



ELECTIONS BOARD AGENDA

Associated Students

11/10/20, 2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

CALL TO ORDER by Andrew Yan at 2:00 PM

A. ROLL CALL

Name	Note:	Name	Note:
Andrew Yan <i>Chair</i>	Present	Ruth Garcia Guevara <i>Advisor</i>	Present
Wessal Esber <i>Vice Chair</i>	Present	Diana Collins Puente <i>Advisor</i>	
Emma Xing	Present	Ahura Nezhad <i>Senate Liaison</i>	Absent (Excused)
Shannon Hollingsworth	Present	Dylan Martinez <i>Senate Liaison</i>	Absent (Excused)
Austin Foreman	Present		
Lauren Sullivan	Present		
Daniel Ong	Present		

Icebreaker:

<https://twitter.com/Arbys/status/1318205267704762369>

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

B.1. Winter Special Election

Andrew: Today we'll discuss the winter special election. Let's start with a quick campaigning discussion. Do we want to allow in-person campaigning or stick with virtual?

Emma: Virtual.

Wessal: Virtual.

Lauren: Virtual sounds good.

Wessal: Will winter quarter be similar to fall with remote instruction?

Andrew: Yes.

Austin: On GOLD there are classes that say remote.

Andrew: Does anyone have possible changes to campaigning? You don't have to think of it and bring it up on the spot now, you can talk about it next meeting too.

Austin: Can we clarify what type of social media advertising is solicited vs unsolicited during the next candidate meeting?

Andrew: Yes.

Andrew: Ok, next let's take a look at the schedule. I have my proposal on the screen right now. DoC will be this Fall quarter. It's how it's usually done, DoC is held the quarter before the actual election. It didn't pan out that way for the SAG election because the past SAG resigned right before the quarter started. In Winter we can return to the normal schedule.

Important Dates

Declaration Form Due: Wed 12/2/20 @11:59pm (Week 9 of Fall quarter)

Candidate Meeting on Zoom: Thurs 12/3/20 @4pm on Zoom (Week 9 of Fall quarter)

Candidate Statement Due: Sun 1/3/21 @8pm

Virtual Campaigning Begins: Sun 1/3/21 @8pm

Candidate Forums: TBA

Voting Period: Mon 1/11/21 @8am to Thurs 1/14/21 @4pm

Results: Thurs 1/14/21 evening TBA

Austin: That Sunday is supposed to be 1/3/21.

Andrew: Thanks, fixed.

Andrew: We need opinions on whether we hold the election week 2 or week 3 of Winter quarter.

Austin: I am in agreement with the week 1 advertising and week 2 election. Then it'll be week 3 when they'll actually be able to be sworn in. If we decide to hold the election week 3 then they would be sworn in week 4 then it would only be five weeks of having their office, so they'd only have weeks 5-9 and dead week. It would be nice if we could give them a whole extra week by holding it earlier.

Wessal: I also think the best time to campaign is syllabus week because not much is going on in class. I agree with the candidate meeting in the fall, campaigning in week 1, election week 2, sworn in week 3.

Andrew: Anyone have a differing opinion?

Motion to approve the Winter 2021 Special Election schedule

First/Second: Hollingsworth/Foreman

Vote: 6-0 to APPROVE, no abstentions

Andrew: Let's discuss the threshold. So we got over 7% voter turnout in the last election. I think we still cut it a little close on our 4% number.

Wessal: It's hard to determine a threshold for winter because we don't know how many candidates there will be.

Andrew: I don't really think the number of candidates matters too much. In 2018 we had 1 candidate for EVPSA and that election got 10%. This time we had 12 candidates for SAG and we got 7%. I recognize that it was a virtual quarter which likely affected things.

Andrew: Also going off the historical data we have, in Winter 2019 we got just over 4% turnout in an extended two-week election. So we did see suppressed turnout for that winter quarter that wasn't virtual.

Wessal: It's the Office of the President this time.

Andrew: That's true.

Austin: I like the idea of keeping it at 4%.

Wessal: I agree.

Andrew: I'm fine with 4% although if it were up to me I'd take it lower, to be safe that the election goes through. I'd still be in at 1%. It's an arbitrary number.

Austin: I think keeping it the same is good. It's continuity.

Emma: I think 4% is fine.

Lauren: I agree.

Shannon: Me too.

Daniel: 4% sounds good.

Motion to set the voter threshold for the Winter 2021 special election to 4%

First/Second: Foreman/Ong

Vote: 6-0 to APPROVE, no abstentions

Andrew: Moving on, last quarter we did not spend any money on advertising. Facebook and Instagram were banning ads because of the national election. All of the other social media apps had a ban as well. We were on the UCSB Reddit though and that didn't cost us any money thanks to the owner of that forum. Once again I'm not sure if we'll be able to do the FB/IG ads this time but we'll look into it.

Motion to reallocate \$500 for advertising in the Fall 2020 special election to the Winter 2021 special election

First/Second: Esber/Foreman

Vote: 6-0 to APPROVE, no abstentions

Andrew: Let's discuss fee initiatives and amendments. If you all recall we decided to not allow fee initiatives, amendments and write-ins in the last special election.

Austin: I think my opinion still stands that fee initiatives and amendments should go in the spring general election. That election has the most voter turnout and that's when most people are going to see it. I think that's where fee initiatives and amending the constitution should be.

Andrew: I agree as far as fee initiatives go.

Wessal: I agree.

Austin: Was there a request for a fee for the winter election?

Ruth: Not that I know of for winter.

Motion to not allow fee initiatives and amendments in the Winter 2021 special election

First/Second: Esber/Foreman

Vote: 6-0 to APPROVE, no abstentions

Andrew: Do we allow write-ins? I'm going to repeat what I said at the meeting we had for the Fall election. Basically write-ins are usually people who miss the declaration deadline and still want to run. They are not technically on the ballot but that still allows people to write them in as a candidate. In the past we have not allowed write-ins during special elections for simplicity reasons.

Motion to not allow write-ins in the Winter 2021 special election ballot for simplicity reasons

First/Second: Esber/Foreman

Vote: 6-0 to APPROVE, no abstentions

Andrew: Does anyone want to reach out to the 12 SAG candidates and ask for feedback, specifically what they thought about campaigning?

Ruth: I think that's a great idea, actually.

Wessal: I can do that.

Andrew: Very quickly before we end the meeting, here's a rough schedule for the rest of the quarter. Next week we're going to finish Winter Special Election discussion. Week 8 is Thanksgiving. Week 9 is DoC prep and we need to start on Legal Code too. We'll do a "retreat" sometime later this quarter or at the start of the next.

Wessal: Retreat?

Andrew: The Fall quarter "retreat" is a 3 hour meeting where we discuss Legal Code changes.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Andrew Yan at 2:58 PM