.
- ED **Saffold** states that they can also be found online at the ASI website.
- Director, Legislative Affairs **Leopold** states that if the deadline is extended to at least Tuesday (4-29-14) it would be best.
- VP of Finance/Acting EVP **Alhathal** states that if the deadline is for Tuesday (4-29-14) it should be a whole day, it doesn't make sense to just give students half a day. Some students have class in the morning, so if it is a full day that gives everyone the same chance.
- Chair **Sood** states that students need to prioritize they would make the 12pm deadline. This time also creates a sense of urgency.
- Director, Legislative Affairs **Leopold** states that it needs to be taken into consideration that East Bay is a huge commuter school. Not all students have morning class and it takes time for them to arrive to campus. If the deadline is for 5pm it opens up the window for more students to apply for the positions.
- **Zamora** states that he likes the idea of the sense of urgency that the 12pm deadline gives. He further questions if students can fill out the applications online and send it in through email.
- ED **Saffold** states that with Acrobat Pro information can't be saved on the fillable form, so some students may get confused trying to figure out how to send their applications online.
- **Mane** states that the committee can give directions on how to save the form. Students can fill out the form by hand then scan a copy to email; in that case more students can send in the forms as early as possible.
- ED **Saffold** states if that the directions can be sent to Adrian he can put some textual information above the link to the applications.
- Chair **Sood** compromises by suggesting 2pm as the deadline time.
- Director, Legislative Affairs **Leopold** questions why it is important to **Sood** to have the application deadline time at 12pm because he feels like it is more restricting.
- **Liao** suggests that the deadline should be Tuesday at 5pm. The psychological mind trick of urgency may not be what the committee should do in this given situation since they have already gave students a small amount of time by not having much publicity.
- ED **Saffold** questions if applications are submitted at Student Life. Chair **Sood** states that they are, and that she already informed the ASI front desk staff not to accept any applications.

Motion: (Zamora) to extend the deadline to Tuesday 5pm.

Motion carries.

18:45



VII. DISCUSSION ITEM – **Mandatory Candidate Meeting**

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- Chair **Sood** states that she and Connie made the reservations for May 1-2, 2014 for the Candidate Meetings. There will be three Candidate Meetings to accommodate everyone; Thursday (5-01-14) at 2pm and 6pm, and on Friday (5-02-14) at 3pm. Thursday's meetings will be held in the Old Union room #102 and Friday's meeting will be in the Diversity Center.
- Chair **Sood** further states that she will email the subcommittee who is handling the Candidate Meetings the instructions. **Sood** further states that she talked to Marguerite and she said that Randy has the presentation that was used last time. ED **Saffold** clarifies that he has the ASI 101 presentation and that he can do the day time meetings. Another ASI member can do the presentation on behalf of **Saffold**; Riddhi has enough knowledge about ASI to do the presentation. **Saffold** further states that he will forward the ASI 101 presentation to **Sood** so that they are both readily prepared. Printouts can also be done in advanced to handout to candidates.
- Chair **Sood** questions **Saffold** of the whereabouts of the checklist and the rules of campaigning that they give to the candidates at the meeting. ED **Saffold** states that he doesn't have that presentation, but Marguerite should have it.

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VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM – **Sub-Committee Update**

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- Documents still have to be sent out to the sub-committees; therefore **Sood** wants to table this item until the next meeting.

Motion: (Mane) to table the Sub-Committee Update to the next meeting.

Motion carries.

21:56

IX. CLOSING ROUNDTABLE REMARKS

Saffold: Recognizes that the Elections Committee has had some difficulties getting the social media account information on time and that they couldn't have put the posters out until the day after their first meeting. He acknowledges that the committee is working as hard as they can and that all the delays aren't necessarily their fault. Tuesday (4-29-14) is a good compromise for the extended deadline, but the committee must push tabling and social media for Monday (4-28-14). **Saffold** further states that he will immediately change the deadline on the PDF's and print out 30 copies so the committee doesn't have to wait for Student Life to do them.

Leopold: Thanks the committee for taking his voice into consideration on their action item. **Leopold** further states for the committee to keep up the good work and to not overwhelm themselves.

Sood: The committee support is really needed because she can't do everything by herself.





X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at **1:41pm.**

Minutes Reviewed by:

ASI Chair Elections Committee

Name: Riddhi Sood

Minutes Approved on:

5/5/14

Date:

