

Elections Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **10:03 AM**

- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Jaulayah Hanzy, Zhanserik Temirtashev, Anahi Ballesteros, Erik Pinlac, Brandon Gutierrez-Kitto, Marguerite Hinrichs

Absent: Michael Ryan Cesena, Emilia Brettner, James Carroll

- III. ACTION ITEM- Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda of April 8, 2022, by **J. Hanzy**, second by **Z. Temirtashev**, motion **CARRIED**.

- IV. ACTION ITEM- Approval of the Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2022, by **J. Hanzy**, second by **A. Ballesteros**, motion **CARRIED**.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.
No public comment.

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B. Kitto says to start the planning process early and getting people to participate to run for elections since not many students ran for election this year and being active in the forum. The issue this year was getting the students who are running to participate in the forum. If we give them more time, then they would communicate with the candidates and see what would work best for them in terms of being available.

Z. Temirtashev says Brandon mentioned what I wanted to say. It is pushing the schedule a bit earlier, so that we have time to train and have a better idea of what to do. It gives time for candidates to apply.

A. Ballesteros echoes what Brandon said regarding sending out the committee applications sooner to get an idea and then be able to scout students with a larger period. That would be for 2 to 3 weeks before school starts. It gives students a chance to look it over without having to think about classes and beginning to plan it all out. For Spring, doing it during Fall break gives students more time and that way the committee has more time to thoroughly plan things out.

E. Pinlac says we need to bring the committee together earlier. One of the things I want to focus on for next year is making sure we target our candidates so that we are getting the most candidates we can get to run for elections. That is the foundation of an election is if there are many candidates then it is going to drive up vote numbers, increase engagements, and bring up more participation at our events. Therefore, making sure that we can get more candidates so that there's at least competition and to fill up all the positions because we have four vacancies at the moment.

J. Hanzy says having more candidates was not necessarily to push students to vote but push towards having that friendly competition. This would get more students talking about it, especially if we have different students from diverse groups



applications out? Do we want to do that over the break? That way it would be sent out in December during the Winter Break.

E. Pinlac asks what if we put the application out the week before finals week in the Fall and then in January? We have our ASI Elections or Candidate Info Sessions where we can provide information to anyone that is interested at all, and they can attend those events. The key is marketing. We have had Candidate Info Sessions, and we have not had many students come to them so we may not be advertising it as eff



work but there's room for improvement. I believe that we should cut out the applications for the candidates to be earlier since the time I got around to looking at the applications to when it was due, it was less than a week. I believe that as soon as the committee gets established, the day after the first meeting is when the candidate application should go out. How do we feel about that? We are not necessarily saying that the committee is together but given the application more time to get and more students to talk about it.



meet students, these students get to talk to students that we host, is the forum. Is it possible for the elections committee if they get started early enough? If they plan ahead, could we do another f they



E. Pinlac says since this is for the future committee to do and we are not doing it right now. In the past, we used to host actual debates and Marguerite remembers, we did in the TV studio, and we streamed it into unions. We recorded it so it was available online if anyone wants to watch it. It was interesting. It does require work because it is production and we got help from a class and a professor, but I do believe that it was a good debate and splitting it up though, because doing all 15 positions or 14 positions in the same span of time, 2 hours. We could do VP one day, including the President, or we mix it up and do 3 or 4 a day.

J. Hanzy says we can get the students to submit questions for the debate. It makes them want to tune in because they want to hear their questions being answered. Tabling is where we got the most hype this year, because we tabled and we gave out shirts to students who were telling their friends about it. Students were trying to find our booth trying to find our table. We can be more organized about that if we wanted to do that. If we want to get the committee together sooner and we will not have one established until next Spring but would anybody now part of this committee be willing to table in the Fall to help prep for the following committee? It would be better if they did get established in the Fall. We would be tabling from September to October to get the word out. It would not necessarily be us, being the committee at that time, but promoting people and then we can start with the election process during early November. We would be volunteering to table next Fall for next year. We can have an established committee. If anybody wants to be on campus for that, I believe tabling in the fall for us to get the committee together sooner is the way to go and we can get more organized about it.

M. Hinrichs asks do we have to ask permission from the Board to continue this committee? Why does it have to stop? If the majority of the people here have any interest in moving it forward or advancing it forward? I am asking because the ASI Elections Committee could host the mixer for the new candidates. We are not going to get anything done if we do not start this committee earlier which is my concern, and I would like to see the ASI Elections Committee tabled. I am asking about August of 2022; we should keep going. If anybody is interested in continuing in the committee, the committee should keep going.

E. Pinlac says that is a promising idea. I believe that we normally do it by the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30. By June 30, all the committees are done. So, then we would have to reappoint in July, the only thing that we have to consider would be budget. We would have to figure out that aspect of it and I can put that in the budget. I am working on it now, but we have time. I am going to calculate

the numbers to see what it is going to cost and how much more it is going to cost to implement that. I believe we can do it, but I do not want to commit myself to managing because I am not going to be here. Talk to James and Marguerite to figure out how that works.

J. Hanzy says I am open to continuing on with the committee if that means that the next committee will be more established, organized and that it ensures a bigger turnout for the process next year. What do you all think about that?

A. Ballesteros says I would be a part of it depending on the schedule for next year.

J. Hanzy says we are not committing but brainstorming ideas and giving everybody time to establish things when all of us are here.

M. Hinrichs thanks Erik for trying to put it in the budget. You would be doing



the breakfast mixer that he is planning. When students are coming in, they need to have skills, to be familiar with social media, and know how to do the Google Drive. People need to be good at documenting things.

E. Pinlac says that is a great idea for the manual because we are working on a Personnel Manual, so the committee members know what they can or cannot do. Since we cannot change our codes, per se, we can update and create a manual so that it is all documented.

M. Hinrichs says they do that in the cultural graduation celebration committees, too. They have binders that they hand off to the next planning committee. You are establishing that legacy and consistency will be good.

J. Hanzy says a manual would be helpful. A manual would have been nice to read as far as how to plan any event, who to go to with specific issues and it is not necessarily concrete. People at the office have changed or each committee will continue to update and help to make the next committee. If we are going to continue meeting, it is something that we can all help to create, and all add our ideas in. James was not present, and Emilia was not



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Jaulayan Hanzy (Apr 19, 2022 12:45 PDT)

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