

Elections Committee Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair **Sood** calls meeting to order at **11:16 AM**.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Riddhi Sood

Connie Liao

Nitish Mane

John Zamora

Marguerite Hinrichs

Stan Hebert

Absent Members

Bhavik Bhatt

Guests

Randy Saffold

Hendrix Erhahon

Amirah Hawkins

Sean Rodriguez

Stephanie Luna

HamdiGhanim

OsafanmwunEdogun

KrishneelKishor

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

Motion: (Mane) to approve the Agenda.

Motion Carries.

IV. ACTION ITEM – **Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2014**

Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2014

Motion: (Mane) to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2014 and May 12, 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.

No Public Comment.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM – **Last Week's Update**

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- Last week was elections
- **Zamora** states that the elections went really well, he saw a lot of participation in the voting, and a lot of campaigning; he saw a lot of posters around campus.
- Thanks Sean for having his brother's help at the polling stations.
 - **Rodriguez** mentions that at the polling stations there was some trouble with Wi-Fi. To resolve the problem they had to restart the laptop which would take about 2-3 minutes. This was the main problem but a lot of people voted right away.
 - The committee discusses the number of students that used the polling stations: On Thursday, during the 4 hour gap there were about 50 students.


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- She will email everyone to try and get more exact numbers on the polling stations.
- ED **Saffold** mentions that he would add that they needed to do a better job at signage on the polling stations so right when they went up, it could have said polling station. They lost about 30 minutes on the first day at the Union polling station because a group had to be removed from the polling station.
- **Hawkins** mentions that they should have something at the polling stations to lure students in, like water, candy, etc.

10:41

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM –Voting Results

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- They had 25 candidates and they have 4 runoffs. The runoffs are next week.
- The total vote count was 1100 in 3 days which is about the same amount that they got in one week in the previous years.
- Hendrix is the VP of Internal Affairs – 827 votes
- Jordan Leopold is the VP of Finance – 832 votes
- Silvia Solorio is the VP of External Affairs – 828
- Thamer Alhathal is the President – 856
- Marie A. Ibarra is the Executive Vice President – 691
- Chair **Sood** states that the results are informal; they won't be formal until she sends in the official report to the ASI President, which will be after the runoff. There will be a runoff for Sustainability and Director of Recreation and Wellness.
- HamdiGhanim is the Director, College of Science – 356
- Chair **Sood** states that there is a runoff off for Director, CLASS.
- SharanKandasmay is the Director, College of Business and Economics – 66
- Chair **Sood** states the candidates for the runoffs
 - Director, CLASS is between Keeret and Anum.
 - Director, Wellness is between Stephanie and Anjila
 - Director, Sustainability is between Leilani and Aaron
 - Director, Programming Council (University Union) is between Jasmyne and David.
- ED **Saffold** questions when after the runoffs do they plan on making announcements because he just has a Pioneer interview where they wanted to know the projected date of when the results will be out. Chair **Sood** states that the projected date will be June 3rd.
- **Edogun** questions would they be able to ask about the results of the opponents of certain candidates.
- ED **Saffold** states not until the official results come out. Eventually there is going to be the ability for people to see how many votes there were and in general if a candidate doesn't exceed a certain margin that triggers a runoff. The assumption



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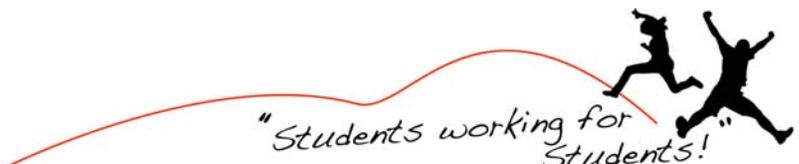
that can be made is that if there was no runoff triggered, it is known that the candidate made more than enough significant votes to let it go through.

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VIII. ACTION ITEM – **Grievance Hearing**

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- This grievance was emailed to Connie, Riddhi, and Marguerite from Anjila and later by John Batesting regarding them reserving a banner spot for the North Science railing and the South Science railing and they were booked by Hamdi for his banners. Hamdi didn't look to see if it was reserved by some other candidate before reserving it and now as a result, Anjila and her slate members could not use that space to put their banners up.
- ED **Saffold** clarifies that not that another candidate took their spot it was just an administrative mistake where the same spot was given to two different candidates.
- Chair **Sood** states that it was at two different weeks and on the paper work no spots were blocked off.
- ED **Saffold** states that typically a grievance is someone did something that is outside of the bounds of the election rules that negatively impacted another candidate. It's usually a grievance from candidate to candidate not a grievance from a candidate to the administration. **Saffold** further states that he wants to make sure that this is truly a grievance as opposed to an administrative issue that did not necessarily negatively impact the candidate; she could have put up signs adjacent to Hamdi or something along the lines of that.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that from her understanding Anjila reserved the space and didn't put her poster there and someone else who reserved the same spot came and put their poster in there.
- **Erhahon** states that the space reservation was made earlier and the time block that the space was made also interfered with the space reservation that Anjila made. Hamdi Ghanim made the reservation before Anjila's slate came to make the space reservation, where it can be seen on the paperwork.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that when she made Anjila's reservation there was no other reservations for that time and place in the book.
- ED **Saffold** states that mistakes happen in elections, it's all about intent and malice. Everyone thought they legitimately had the space to put their posters up, which is not necessarily an item where they can grieve upon. ED **Saffold** further states that he recommends that the committee does not see this as a grievance, although it was a legitimate problem. It was not a legitimate grievance because there was no malice intent on the candidate's side.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that they should formally apologize to the candidate for the mistake.
- **Zamora** states that this is not a grievance that they should deal with.



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Motion: (Liao) motions to deny the grievance on the grounds that it's more of an administrative error than the candidates violating the spirit of elections.

Discussion

SLLP Director **Hinrichs** recommends for the Elections Committee to apologize to the candidate for the administrative mistake, and for next year's committee to update the code to clarify the posting policy and Student Life and Leadership's responsibilities to the candidates.

ED **Saffold** states that prior to him and Marguerite taking their roles, facilities worked with the Elections Committee to mark out all of the places where candidates could set up their campaign materials. The committee needs to make it clear that they work with facilities to have the spaces clearly marked for candidates.

Motion carries.

Chair **Sood** states that committee will apologize for all the miscommunication and misunderstandings.

28:51

IX. CLOSING ROUNDTABLE REMARKS

Saffold: Thanks the committee, once all the signs were up and posted around campus it came good. The places where they were placed were visually dynamic. Also, the three day voting period worked out very well and the Elections Committee should continue with that. All of the committee and volunteer's hard work was recognized and he wants to give special recognition to Riddhi who didn't get much sleep throughout this process.

Sood: Even though she announced the voting results in the meeting, the results are not to go out. June 3rd is when the official results will be announced.

Hinrichs: Thanks the committee and the volunteers for their outstanding leadership.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at **11:48 AM.**

Minutes reviewed by:

Elections Committee Chair

Name: Riddhi Sood

Minutes approved on:

06-02-14

Date:

