## Elections Board Agenda

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11/16/18, 1:00 PM

Nati Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER by John Paul Renteria at 1:00 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** | Rafael Cornejo  (Senate Lialson) | **Present** |
| Davis Quan | **Present** | Ashley Ng  (Senate Lialson) | **Present** |
| Andrew Yan | **Present** | Ruth Garcia Guevara  (Advisor) | **Present** |
| Hattie Grace | **Present** | Diana Collins Puente  (Advisor) | **Present** |
| Jennifer Pantoja | **Absent (excused)** |  |  |
| Rachel Wiesenthal-Coffey | **Present** |  |  |

**Also in attendance during the Public Forum:**

Rafael Cornejo (Off-Campus Senator, Senate Lialson to Elections Board)

Ashley Ng (Off-Campus Senator, Senate Lialson to Elections Board)

Jalia Carlton-Carew (Off-Campus Senator)

Jasmine Palmerin (Off-Campus Senator)

Ricardo Uribe (L&S Collegiate Senator)

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**B.1. Introduction**

John Paul: Hi everyone. This is the Elections Board Retreat, and we are meeting here in the Nati Conference Room to discuss changes to Legal Code. We are holding a public forum at 2:00 and we have invited Senators to attend.

Ruth: On the events following the Senate meeting last week, I recommend that the Elections Board put out a statement and we should also hear the AG’s thoughts.

Diana: There needs to be a conversation about principles and how we engage with each other. Elections Board and Senate should be contacting each other.

**C. PUBLIC FORUM**

John Paul: Hi everyone. Welcome to the public forum.

Ashley: I can start. I wanted to have this conversation because there’s not a lot of communication happening right now, and I wanted to open up this dialogue to see where we go from here. I think last meeting we talked about possibly extending the resolution that we wrote in the summer. It was written by Jalia and seconded by Xochitl, it’s a resolution delegating the duties of the EVPSA office.

Andrew: I did read the summer resolution when the Daily Nexus published an article about it. Personally, I think that’s the best solution at this point.

Hattie: I’m uncomfortable about that if it the resolution goes into the Spring, and we don’t want the Senate to elect a EVPSA. We want the student body to elect the EVPSA. The special election in Fall was an opportunity to fill that position. The 16% was not reached. The problem was actually getting people to vote, they don’t know much about it or what’s going on.

Jalia: The special election in Fall was an opportunity to fill that position. I have some concerns about voter exhaustion and the 16% was not reached. The problem was actually getting people to vote, they don’t know much about it or what’s going on.

John Paul: Elections Board only deals with the process. We don’t deal with any issues with individual candidates.

Hattie: We drive the elections process and we want the Elections process to be great for all the students.

John Paul: We understand how important the EVPSA position is, but we only uphold the process and we think that is the best avenue to get someone elected in the EVPSA office.

Jalia: What’s going to differentiate this Fall Special Election from the Winter Special Election?

Hattie: The voter threshold will be different.

John Paul: As in outreach? We’re going to do everything we can.

Hattie: We’ll be doing tabling, flyering, door-to-door, etc.

Jalia: Speaking on what happened with the candidate who was actually running for EVPSA in Fall, what is that collaboration looking like or is there none?

Hattie: We don’t work for or with a candidate. If the candidate doesn’t come to the candidate forum for example, then we can’t do anything.

Ashley: Elections Board for the Fall Special Election did a lot, and I agree, I think y/all did the most. They had the link to it on the Delirium tickets and we sold out Delirium. It’s not y’alls fault that you didn’t get voters.

Jalia: Exactly.

Ashley: It’s the responsibility of both the Elections Board and the candidate to campaign.

Davis: Now that the Winter Special Elections is tabled indefinitely, what do we do?

Rafael: If it’s tabled indefinitely, can’t you all just petition again.

Ruth: There were candidates who were interested in running who were not able to be on the Fall Elections ballot. There is the possibility that there will be more than one candidate.

Ashley: So, this is why I wanted to have this conversation with more senators.

Rafael: I did talk to more senators and some of them feel it would be waste of funding and time because of the voter threshold. They’re very frustrated by the situation that there’s no EVPSA.

Hattie: We’ve been getting emails about the frustration and we know it’s a huge job and they do a lot for the school and the UC system in general. Our job is the process and it’s hard to hear about it as a waste of time. We want people to be elected in this position.

Jalia: With a temporary EVPSA staff now, will they continue to work until the Winter Special Election?

Davis: I think that’s up to the Senate.

Ashley: Would you all be open to us extending this resolution, under the stipulation that we agree to hold the Winter Special Election. External committee is meeting on Monday to talk about that resolution. It’s at 3:30 on Monday in here if y’all want to come.

Rafael: By Senate appointing someone to hold the position, they would be going over the Elections Board.

John Paul: Yeah, if Senate appointed their EVPSA, what would be the point of Elections Board.

Rafael: Once we start appointing people to positions, that kind of shifts the type of organization we are. By electing someone, it maintains our status as a nonprofit.

Ashley: It’s also the principle, like not talking to us (the Elections Board) is not ok.

Hattie: We don’t have any issues about you all holding a resolution to fill the position, but we don’t want it to go over the heads of the student body. We understand that you need to fill the position, but by bypassing the students, we’re uncomfortable with that because it goes over the process.

Jasmine: There are people who have been putting the work in for EVPSA thus far. The person who’s running will be taking the position might be unclear about the office if they get into the position in Winter quarter. I’m for it, but that’s just my only concern.

Hattie: We’re not here to get one person or another elected. It’s just the process that we’re upholding.

Ashley: I think Ricardo wants to come as well.

Ricardo: Hi everyone. My main concern that was mentioned by one of the Elections Board members was voter exhaustion. I asked how we can go about making recommendations for different things. One of the main concerns we could have is about voter threshold. I would probably recommend lowering it down. Going into the Spring, I’m worried that 20% might not be met.

Andrew: We usually get much more turnout during the spring elections. Last year I think we hit the threshold within two days (20%), and we almost made it to 40%.

Ricardo: I wanted to know if you all wanted to open it up for parties to maybe increase turnout as parties do advertising too.

Andrew: That’s an interesting suggestion.

Rafael: I’m not for that idea because that would only increase the drama so much more between parties for the spring election.

Andrew: What about a supporters list? Candidates are already supposed to do that and it’s kind of similar.

Davis: During the general election, we have parties send in a list of people who are with them. You can sort of have a party in that way, but you can’t be a party in name.

Hattie: We’re 100% down for suggestions like that. We really want to get the vote out and get this election to go through.

Ricardo: That was just two ideas that I had. I wasn’t too happy about how the petition was handled on Wednesday. Personally, I thought it didn’t follow the Constitution.

Hattie: We’re open to presenting again, we just don’t want the same answer every time.

Ricardo: Do we have the power to appoint someone? I’ve been looking at that in the Constitution. If no, I think that’s something that you all could present and tell all the Senators.

Rafael: Elections Board is there to uphold the process only.

Diana: A lot of the conversation has been about the get out the vote effort. I don’t think there’s anything that prevents the Senate from helping to get out the vote. I think was a missed opportunity in the Fall.

Ricardo: Another question I had, is there going to be another criteria to run?

John Paul: It’s going to be the same.

Ruth: But more people are now eligible.

John Paul: I think there’s a residency requirement and a 60 unit requirement, and now, more students are eligible because it’s the Winter quarter now.

Ricardo: If we have two people running, can we campaign for one of the candidates?

Ruth: You can’t use your position to endorse. You can say your name, but you can’t use your position on Senate.

Rafael: You can say that I, Ricardo, as a student at UCSB, hereby endorse this candidate.

John Paul: Are there any more questions?

Hattie: I’m really glad that you all came in so we can hear y’alls opinions.

John Paul: I totally agree with Hattie.

Andrew: Thank you to our senate lialsons for organizing this.

* ***End of public forum*** *-*

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS V2**

**D.1. After the Public Forum**

Andrew: Do you think Senate will meet quorum on Wednesday?

Rafael: No.

John Paul: If we decide to bring up a petition again, would we just email and present it again?

Rafael: Yea, at the next, next meeting.

Ashley: Again, the External Committee meets on Monday at 3:30 and they’re going to talk about the resolution.

Rafael: I think it’s important to say that Senate can’t appoint someone. It could also violate state law.

Ashley: I would recommend going to this.

John Paul: Thank you, that’s very interesting. We’ll be going to that.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM by John Paul Renteria.**