## Elections Board Minutes

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2/7/18, 2:00 PM

Nati Conference Room

**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 | **Present** |
| John Paul Renteria | **Present** | Hieu Le | **Absent** |
| Davis Quan | **Present** | Ali Suebert | **Present** |
| Stoddy Carey | **Absent** | Ruth Garcia Guevara | **Absent** |

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**B.1. Elections Code suggestions from Internal**

Ruth: I think we should do introductions first.

Ali: I’m a 3rd year, and I’m the attorney general.

Jasmine: I’m Jasmine, and I am the IVP.

Katie: I’m a communications major and the party chair for Campus United (CU).

Mary: Who would like to go first?

Ruth: Anything specific?

Jasmine: I’m here because the legal code doesn’t follow the calendar and that Elections Code is not following code correctly. Evyerthing we do, we must follow the code.

Ali: Elections board cannot be exempt from following legal code.

JP: A concern I have is, and I’m reading this from UCSB’s website regarding ‘dead week’, Further, the scheduling during dead week, by faculty or departments, of non-instructional events for which student participation is mandatory, is also strongly discouraged, and requires advance approval by the Office of Student Life.

Jasmine: That is OSL policy.

Cindy: We still can’t require students to come into work on dead week and finals.

Ruth: Valid concern, this quarter has been difficult. The board has tried to find all of these dates and figure it all out.

Ali: You should publish a calendar to hash out the discrepancies

Ruth: Exceptional quarter, board needs to discuss on beforehand, they’ll have to figure out.

Jasmine: From internal perspective, we would have to go by legal code. I don’t know what judicial would do, but I think it should go by university calendar.

Cindy: Legal code can’t really catchup up to what the academic calendar is.

Jasmine: I think legal code doesn’t need any more changes, beside the elections calendar shifting. I think the elections date needs to change.

Ruth: It was unprecedented.

Ali: You’re going to be publishing the calendar for the party chairs to follow. That’s what they’re supposed to follow and that should align with legal code? I think it will be understandable that things have to be changed.

Ruth: Hoping that people understand it. Just to be clear, the board does not know who party chairs are yet.

Ali: Recruitment happening at the same time slate was happening.

Jasmine: Just to clarify legal code and stuff.

Katie: Rep from parties. Full slate being due next Friday. Already answered. Just from an outside perspective, there’s been rumors of election possible being moved up earlier.

Ruth: Gives board a little bit of time to finalize ballot language.

Mary: Would it be okay to have candidate statements be due week 9 then?

Jasmine: Yeah, since it would only be a form and not an actual in-person event.

Ali: Give them a heads up, their fault for not completing.

Mary: Anymore questions? Alright, well it was nice of you all to come in. So, JP and I went to internal last night and someone suggested we change the name of Dec. of Candidacy because it’s leading. Another suggestion is to add a poll station around campus to vote on their computers, but the problem with that we don’t have enough people.

Ruth: We don’t have people power, technological problems, cannot have any polling station within feet of buildings.

Cindy: What’s the big concern?

Mary: People not motivated.

Ruth: We might have taken them out. Next to advertising.

Kia: definitely not necessary but people are, like you said, are unmotivated.

Mary: This wouldn’t need to be code?

Ruth: I guess it won’t be. We could test it out.

Mary: Debrief discussion in code.

Ruth: Somewhere in Post elections section. Just say by when. Maybe by the end of spring quarter.

Cindy: what is a debrief?

Ruth: Any suggestions. Ask specific questions.

Mary: Do you know what time/week?

Ruth: I think it was week 7.

**Motion that we extend the period to work on changes and additions to the elections code to Week 5 of Winter Quarter**

First/Second: Quan/Renteria

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Ruth: Should we email you and Jasmine?

Kia: Yeah.

Mary: Another suggestion was changing elections to week 2 and 3 from week 3 to 4. .

Ruth: No.

Cindy: its problematic to change at late date.

Ruth: So, if AS elections decide to change their date, GSA and CE would need to change their dates too. We host their ballot.

Mary: Change time for party slate thing. Need to change the calendar.

Ruth: We don’t have to change everything back.

Mary: No other changes yet

Ruth: Businesses and endorsing. Can you explain endorsement situation thing?

Mary: it’s like business sponsoring.

Ruth: Does that mean those donuts would be put on the budget as a donation? Another question: if a business had a cupcake that was party specific and were selling it at the shop how would you regulate that? I actually went to the business and told them that they can’t have both. Let them use a specific space.

Davis: I don’t think we can put a price on space.

Ruth: What about hosting a fundraiser?

Cindy: Endorsing both parties and giving them a fair shot.

Ruth: This is such a sticky situation because we cannot regulate that. If you go to a business make sure it is available to both parties.

Davis: In my opinion, spaces that company offers, we really can’t do much about it.

Cindy: If you’re given space, and don’t charge and let you use it for free, then it should count as a donation.

Davis: If it is private property we can’t do anything.

**B.2. Update on new board members**

Mary: I’ve been talking to Christy and closing applications. Either way, 2-3 weeks we’re going to get them Spring quarter. Also, Amy has resigned.

Ruth: That is not acceptable.

Mary: It would be too late. Anyways, I think we should end the meeting here.

**Meeting Adjourned by Mary Zhu at 3:31pm**