## Elections Board Minutes

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10/25/18, 6:00PM

Nati Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER by John Paul Renteria at 6:00 PM.**

**A. MEETING BUSINESS**

1. **Roll Call**

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| **Name** | **Note:**  absent (excused/not excused)  arrived late (time)  departed early (time)  proxy (full name) | **Name** | **Note:**  absent (excused/not excused)  arrived late (time)  departed early (time)  proxy (full name) |
| John Paul Renteria | **Present** | Ruth Garcia Guevara | **Present (by phone)** |
| Davis Quan | **Absent (excused)** | Diana Collins Puente | **Present** |
| Andrew Yan | **Present** |  |  |
| Hattie Grace | **Present** |  |  |
| Jennifer Pantoja | **Absent (Excused)** |  |  |
| Rachel Wiesenthal-Coffey | **Absent (excused)** |  |  |
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**Also in attendance: Madeline Loudon, candidate for EVPSA**

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**B.1. Special Elections**

John Paul: Madeline is here and would like to speak to the board about the voter threshold for this election.

Madeline: It’s nice to finally meet you all. My email was in response to your minutes where you discussed changing the threshold. I’ve been campaigning on this campus for three years now and I know the feasibility of trying to get students to turnout and I know how apathetic students can be. I believe that we are not going to hit the threshold by the second date for sure. I’ve been working for months to talk to people in AS from both parties about my wanting to collaborate with them on projects. I’ve been wanting to do the work I’ve done for three years, and I did it in this summer. It’s my understanding that 16.25% is not possible and I don’t think people acknowledge the amount of work it takes to get an election campaign running. For example, even in 2014, in the last special election they got 13% with a contested SAG race, a EVPLA opening and a fee initiative.

Hattie: 16.25% was set because it’s an average of past special elections, and we discussed that there would be implications post facto to lower it. It’s hard because you are the first person. We are trying to do what’s most fair to the student body as a whole.

Diana: I’m really glad you (Madeline) came today. This is definitely a conversation we all need to be having. There are so many things that go into play in an election. Especially for this election, because there’s not a party system to build off of, the expectation to campaign go to the individuals. I think in the future, the communication should be there between the board and the candidates so the candidates feel like they are being heard. The elections board has talked about the outreach that they want to do over the next few weeks to reach the 16.25% voter threshold. We’ve done signs, announcements, Facebook posts, the mobile voting booth, and a voting booth at the Pardall Center, word of mouth. Whatever that’s at your disposal to do to campaign as well would be great, and I recognize the obstacles that are there. We want to continue to keep pushing for people to come out and vote.

John Paul: The board will discuss everything. Thank you for coming today.

John Paul: It’s now almost 8PM. Before we leave, we should continue our efforts to advertise online for the special elections. We have two ideas for outreach – another university announcement and a Qualtrics email to inform people to vote.

**Motion to send out a university announcement email on Thursday, November 1st reminding students to vote when they check their pass times on GOLD.**

*First/Second: Grace/Yan*

*Vote: 2-0-1*

*Motion Passes.*

**Motion to send out a Qualtrics email on Friday, November 2nd to inform people that Friday is the last day to vote.**

*First/Second: Grace/Yan*

*Vote: 2-0-1*

*Motion Passes.*

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

*First/Second: Grace/Yan*

*Vote: 2-0-1*

*Motion Passes.*