

Elections Committee Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER at **10:04 AM**

II. [ROLL CALL](#)

Present: Jaulayah Hanzy, Zhanserik Temirtashev, Emilia Brettner, Anahi Ballesteros, James Carroll, Brandon Gutierrez, Erik Pinlac

Absent: Marguerite Hinrichs, Michael Ryan Cesena

III. ACTION ITEM- Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of March 25, 2022, by **J. Hanzy**, second by **Z. Temirtashev**, motion **CARRIED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM- Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2022, by **J. Hanzy**, second by **B. Gutierrez**, motion **CARRIED**.

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

2:10

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS

No unfinished items.

2:18

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION ITEM- **POLLING FEEDBACK**

The committee members present during polling will give a brief run down of the overall turnout.

E. Pinlac says this year, the numbers were low and it is not any of our faults as a committee. We did everything we needed to do such as sending emails and posting on social media. It is one of those years where we do not have many candidates, and there's not enough competition, because competition is what draws people to vote. The candidates used to be out there getting people to vote but it is not happening. There is no



one out there besides us telling students to vote. I want the committee. know that the numbers are low. I do believe that overall, it went smoothly which is a positive.

J. Carroll wants to say kudos to the committee for coming out and getting some volunteers. We did not have many volunteers. We had a total of 3 different volunteers that came.

J. Hanzy confirms yes, 3 volunteers.

J. Carroll says it was around 3 students that had volunteered and they were great. I would say compared to recent years, our volunteers showed up to dissipate, wanting to be involved, getting out there asking people walking by if they want to vote. Kudos to the committee for modeling that and getting some volunteers. I am hoping that is something we can continue to build out in the future. The one thing I wanted to mention, this will be for Erik and me to follow up offline, with the university is, we send the active student list with names, net ID, and email access to Big Pulse. That information comes from the university database directly. The one glitch that we noticed is that if a student was also a student assistant on campus, sometimes their email defaulted to their university work email as opposed to their horizon. I have seen that happen before with other software we have had. It is what the university system is, if both emails show up, sometimes it defaults to one. It worked out and it did cause some confusion initially for some students. Overall, we did not get any other reports, either through email or other means about any glitches. That worked out well and we were able to get those issues resolved.

Z. Temirtashev believes we had 3 volunteers come in. I am not sure about the fourth, the fourth got lost in transition. We had 3 volunteers in total. We had 1 on Tuesday and 2 on Wednesday. I will be sending them an email later today to thank them.

J. Hanzy says thank you for that clarification. I like the strategy for attracting people as we were giving out shirts, pens, and snacks as students were walking around campus. Students were asking them. "Hey, where did you get that? I voted for the ASI Student Government in front of the Student Health Center." Students were coming to grab shirts, we got them to vote too. That was a good strategy and got students voting.

B. Gutierrez agrees with that. In terms of implying an incentive, especially when it comes to a year where we do not have a lot of competition between my candidates and they are not being as active as they typically would be in other years. I feel offering something to incentivize voting paid off. It helped us bolster our numbers competitively if we did not use something. That would be something good to use for future elections, even if we have more competition.

J. Hanzy agrees with that. Hopefully, in the future, the committee will be able to table in a space that gets more attraction, whether that is in front of the Pioneer Bookstore or front



of the Old Union. The new building opens soon and somewhere in that area but somewhere where people do not have to travel far.

J. Carroll wants to say that we have done the tentative preliminary voting results. From the polling and right after this, I will log in to the ASI elections account and send it to all the candidates including the committee here. We will start putting that on social media. Students know the election results based on what we have, and that we have gotten no additional grievance in at this point. They are still tentative. There is not a need for a runoff election as that would change anything. If a grievance came in the next few days, that is a major concern. The election needs to be certified which is part of the formality, which is part of the committee and I will let Erik explain that. What I can share with students is most of the positions were unopposed. All of the unopposed positions did receive, and they received 100% of each of the people that voted for them which means they will all be moved forward, tentatively. Our one position was the two candidates running for the Senator of Class. Josephine Cabeza got 54.26% of the votes and Samantha had received 45.74% of the votes. That means that Josephine will be moving forward in the tenant of the winner for the Senator of Class. I will send the attachment to students and everyone so we can move that forward. We will start putting it out on social media.

E. Pinlac says for the certification, there is a template that we use from last year. The one thing I will need from our Chair of the Elections Committee is a certification letter. I will send you an example of last year's and from there, you will write it to today's president, then the ASI President will write another letter, which I will include in the packet as well. I will send this up through the channel. I sent it up to the Social Vice President, Student Affairs, Vice President in Affairs, and then up to the President of the campus to which they will certify and sign off on it. This will be the second election that should be certified. We do have vacancies there. We had 4 vacancies. Next year's board will have to work to try to fill those vacancies, especially for the Vice President position because the Vice President of Finance signs off everything. As far as the committee work, committee work is done here but we have to after that letter, I will send it up. I believe that you all will continue to get paid as long as we are meeting. We ended early because we do not have any runoffs and we do not have any agreement or any grievances. We can end here, or we can continue doing some work setting it up for next year. With that, you all can continue to get your stipends till the end of the school year.

J. Hanzy asks if somebody were interested in filling a vacant position, how would that work?

E. Pinlac is going to be working with our current Executive Vice President and our next Executive Vice President since they are both on the Board. We are going to get the



applications up as soon as possible. I believe as soon as we get these results out, we want to post applications for all of them. The reason the Vice President of Finance was vacant was that we did have two applicants, but they did not have the ASI experience and you need to have one semester of experience to be in that role. We will post them as soon as possible. The goal is to get them before the end of the year, but they will be appointed this summer.

J. Carroll says it will be an application process by the current and incoming board members as the Vice President of Finance, the Director of the Concord Campus, Senator for the College of Science, and Senator for the College of Education and allied studies. The other thing that I believe is important that you all can continue to spread the word on is that those 4 board positions will be the first immediately filled by the incoming board and outgoing board based on the application process because those are the elected positions. There are a few other appointed positions that are Senator positions. Senator for Transfer Students and all those positions that the Board begins to fill.

E. Pinlac says we do it in the summer and there are about 10 Senate positions. Several distinct positions will be available. Hopefully, if anyone is interested, we can steer them in that direction. They have to go through an interview process and be appointed by the Board. It is different from elections, but some prefer this anyway.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM - GRIEVANCES

The committee will discuss if any grievances were filed and how to proceed.

E. Pinlac says there are no grievances.

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C. DISCUSSION ITEM- MOVING FORWARD

The committee will discuss how the meetings will proceed and if any are necessary after April 8th.

J. Hanzy asks do we want to keep meeting and start pre-planning for the future committee? I wanted to get everyone's opinion on that.

E. Pinlac says it would help James, Marguerite, I, and Michael because we can set the calendar for next year. We can start working on various aspects we want to produce because since you are all part of the committee, you can see what would be helpful for next year. I do not know how many people here are graduating, but if you are not, we welcome you back next year.



J. Hanzy says we can start planning for that. Would it be the Friday after Spring Break, and then we would meet up until April 29th? James put those dates in the calendar and in the chat. I can start working on the agenda for those dates as well. Does anybody have any questions or comments?

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VIII. ROUNDTABLE REMARKS

No roundtable remarks.

20:22


IX. ADJOURNMENT at **10:24 AM**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at **10:24 AM**, by **J. Hanzy**, second by **B. Gutierrez**, motion **CARRIED**.

Minutes reviewed by:

Chair of the Elections Committee

Name: Jaulayah Hanzy


Jaulayah Hanzy (Apr 13, 2022 15:19 PDT)

Minutes approved on:

04-08-2022

Date: