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Dear Student Body-

On this weekly update I'd like to begin by first recalling the tragedy that struck our campus on this date two years ago. We survived it together and will move forward together. When the campus needed leadership, Associated Students stepped in to that role, and we will continue to do so.

As a quick update on the investigation, I have no new information. As information becomes available, I will reach out to you all.

Regarding the make up of the Villarreal Election Commission, I want to share that I have approached a few people and although I cannot release anything final until I have filled all of the seats, I am working on it. The key criteria include: unbiased members from across the association, who also are summer session students, and who are willing to serve. If you are interested in nominating anyone or serving please let me know as soon as possible.

Traditionally, the next order of business for the association is to fill leadership positions that are appointed onto boards, commissions and units. Due to the current transition plan, which entrusts the commission with ratifying appointments, I'd like to direct all members to continue their business as usual with one exception. When you are ready to have your board, commission or unit leadership ratified send your decisions to Villarrealcommission@gmail.com for ratification.

For example, if your leadership typically requests that Committee on Committees (COC) recruit and interview potential appointments, then sends their decisions to the President and Senate for ratification then do this but send it to the Villarreal Commission instead for ratification. If instead, your BCU typically engages new leadership by conducting internal elections—then sends your decisions out for ratification—then do that and then send it to me for ratification instead.

Again, this is only the case in the interim until a new Senate and Officers are sworn in to their positions.

Have a nice week nine and please continue to look for my weekly updates.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Villarreal".

Jimmy Villarreal
President, 2015-2016