

Elections Committee Special Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair **Sood** calls the meeting to order at **11:10 AM.**

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Riddhi Sood
Connie Liao
Nitish Mane
Bhavik Bhatt
John Zamora
Marguerite Hinrichs
Stan Hebert

Absent Members

Randy Saffold

Guests

Sean Rodriguez

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

Motion: (Zamora) to approve the agenda.

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.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM – **Update about mandatory candidate meeting**

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- Chair **Sood** thanks the committee members and the volunteer members who were at the candidate meeting for their support.
- There have been three successful candidate meetings and only three people were unable to make it: Marie, Albany, and David.
- **Sood** and **Liao** were still able to meet with them at another time.

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VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM –**Rearrangement of subcommittee task list**

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- Volunteer Recruitment and Management – The committee doesn't really need volunteer recruitment because they have Marguerite's class to help them.
- Distribution of red boards, videos, tabling, and polling stations – **Mane's** subcommittee.
- In order to conserve paper the candidate statements are not going to be printed out.
- There are not enough red boards so some candidates will have to share.
- The Voter's Guide is ready.


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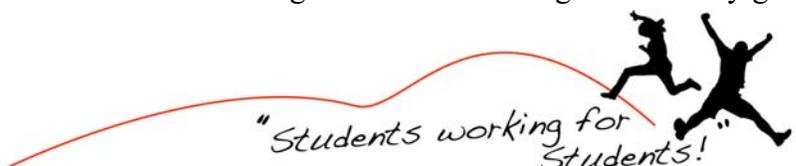
- Adrian from marketing is making a webpage specifically for the ASI Elections.
- Chair **Sood** states that she is in contact with Tim Druely from the IT department; he needs a list of candidates, so he can make it available for the voters on Blackboard to get information about the candidates.
- Connie, John, and Sean have all been working on the red boards to be able to set them out.
- Chair **Sood** states that she has been updating the Facebook page every day to make sure people know what the committee is doing. **Sood** further states that she will upload the candidate's pictures and statements on the Facebook page and make an Elections 2014 album.
- **Mane** clarifies that they have 10 videos made that are all around 7 minutes long.
- Chair **Sood** states that 11 people have submitted their videos and that the committee cannot force them to submit them.
- Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** states that from the candidate's appeal from the Concord campus was denied, so that candidate is not eligible and will not be on the ballot. Since there was only one candidate running for that role, therefore there are now three roles that ASI has to appoint.

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IX. DISCUSSION ITEM – Campaigning rules

Chair **Sood** addresses the following:

- The order for the Elections kickoff has been completed there will be barbeque, hot dogs, chips, and fruit for students. **Sood** will send out an invite to all of the candidates because this is a platform for all of them.
- **Sean, Zamora, Sood, and Liao** all have class during the time of the barbeque. **Mane** has an internship to go to but **Bhatt** can go at 1pm.
- Chair **Sood** suggests having a general idea of when everything is for the presentation.
- The Elections Kick off 5/06/14
- Two Candidate Forums – 5/07/14 at 5pm in Lassen Hall.
- Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** questions if there were any candidates who confirmed that they would be at the barbeque. Chair **Sood** states that's no one has officially confirmed.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that they should send out an email to the candidates for them to confirm if they will be at the barbeque.
- Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** questions when the candidates are expected to come. Chair **Sood** states that they are expected to come in between 11:30pm-2pm.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** questions if anyone of the committee members are able to come from 10am-11am to help set up.
- **Rodriguez, Mane, and Zamora** volunteered come at 10am to help set up.
- Chair **Sood** talked to marketing and they will have vote posters ready.
- Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** states although it wasn't on the agenda are they going

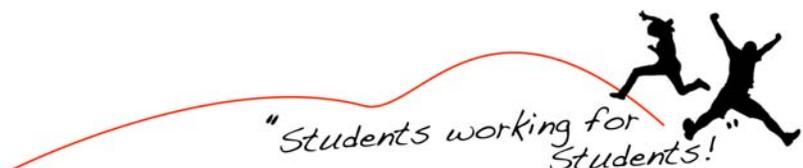


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to have an information about the grievance that was submitted.

- Chair **Sood** questions if they need a motion to do that.
- Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** states that the comment he was going to make was that what they are doing this year is a little newer to have at the starting point that this is the type of thing that would be a message to the person of a slate as a reminder about that information. But is it best that they reprimand, not that they are overlooking it but the circumstances surrounded by the way that they are doing the campaigning is a little bit different. Even in one of the sessions what they said was, “You should prepare” and that’s what he did.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that he said that he was going to start campaigning; one can argue that that’s letting him off the hook because he said he was going to start campaigning.
- Chair **Sood** clarifies that he announced that he was going to run for a position.
- Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** states yes he did, but they asked the brass people to prepare and we didn’t give many details as to how they do that. It’s one of those areas where it’s a note and it doesn’t seem like it’s an action that’s needed by the Elections Committee unless there’s someone who says they were irrevocably harmed.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** questions if someone grieved or was this an internal grievance that they say because she saw the post.
- Chair **Sood** states that she saw the post too and she just wanted to get the attention from everyone for this to see what they think about it.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that these were the technicalities that she was talking about. The biggest service that they can do to the Elections Committee moving forward is to work on tightening rules because the technicalities messes them up and its always related to social media.
- Chair **Sood** questions if they should send Canepa a warning.
- Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** states yes to let him know that they are aware of the situation and to just leave it at that.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** questions if they just send it to him or to everyone. Interim VP, Student Affairs **Hebert** states to just send it to him.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states to **Rodriguez** that after the Elections Committee meeting she would like him to make some signage for the barbeque.
- Chair **Sood** states that she make an event on the ASI Elections and then send it to everyone. **Sood** further states that she will be emailing the candidates for an RSVP on what time they will be coming.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that it’s going to be hard tomorrow (5-6-14) without everyone being there to help, so whatever they can do today (5-5-14) to get ready for the kickoff and to remind people that the kickoff is tomorrow would be good.

22:59Discussion of Campaigning: Candidates Forum



- Chair **Sood** states that the candidate forum will be May 7, 2014 at 5pm in the Lassen Community Room and they have the room from 4:30pm to do set up. Chair **Sood** further questions if anyone is free to help set up and clean; she has a class starting at 6pm and won't be able to help clean.
- **Liao** states that she has to see if she has any prior commitments before she can commit to helping clean up after the forum.
- **Bhatt, Mane, and Zamora** can be there to help with the event.
- Chair **Sood** states that on Thursday (5-8-14) the candidate open forum will be live streamed on the televisions in the Old University Union.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** questions if she needs to bring a projector and a computer. Chair **Sood** states that she doesn't think she would need to bring those items.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that she was thinking that they were projecting them from the TV studio to up under the stairs. Chair **Sood** states are they not doing that? SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states **Sood** just said it was going to be on the televisions.
- Chair **Sood** clarifies to **Rodriguez** if he was the one talking to the TV studio.
- **Rodriguez** states that he just talked about the amount of chairs and if they need tables for food.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** clarifies that the candidates are in the TV studio and they are piping this information into the Union but where is it showing up because she didn't think it is possible for it to show up on the television screen, it needs to be set up with a projector and a laptop. The committee needs to double check with Pioneer Web TV to see what needs to be done.

26:04 Continuation of Campaigning Rules

- Chair **Sood** states that the headshots are all printed out and the videos are finished and will go out on all the social media.
- Chair **Sood** states that the candidates are not allowed to campaign in the ASI Business Office, ASI Program areas, and ASI sponsored activities. If any candidates are seen campaigning in those areas, make note of that. All the marketing the candidates use needs to have their name and the slate that they are running for.
- **Rodriguez** questions if they see candidates breaking the rules do they stop them. SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states yes.
- Chair **Sood** states that grievances are at the end of the whole elections. Also, all the published material needs to be proofread since they are an academic institute, they need to portray that. Posters are permitted at the Health center, bookstore, library, University Theater, and Pioneer Heights. **Sood** further questions if people are allowed to post things on trees.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that that is not allowed. The committee can send candidates a link to the posting policy so they are clear where things can and cannot go.
- Chair **Sood** discusses the posting policy.



Chair **Sood** states that a slate is when people get together and combine all their marketing efforts to run for office together. There is only one candidate per slate and tomorrow (5-6-14) at 5pm is the deadline for them to tell Chair **Sood** what slate they are a part of. Chair **Sood** questions **Hinrichs** if the candidates do not email her what part of the slate they are in and they still continue to be a part of that slate, what could they do.

- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that first the committee needs to confirm. But the reality of slates is that when students go to vote the slates are not going to be listed it is just going to be the student's name, so the slates do not hold a lot of value.
- Chair **Sood** states that they just need to remind candidates to have all their stuff together.
- Chair **Sood** states that they have polling stations and **Liao** is working on where the stations should go because they want them to be in strategic places. They are not allowing any candidates to set up any polling stations, so if anyone sees candidates setting up computers for people to vote tell them to stop.
- Chair **Sood** states that a grievance is when there is a violation of the elections code. How grievances usually go, is if someone sees something report it to the chair, co-chair and the advisors and then they attach their proof. Then in the committee meeting if Chair **Sood** has enough advances she can add it to the agenda to talk about it and the people who are mentioned in the grievance are invited to the meeting to have their say in the public comment. The candidates can be issued a reprimand, typically three reprimands leads to a candidate being disqualified, but it's also a case by case basis on how they actually deal with grievances.
- **Zamora** questions if the information was sent over an email. Chair **Sood** states that it was. **Zamora** further questions if balloons are allowed for advertising.
- SLLP Director **Hinrichs** states that that is permitted.

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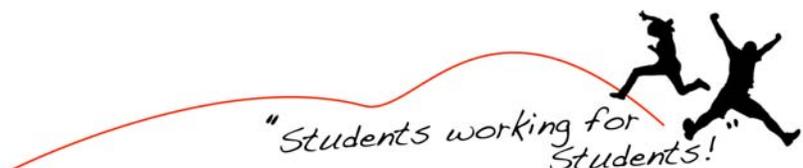
X. CLOSING ROUNDTABLE REMARKS

Sood: These two weeks are going to be the most stress full and she thanks the committee for showing how supportive they are. What she has learned in the past Elections Committee is that balancing time and getting priorities straight are important because this is a great experience to learn from. She further states that she, **Liao**, and **Hinrichs** are here to help.

Hinrichs: Thanks everyone for their hard work.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at **11:49 AM**.





Minutes Reviewed By:
Elections Committee Chair
Name: Riddhi Sood

Minutes Approved on:
5/12/14
Date:

