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Special Elections Committee Minutes 17-08
April 7, 2017   12:00-12:30pm
USU 2310 A & B

Elections Committee
2016-2017

Members

Samuel Ramtin
Chair

Collin Bogie
*ASI Representative &
Vice Chair*

Christopher Morales
ASI Representative

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ASI Representative

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CSUSM Student

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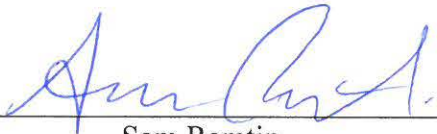**Ashley Fennell**
*Government Affairs
Coordinator*

Ahmbra Austin
*Media & Communications
Coordinator*

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
01	**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair
02	**Roll Call** Present: Sam, Collin, Chris, Rye, Stephanie, Jordan, Kelcee, Rodger, Ashley, Ahmbra	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair
03	**Recognition of Guests** Kim Clark, Katy Rees, Chris Lee, Louis Adamsel, Kevin Kilpatrick, Karen Ambrocio, Jamaela Johnson, Marilyn McWilliams, Aaron Herrscher, Yomira Zamora, Anna Rapada, Joe-Joe McManus	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair
04 **Action**	**Approval of Agenda** Chris motioned to approve the agenda Kelcee-2nd Motion Carries	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair
05 **Action**	**Approval of Minutes** Chris motioned to approve the minutes Jordan-2nd Motion Carries	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair
06 **Information**	Open Forum **Guest Chris Lee** discussed concerns regarding a "redo" of the previous elections cycle. He mentioned that the students already voiced what they wanted and a revote is not necessary. He wants the previous results shared and approved. He also mentioned concerns regarding an Elections Committee member (Collin Bogie) endorsing certain candidates in the elections cycle. He believed this made for bias committee decisions. He referenced a Facebook event as evidence. He also questioned the committee's decision to remove him from the election process for mass emailing. He called into question what is considered excessive emailing. He mentioned his slate's efforts of in person visits with group presentations and student org outreach had an impacted without the emails. **Guest Yomira Zamora** discussed and questioned ASI's value of integrity in this elections process. She discussed the need for increased transparency with meetings, complaints, and appeals. She also voiced concerns about the EVP's role of appointing members on committees. She believes this lends itself to bias committee decisions, based on membership of the committee. She believed that Aaron placing Collin on the committee is bias because of their fraternity affiliations.	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair

	Guest Kevin Kilpatrick mentioned his attendance at the meeting was simply to ensure a fair elections process. **Guest Louis Adamsel** discussed a bias looking committee with Collin being an SAE member and candidates being in the same fraternity. He discussed the social media support by Collin for one slate over the other. He further discussed the need for the most fair and sound result of elections, which would be to approve the results as they are.	
07 **Action**	**Approval of timeline and process for ASI elections polling** **Description:** The committee chose to rerun vote process for currently qualified candidates. Committee will determine campaign timeline and opening of polls timeline. **Fiscal Impact**: None **Ashley** reviewed with the committee the tentative timeline they had requested the staff create. **Ahmbra** questioned time needing to be included for new videos. Committee discussed and decided to allow candidates use old videos or film new ones, as well as allow the same for their campaign statements. **Chris** questioned if the video would need to push the timeline back. **Ashley** confirmed it would **Collin** discussed the need to share this information on social media and through other means of communication. **Kim Clark** will connect with the Office of Communications. Ahmbra mentioned she could share the information through the ASI list serve. **Chris** mentioned the need to share this information with the campus community at large. The committee discussed the possibility of President Haynes needing to share the information with the campus community. The communication should include context and direction to staff, no matter where the information comes from. **Katy Rees** mentioned the need to buy a little time to share a solid communication message. **Sam** echoed the need to increase transparency in this effort. **Chris** also brought up a concern regarding campaign finances. He mentioned that these candidates have already had to cover campaign expenses for the first campaign. **Collin** agreed that ASI should reimburse for second round. The committee decided that ASI should cover the costs up to $500 per candidate. The approved funds will be based on reimbursement basis only. Collin motioned to approve the timeline and process for ASI elections polling with amended changes Kelcee-2nd Motion Carries	**Kim Clark** Associate Vice President, Student Auxiliary Services & Executive Director, ASI and U-Corp **Ashley Fennell** Government Affairs Coordinator
08 **Information**	**Announcements** None	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair
09 **Action**	**Adjournment** Kelcee motioned to adjourn the meeting	**Sam Ramtin** Elections Chair

	Jordan-2nd Motion Carries The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm	

I, Sam Ramtin, Chair of the ASI Elections Committee, hereby certify that the above minutes were approved by the committee at a scheduled special meeting held on April 14, 2017.

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Sam Ramtin   Date