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Dear Student Body-

As promised in the letter that I co-authored with Austin Hechler last Friday I'm sending out the first of my weekly updates. You can look forward to receiving my updates each Monday until the investigation is completed. To be clear, I'm not conducting an investigation into the potential voter and / or election irregularities in the Spring 2016 election. The UCSB Audit and Advisory department is conducting it. What I am doing is chairing a commission for the association to help with: *a) receiving the investigatory report, deliberating and rendering a decision on the Spring 2016 election, b) conducting the business of the association, and c) swearing in the new leadership* . As you probably know, the chair does not vote unless there is a tie, based on Robert's rules of Order. In other words, this commission will serve as a governing body until the new leadership is sworn in to office.

Who Will be On The Commission?

No one has been selected yet. The composition of the body, newly formed by the AS Senate last week, has not been determined yet. But, I have received a lot of questions about it, its charge and I am thinking through the options. I will likely know by next Monday.

At present, I am thinking of appointing 10 people to sit on this commission. Seven of them would be voting members, and three would be alternates in case any of the seven can't fulfill their duties. It is standard procedures for entities to appoint members based on expertise and knowledge which is what I intend to do. I'm hoping to utilize unbiased members from across the association pulling from all three branches – executive, judicial and legislative. I'm defining unbiased for the sake of this commission to be anyone who did not personally run for an election in this cycle, and who did not endorse or organize efforts on behalf of a party and/or candidate. To be clear, President-elect Austin Hechler, would not be eligible to sit on this commission.

For anyone questioning why Austin, who hasn't been sworn in yet as President, signed off on the letter I'd like to add the following. I invited him to do so because I thought it was important to provide as much information as he and I both had at that time and to show that there is leadership in the association. This association not only means a great deal to the campus but to me as well, I want to make sure that after my four years of personal involvement as a volunteer, two term Senator, and President—that I want to leave it better than I found it. Therefore, I consider it my responsibility to resolve this matter. Thank you and I appreciate your patience and understanding while we work this through—we're doing all of this as promptly as possible. I am confident that the association and school will have a great year next year.

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

Jimmy Villarreal
President, 2015-2016