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Update from Jimmy Villarreal, Chair, Villarreal Elections Commission

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Dear Student Body,

As I mentioned last week, the Commissioners meet each Monday night at 5pm, and today was no exception. I also mentioned that I would write to you again when they made a decision regarding the 2016 Spring Election results. They voted today to ask the Chancellor to certify the election results. He will then send them to the Office of the President of the University of California to have the Regents finalize the process.

I will be consulting with the Chancellor's office tomorrow and inquiring about when the UC Regents will do that (hopefully at their next meeting). I'll know more soon—and will update you once again—but I didn't want to delay sending out this information.

To be clear, the Commissioners' work is not complete until the election has been certified and the Senate is sworn in, so please continue to send all of your business to the commission at <u>villarrealcommission@gmail.com</u>

Maintaining the integrity of this election has been our highest priority all along and this is why the Senate wisely created this commission and asked that the Department of Audit and Advisory Services investigate the entire matter. Rather than ignoring the concerns of the Senate's Election Board, and many students, the Association has heard their concerns, thoroughly investigated it, and has kept the work going during this quite unprecedented time. I want to commend the Senate and now, the Commissioners for their work.

Thank you for your patience in this process.

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