## Elections Board Minutes

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2/22/2016, 8:00 AM

Nati Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER 8:10**

**A. MEETING BUSINESS**

1. **Roll Call (Pre-entered Names)**

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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) |
| Avery Chamberlain | **Present** | Jeffery Fung | **Absent** |
| Mary Zhu | **Present** | Erin Barnett | **Absent** |
| Tiffany Yeh | **Present** | Jimmy Villarreal | **Absent** |
| Cole Hoyt | **Present** | Hector Contreras | **Absent** |
| Yesenia Nava | **Present** | Aaron Jones | **Absent** |
| Lorenzo Dela Rama | **Absent** | Ruth Garcia Guevara | **Absent** |

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

B-1. Discuss STV

1. Explaining it for Cole
2. You don’t have to rank all 1-13
3. Avery: we have until week 9 to see if we can fully implement STV if not they can vote to return to the old system. Qualtrics can’t do the STV calculations, and they were trying Berkeley’s code, but Sean is having difficulty getting it to work so they are making their own. So they said they can get it done in a week in a half, which is the middle of week 9. If it isn’t ready by week 3, they will convert the data to data’s code. If not, it will all have to be hand counted.
4. Cole: It’s a good system, but if its not going to be ready by the time we need it, we shouldn’t put that burden on us
5. Nawar: What’s the possibility that we would have to tabulate by hand?
6. Ruth: It seems like Sean thinks it’s a possibility, but a slight possibility. The absolute deadline is Week 3 so we can test
7. Avery: The Berkeley tabulator works, but their data is different
8. Ruth: He can do it, but he has to change some stuff, but he’s been focused on making our own program so he hasn’t focused on
9. Nawar: how long with it take to plug in our data into the Berkeley tabulator?
10. Avery, Ruth: We don’t know.
11. Cole: is his model equipped to handle this kind of data? What would happen if the system can’t take it and crashes
12. Nawar: We’re really just worried about people voting
13. Cole: Also, trying the test ballot, I spent a long time voting and I don’t know that people are that invested in voting
14. Nawar: And that’s what the education campaign is going to focus on
15. Ruth: That was my question to Sean, can he identify people to count the votes by hand? Because who woud do that? Would it be Staff, or the Board
16. Nawar: the Qualtrics data comes in as an spreadsheet. But he needs someone who is good at excel to calculate it. Is that something that we are okay with?
17. Ruth: He said that for executive positions that would be an hour and a half, but for senate it would take way longer
18. Cole: Because this is such a good system we need to make sure it is 100% otherwise people won’t want to do it again
19. Avery: So what are the committee’s thoughts?
20. Mary: I totally believe what Nawar says but if it isn’t 100% we shouldn’t do it
21. Yessenia: I agree and we should really try and do it this year
22. Tiffany: Well, I’ve never been for this so.
23. Cole: I like the idea so the majority of the people, but there is no way the 5 of us can sit down and vote this. So do we have a contingency plan?
24. Avery: The tabulator works pretty quickly, so we just need to make sure Sean can transfer the data
25. Nawar: The contingency plan should be something different from you guys, it needs to be along the lines of finding people who are good at Excel.
26. Nawar: I’m writing a bill that will add two more positions to Elections and I am giving you guys a more specified streamlined way to pick positions. So instead of just having the seven members we pick members with the specializations and skills.
27. Avery: Would it be take effect this time or next year?
28. Nawar: It will go into code once it passes
29. Ruth: But we can’t change the code
30. Nawar: It wouldn’t go into code yet
31. Ruth: So we can have the people, but it will be on the docket to add to code at the end of this year
32. Nawar: Yes because as the committee has the ability to vote to delegate tasks

B-2. Plan Events week before voting opens

1. Avery: One for the Channel Island dorms, one for san cat and sierra madre, and one san raf and manzinita, and one in IV
2. Cole: Tabling is going to get more people
3. Mary: If we table its cheaper so we don’t have to pay for food
4. Avery: It just needs to be the week before voting starts so week 2.
5. DLG/Carrillo/Pardall Center
6. Mary: Can it be in Sierra Madre? Because there are a lot of rules for San Cat
7. Avery: Maybe we can do a informational room in the Fiesta room
8. Need to table about STV and Vote next week, talk about getting to the meme at the end of the ballot
9. Mary: Do I need to bring stuff?
10. Ruth: Yes. Get the colors today so you can make the orders
11. Tiffany: We can just make a larger Facebook event with all of the events in the description of all the places we’ll be

B-3. Vote on Swag Allocations

1. Mary: Haven’t officially decided quantities and what else we are getting
2. Cole: Ho
3. Avery: we have 200 for printing and 3000
4. Mary: Button’s between 1,000 and 3,000 for buttons and stickers
5. Ruth: I would suggest not putting the date on it so we can use it
6. Mary: 1.5 inches for 2000 buttons will be $442, $232 for 1000 buttons. I think stickers are a better investment
7. 1,500 buttons $341
8. Mary: stickers, for 1,000 $200, price will fluctuate with sizes so maybe $210
9. Shirts about $5 a shirt, but we need to check
10. sunglasses, if we hit over 500 mark we get $50 off
    1. 615 glasses $411, 100 was $121
    2. do we want to go more? or is that fine
    3. it should be fine
    4. Colors: Blue and black
    5. Ruth: We should make sure we know the colors of the parties before we make them
11. Polyester drawstring bags: 100-400 because it is a bit pricey. 400 is $450 and for 100 $153, 410 bags $450, one color otherwise there is a $50 charge
12. Leave money for food and drinks
13. We should ask Senate for money for food and drinks
14. Cole: I think we should focus on the bags, the buttons, sunglasses, and shirts.
15. Motion to allocate, buttons, stickers, sunglasses, and polyester drawstring bags not to exceed $2500

*First/Second: Zhu/ Hoyt*

*Vote: 4-0-1*

*Motion Passes*

B-4. Alejandra

1. Alejandra: Want to set a precedent for my particular case where I had to move housing for my mental health. I wanted to know if there was something you guys want
2. Ruth: Well what do you have in mind?
3. Alejandra: If a senator has permission for one time exception and for the university to provide support
4. Ruth: Do you have a timeline? Or is it if something happens, if the university supports the move
5. Cole: I would get rid of the one time exception, just have the university approval.
6. Yessenia: would it only be with mental health issues?
7. Alejandra: For any reason that would affect their academic performance (not affording rent, mental health, issues with roommates that affect them). check in with elections committee with a draft of events they’ve had to make sure they are still attending to their duties. So that the committee can check
8. Avery: Does that mean there is a one-month process?
9. Ruth: I think the check ins will be with IVP not the committee
10. Avery: But then would they be able to decide
11. Ruth: We only have to give to the IVP is the list of all senators we don’t
12. Cole: An argument for this would be that federal/state reps aren’t always even in the place they represent
13. Avery: Does that we want to change the protocol?
14. Ruth: The initial consultation can be with us but it should be IVP because we don’t deal with elected people.

B-5. Work on advertising plan for Spring Quarter

1. One for the gen election, one for forum dates and one for endorsement night
2. handing swag
3. send emails
4. Sean said someone is working on putting a link on gold to redirect you if you haven’t voted
5. making facebook events

B-6. Advertise the Declaration of Candidacy form is open until March 3rd

1. Ruth: are you still having it in GSA? Will that be enough space?
2. Avery: Should we get a larger space? Could we get the SRB Multipurpose room?
3. Maybe the room is big enough
4. send the email reminder to campus wide, one to entities, and making posters

B-7. Declaration of Candidacy Meeting coming up March 3rd

1. sign in Tiffany and Cole
2. One photography assistant to show people to take photos- Mary
3. One person to do website demonstration- Yessenia
4. One member to talk about elections- Cole do it at the beginning, Mary is back up
5. Changes to code and reminder of dates- Avery
6. Sean, Mark Shishim, RHA, Andy will be there, make up day too
7. Ruth: Suggest to extend an invitation to the new Vice Chancellor and send the date to Suzanne and Marisela

B-8. Statement on STV for Senate:

1. tell them the committee’s statement on what we want, absolute last day it needs to be done, and a contingency plan
2. Cole: This is a good idea, but we need to give enough time to change it to the Berkeley tabulator. One week just might not be enough
3. Ruth: Do you want to have it done this year, or done next year? Do you want to scrap it this year if it doesn’t work?
4. Cole: If we give them more time and implement
5. Ruth: Week two deadline done, if the Berkeley tabulator is not done by the end of week 3 then we go back to the old tabulator
6. Mary: Give him to week 1 so he has two weeks to work on Berkeley one
7. Ruth: the old tabulator is still working
8. Cole: If anything does crash, go back to the old system
9. Avery: I don’t know if we can do that? So are we just asking them to extend the deadline?
10. Ruth: What is in place now is scraping it if it isn’t done by week 9 and going back to the old tabulator
11. So week 1 spring quarter for own system and week 2 for the Berkeley system and if not revert back to old system so we can still spend a week doing tests
12. Sean enters
13. Cole: What is your honest feeling about this
14. Sean: I feel pretty good, our tabulator is based on Berkeley’s
15. Cole: If it doesn’t work, what is your confidence level to converting to Berkeley’s system? And how long will it take?
16. Sean: Well I would just have to find an excel guru, maybe they would be able to just write a script for it
17. Ruth: They were going to recommend to extend the deadline by week 1, and if not they recommend to ask you to work on Berkeley tabulator, and if it doesn’t work to go back to the old system
18. Sean: So there would be no hand counting
19. Cole: Would your system be able to handle a large influx of data?
20. Sean: Well the system doesn’t do any thing with live data, it works after the fact
21. Cole: If yours comes through and for whatever reason it doesn’t work is it possible to revert back to the old system?
22. Sean: So it doesn’t do anything with live data
23. Cole: But with the way the new voting works still work with the old system
24. Sean: I’m gonna test it after a few hours to see if it works. The only hiccup is what I’ve wanted to do away with is the Write-in Candidates since people spell names differently and wrong.

**Adjournment at 9:51**