## Elections Board Minutes

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CAB Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

**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) |
| Mary Zhu | **Present** | Kia Sadeghi | **Absent** |
| Amy Koo | **Absent, Excused** | Hieu Le | **Absent** |
| John Paul Renteria | **Present** | Ali Suebert | **Absent, Excused** |
| Davis Quan | **Present** | Aaron Jones | **Absent** |
| Stoddy Carey | **Absent** | Ruth Garcia Guevara | **Present** |

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

B-1. Look over last year’s bill to update the Elections Code

Mary: Elections committee to elections board. Section 1 Letter B we must abide by UC legal code and the school’s constitution. Section 2, Letter A 1 A, they must be a current student. They need 6 units?

Davis: So, part time students can run?

Ruth: Part time student can run

Mary: Declaration of candidacy, should it be Thursday at 4pm?

Ruth: How about the day before?

Mary: So 11:59pm Wednesday pm. And for section 2,7 we need to define a write-in candidate. Sub category of candidates. They don’t have the same rights as candidates. Candidates will be changed to individuals. Definition of endorsement: Social media posts, written or verbal statements. Changed the endorsement night to the consent form online.

Ruth: Going back to write in candidates. How are we going to deal with them boards?

Mary: They don’t have the same rights as candidates, they get leftover positions. Exec officers will be penalized according to Article XVIII Section 14 K

Ruth: Did we also do the pronouns?

Mary: Yes. We are now on party status. Declaration of party form.

Ruth: I think it should be earlier because we need to know how to populate those dropdown menus.

Mary: Maybe submit the declaration of party form week 8 winter quarter?

Ruth: Parties last year were saying that it excludes people.

Davis: So, week 8 of winter quarter at 4pm?

Mary: For student conduct policy enforcement, we should change it from section 5, letter E, number 5 to section 5, letter E, number 6

Davis: What about financial statements?

Mary: Oh, totally skipped over that, as Davis said.

Davis: Add a detailed proposed budget we could examine.

Ruth: You could provide an actual financial statement. Maybe an example. Any events, clothing etc. have to be noted in the financial statement. Maybe include also board, campaign materials.

Davis: So, then I would be drawing up an example of it.

Mary: Next, campaign procedures: that’s when we stipulate soft campaigning.

Ruth: What is the argument?

Davis: Stoddy said not a lot of people don’t have access to social media.

Ruth: We can’t really control social media. The purpose of soft campaigning is because of voter fatigue. But we’re extending it so what is the point?

Mary: Active campaigning is defined in Section 14, Letter E, Number 5.

Ruth: We need to have a certain time and date for the forum for candidates. Set the dates.

Davis: When do we announce winners?

Ruth: You, Shawn and other staff members, sit here and chat and look for mistakes. Unfortunately, we have had leaks and other execs who gave it away.

Mary: Recruitment event moved forward 1 week. Recruitments are defined now. Recruitment plans and timelines submitted by week 6 Friday winter quarter. Endorsement night will be online through a form.

Davis: So, Sunday of week 3. What time do we start soft campaigning?

Mary: 8pm. Endorsement Night is to be changed to Endorsements. Next is publicity. Announcements through social outlets, broad announcements, literature is defined as publicity. Campaign literature and material. It is all the same. Changing group to candidates. Parties permitted to announce meeting time through online media. Parties are not allowed to discuss meetings?

Davis: So, they’re only allowed to do it through online?

Ruth: They begin to start campaigning when students solicit a question, that’s why that section is crossed out.

Davis: I still think it’s a bit weird.

Ruth: We would be getting complaints about it though, do you remember now?

Mary: Oh yeah.

Ruth: Question about campaign restrictions. Pre-ordering t-shirts on the financial statement should be done beforehand.

Mary: Ballots. Move it to week 9 of winter quarter.

Davis: So, it says the fees and candidates everything?

Ruth: yes.

Davis: hard to get write-ins

Ruth: Not really, but they’re just blanks on the ballot. The only thing that changes is language.

Davis: Dec of candidacy is also week 9, so week 1 of spring quarter.

Ruth: I think we also need to include the lap topping. Lap topping situation and the IP addresses. One thing we found out is that many votes came from the same IP address. The other thing, no money or goods in exchange for votes. No promising for special treatment. Persuasion, pressure, or influence short of actual force, but stronger than mere advice, that so overpowers the dominated party’s free will or judgement that he or she cannot act intelligently and voluntarily, but acts instead, subject to the will or purposes of the dominating party.

Davis: There’s also a thing about lap-topping from UCR’s Elections Board we could use.

“Section B.

Regulations regarding “lap topping” campaigning are as follows-

1. Lap topping campaigning is defined as when a candidate, party, pro-group, con-group, or anyone with approximate relation to them, approaches a student and asks that student to log onto a computer or other electronic device and vote in the election (usually coaxing students to vote in a certain way).
2. Campaigning with laptops or other electronic devices during the week on which the ballot is cast is strictly prohibited, and doing so will result in a violation.
3. To avoid unclear and/or false violations, complaints about lap topping campaigning must be registered only by students who are approached and asked to vote.”

Mary: Sounds good. Voting procedure, would lap topping be a part of this. Sections 12 and 13 missing. Post elections.

Ruth: Yes. Once results have been forwarded and approved by elections board, senate, ucopp, the chancellor, the results stand.

Mary: interpretation of Election Results, any questions?

Davis: not much we can change it is all about voter turnout. What is the voter percentage defined as? Is that just 20%.

Mary: Cite the part just says 60%. Section 14

Ruth: Party Liaison is taking responsibility for whole party. Should we include that?

Mary: it would be for section a, and split it by liaisons. Should we make it an offense when someone other than the party liaison contacts us?

Davis: We should just ignore them

Ruth: Party liaison is not defined in here.

Mary: Should it be included in section 5 and 14. Party liaison only pertains to parties. It does not apply to independents or write-ins.

Ruth: Whatever is on the complaint section on the website should be copied and pasted into the revisions.

Mary: Subcommittee? There’s no subcommittee liaison. Cross out 7 in section 14 because it is redundant. I have no idea what an enforcer does.

Ruth: We’ve all done it, walking thru campus checking the board placements.

B-2.

Davis: Hashtag should be put in Section 7, letter B and Section 7, letter C.

Mary: Any infraction will be a social media infraction.

Davis: where would snake draft go? Campaign procedures? It would be a new event.

Mary: So that would be the new 7?

Davis: Yes.

Mary: do you want to come discuss the language about this next week?

Davis: yeah, I’ll come next week to help with the language of snake draft. Also, when would we prepare the map for the snake draft?

Mary: Let’s take a tour around campus to discuss placement of boards.

**Meeting Adjourned by Mary Zhu @10:42am.**