## Elections Board Agenda

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10/11/18, 11:30am

Nati Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER by John Paul Renteria at 11:35am**

**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** |
| Davis Quan | **Present** | Diana Collins Puente | **Present** |
| Andrew Yan | **Present** | Rafael Cornejo  (Senate Lialson) | **Present (Arrived at 11:50am)** |
| Emma Xing | **Absent (Excused)** |  |  |
| Hattie Grace | **Present** |  |  |
| Jennifer Pantoja | **Absent (Excused)** |  |  |
| Rachel Wiesenthal-Coffey | **Present** |  |  |

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**B.1. Board Member Introductions**

John Paul: Hi everyone and welcome to Elections Board (again). I’m John Paul, a fourth year History of Public Policy major. This my second year doing elections, and I’m also the chair of the board.

Davis: I’m Davis. I’m a third year and this is my second year on the board.

Rachel: I’m Rachel, I’m a third year poli sci major and this is my first year on the board.

Hattie: I’m Hattie, a fourth year econ + philosophy double major and it’s my second year on the board.

Andrew: I’m Andrew, a second year econ and accounting major and this is my second year here.

Diana: My name is Diana. I serve as the co-assistant director for community affairs, civic engagement and advocacy. It’s my fifth year at UCSB and I’m one of the advisors for the Elections Board along with Ruth.

Ruth: Hi everyone, I’m Ruth Garcia Guevara, the advisor for AS Elections. My main focus here is Elections. It’s special elections season and it’s the second time we’ve had a special election in my time here.

Diana: The timeline for this special elections is so short and not many people know it’s happening, and it’s our job to advertise and get the word out.

**B.2. Confidentiality**

John Paul: Elections Board deals with many elections-related complaints, and we must remember to maintain a level of confidentiality relating to those complaints.

John Paul: Especially during Spring Elections, some of you might know others running for certain positions. Even if you’re friends with other people, you can’t tell them about elections board matters, like complaints. We can’t share this kind of information with anyone else.

**B.3. Advertising**

John Paul: During Spring Elections, Davis brought up that we don’t really advertise that much in spring elections because there’s parties that advertise for themselves so it’s a bit easier to get out the vote. Now, the burden is on us because there’s only one candidate and no parties. Plus, the one candidate doesn’t seem to be campaigning that much – active campaigning just started and there’s no materials up. At the Senate meeting, I told the senators that it would be nice if they would spread the word about the elections to their BCUs and their classes. We’re going to have to advertise a lot more for this election cycle.

Davis: Everything is set up, we just need to make sure that people actually vote next week. We need to share on social media, table, send emails, and just reach people.

John Paul: I haven’t seen the candidate campaign at all.

Ruth: Is there a board up?

John Paul: There isn’t.

Davis: We originally passed $400 for advertising, and we’ve already spent some of it, and if we want an ad in the Daily Nexus it’ll cost $120. So we’ll need more money.

**Motion to allocate another $400 for special elections advertising.**

*First/Second: Quan/Grace*

*Vote: 4-0-1*

*Motion Passes.*

Diana: It’s a lot of work, but we need to keep on reminding ourselves that this is about civic engagement and participation in our political process.

John Paul: Also, Madeline did not submit the candidate statement and the deadline is today at 5pm. I emailed you all about this.

Hattie: I agree that that the candidate forums might not be the most effective and it might not be necessary because there’s only one candidate and it might not be a huge event.

Rafael: Maybe it would be more wise to have an event collaborating with the residence halls.

Andrew: But the event is past – she just didn’t come.

Rafael: Yeah.

John Paul: At 1am on the day of the candidate forums, we got an email from Madeline saying that she wasn’t going to make it to the forums. We emailed asking if she could make it within the 11am-2pm time frame, and she did not make it to the forums.

Ruth: If she didn’t want to do it she should have mentioned it beforehand.

Andrew: She was aware of the forums at the time of declaration of candidacy.

Ruth: We used our time, the time of staff members and fees to rent out the Hub for the candidate forums. It’s all put to no use if the candidate doesn’t show up.

Hattie: Candidate forums should be mandatory without further contact.

Davis: In my honest opinion, I think it doesn’t matter as we already allocated funds for the spring elections and it’s part of our job to advertise for the elections.

Hattie: Are we not concerned about the freshman not hearing from her?

Davis: I think it’s her fault here.

Hattie: I just don’t like uneducated voters.

Rafael: At the Senate meeting, it seemed like it was the responsibility of the elections board to ensure that the candidate get over the 16% threshold.

John Paul: During the Spring Elections, we’re able to be laid back on advertising. Now, it’s just the Elections Board and Madeline. It places a large burden on us to advertise, if that makes sense.

Diana: We’ve already voted on the deadline to extend the deadline for the candidate statements. We should decide if it’s a timeline infraction.

Davis: It’s her fault that she isn’t campaigning, it hurts her the most.

Hattie: Davis is right that the ball is in her court. We should contact her again to make sure she knows about the new deadlines.

Andrew: I agree.

**Motion to contact Madeline through a letter from Elections Board.**

*First/Second: Grace/Wiesenthal-Coffey*

*Vote: 4-0-1*

*Motion Passes.*

**B.4. Senate Lialson + More on Confidentiality**

Davis: Our lialson is now here – Rafael.

Rafael: Hi everyone, I’m a political science major minoring in English. I’m one of the off-campus senators. IF you have specific questions about legal code, have projects in mind, etc, I’m here to be a resource for you. I apologize for being late but I had a really big group during a senator workshop but I’m here now.

Ruth: It’s important to keep information confidential, as sometimes we see information from both sides. Make sure that information is only discussed here, in Elections. It can cause chaos when information is leaked.

John Paul: The Daily Nexus recently released an article online and probably published in paper showing confidential information that should have been kept between parties and the board.

Rafael: Should we be taking minutes right now due to confidentiality?

Andrew: Yes, but some sections are redacted until after the elections.

Ruth: Confidential sections are redacted in the minutes. Full minutes are released to Judicial Council after the elections are over.

John Paul: If you were a previous member of elections board, please either destroy or keep all emails private.

Ruth: Because you (Rafael) are a member of senate and because you’re part of a party, you might want to recuse yourself or leave the room when some confidential matters are discussed.

John Paul: Also, we should make sure electronics should be put away during the meetings, except the minute-taker and while viewing complaints.

Rafael: Should we go into a private meeting where electronics are not allowed?

Davis: Electronics are necessary sometimes, for example I have all the complaints on my computer.

Ruth: Let’s only use electronics for minutes, the Elections Code and to look at complaints.

John Paul: Agreed.

**B.5. Complaint Process**

Davis: Here’s the process. First, someone sends in a complaint. We don’t monitor or do anything until someone sends in that complaint. We always send a response within 24 hours saying that we received the complaint. After we discuss, we tell people what they did and what part of the Elections Code they violated. Later, we get together in a meeting and vote.

Ruth: The chair, Senate liaison and the advisors don’t vote.

John Paul: There are various slots, like campaigning infractions, advertising infraction, etc. It’s a warning for the first infraction in a category, and afterwards it’s a fine that can lead to disqualification.

**B.6. Complaints [REDACTED]**

**B.7. Voting Numbers**

Davis: We need to make a decision on voting numbers. There’s a difference between the registrar and the census. The registrar shows the people registered at UCSB, and the census shows that people who came later, dropped due to fees, etc. We have to make a decision if we should use the registrar or the census. We can use the registrar for two days, then we can use the census later.

Rafael: If we use the census, we would use the number of people paying to the association that best represents students, or the registrar could show the correct number of students as of last year, as this election is a special election to fill a position vacant from last year.

Davis: The census isn’t ready yet. It will be available possibly next week, so we have to start off using the registrar number anyways.

**Motion to use the registrar number until the end of the day Monday, until we decide to whether to use the census number instead.**

*First/Second: Grace/Wiesenthal-Coffey*

*Vote: 4-0-1*

*Motion Passes.*

**B.8. Tabling**

Davis: We need to table next week for the special elections.

Rafael: My concern is people getting confused between the candidate tabling and Elections Board tabling.

Davis: We have special shirts that say Elections Board.

Rafael: Sounds good.

Davis: I’ll write the tabling schedule on the board.

**B.9. Voter Registration**

John Paul: A suggestion from Sean was to add the official California voter registration link to the end of the ballot.

**Motion to add the link for CA voter registration to the end of the ballot.**

*First/Second: Grace/Wiesenthal-Coffey*

*Vote: 4-0-1*

*Motion Passes.*

**Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM by John Paul Renteria**