## Elections Board Minutes

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11/8/18, 11:00 AM

Nati Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER by John Paul Renteria at 11:10 AM.**

**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** |  |  |
| Jennifer Pantoja | **Absent (excused)** |  |  |
| Rachel Wiesenthal-Coffey | **Present** |  |  |

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**B.1. Introduction**

*Ashley Ng is an Off-Campus Senator and is our other Senate Liaison. Just like general members of Elections Board, Ashley Ng signed a confidentiality form. Both the Chair and the Advisor stressed the importance of confidentiality.*

**B.2. Post Special Election**

*The Chair attended the Senate meeting last night to inform them that no EVPSA was elected. The Chair took note of some questions that were asked. Questions that were asked included our advertising, advisors, a winter special election, and a possible town hall for post-fall special election. This is not a full list of the questions that were asked.*

* *Yan provided a list of all the outreach that Elections Board has done for the Special Election:*
* *Large elections posters/signs in AS spaces – the Pardall Center, Food Bank, walkways outside AS Main*
* *Three-week announcement on GOLD with a link to the vote site*
* *Candidate forum in the Hub (not attended by the candidate(s))*
* *Several university announcements sent via university email*
* *Email reminding students who purchased Delirium tickets to vote*
* *Social media posts and advertisements on Facebook and Instagram*
* *General tabling in front of the UCen and the Arbor*
* *Tabling at AS events, such as the Pardall Carnival*
* *Voting booth at the Pardall Center*
* *Ads in the Daily Nexus*
* *Another Qualtrics email informing students that did not vote that Friday, Nov. 2 was the last day*
* *Flyers being placed in the residence halls*
* *Elections Board stresses that their advisors do not make any decisions for them. They (advisors) only provide insight and have no desire to sway decisions. The Chair and Board recognizes the advice of the advisor but they do not have to take any advice. If students feel like advisors are swaying or pressuring the board they are within they right to call them out and can also go to their supervisor Marisela if there are concerns.*
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* *If the Senate were to create a resolution to appoint a resolution, Elections Board would recommend that they come to them (E-board) first.*
* *The topic of a Winter Special Election was brought up.*
* *Elections Board members decided that the best course of action that best follows Legal Code is petitioning for a Winter Special Election. According to Article 11, section 2, (A.1.1):*

*“If an executive officer position becomes vacant before the fifth (5th) meeting of the Senate of Fall Quarter, an election must be held before the end of the quarter. If an executive officer position should become vacant after the (5th) meeting of Fall Quarter, an election must be held by the fourth (4th) week of Winter quarter. If an executive position should become vacant after the last Senate meeting of Fall quarter, the position will be filled during the ‘Spring General Election’.*

* *Yan argued against having a winter special election and notes that voter fatigue is too big of an issue. They are not necessarily against it nor are they for it. They question if it’s feasible due to voter fatigue.*
* *Coffey believes having a lower threshold of 10-12% is more feasible, but agrees with Yan that voter fatigue can be a big issue.*
* *Grace believes that with nothing else major happening during winter quarter, a winter special election would be valid and feasible.*
* *Quan concurs.*
* *Renteria acknowledges the struggles of having another special election, but Elections Board duty is just the process and that we follow Legal Code to the best of our abilities.*

**Motion to hold a Winter Special Elections for the EVPSA positions.**

 *First Second: Quan/Grace*

 *Vote: 3-1-1 (3 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain)*

 *Motion Passes.*

* *Plans for the Winter Special Election will be completed as soon as possible.*

**B.3. Elections Code**

*Elections Board is going to dedicate a day where they sit down for a couple of hours to discuss changes regarding Elections Code. The decided date for this retreat is November 16th, 2018, starting at 1pm and concluding 7pm. For this retreat, members of the board will be given food.*

**Motion to allocate $300 for food during the Elections Board retreat.**

*First/Second: Quan/Grace*

 *Vote: 4-0-1*

 *Motion Passes.*

**B.4. Complaints [Redacted]**

**B.5. Town Hall**

*Elections Board has decided to have a Town Hall for Fall Special Election to address any questions that undergraduates may have had. More will be discussed about this later on.*

**Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM by John Paul Renteria.**