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Minutes Elections Commission Friday, January 22, 2021 10:00 AM Zoom Meeting

This meeting is being facilitated through an online zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N25-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

- I. Called to order at 10:03am by Cindy Romero, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call

Voting Members Present: Cindy Romero, Ahmilliyon Marin, Jocelyn Molina, Lola White,

Rihab Shuaib

Non-Voting Members Present: Adam Kasarda

Non-Voting Members Absent: None Advisors Present: Stephen Janes

Advisors Absent: None **Visitors:** Jessica Achugbue

III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item

M/Shuaib S/White to approve the agenda with amendment to remove discussion item VI.

Unfinished Business A. Election Goals.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

IV. Approval of Minutes (December 11, 2020) – Action Item

M/Molina, S/White to approve the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

V. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only – None

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only.

VI. Unfinished Business B. Elections Incentives – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss incentives for the elections 2020-2021 voting period.

Commission members confirmed that they approve moving forward with the previously determined voter incentives.

VII. New Business A. Election Timeline – Discussion Item The Commission will review Election Timeline.

Romero reminded the Commission that the candidate applications are due on January 29, 2021. Romero reported that she has been reaching out to students who have responded to a

survey expressing interest in running; the information obtained through the survey has been maintained by Janes in a spreadsheet. Romero said that a couple of the students she directly contacted reported submitting applications. Kasarda reported that two completed applications have been submitted for the Director of Student Services and Executive Vice President positions; additionally, a letter of recommendation has been submitted for a student, but that student's application has not yet been submitted. Janes reminded the Commission of the built-in week-long deadline extension that will be enacted if 15 applications have not been received. On February 8, 2021, all candidate names will be sent to Student Affairs to confirm good standing with the university, followed by an appeal period allowed for candidates deemed ineligible. In his next check in with Romero, Janes will collaborate to establish ground rules and incentives for BOD classroom presentations. Shuaib suggested discussing the Elections Code requirement for students to have served as an ASI Board member for at least 1 year prior to serving in an executive position; currently, the student applying to run for the Executive Vice President position has served for a year as an ASI intern but not as a BOD member. Shuaib suggested that, because many current BOD members are scheduled to graduate this year, it may be helpful to propose an adjustment to the Elections Code in a BOD meeting. Shuaib and Romero expressed concern about the need for new BOD members, as well as concern about waiving the prerequisite requirement for the executive position due to the necessity of becoming fully adjusted to ASI proceedings. White shared that she will share about the election process during the Organizations Commission meeting today.

VIII. Reports

Program Coordinator – Janes reported that ASI student assistants Christian Jackson and Adrian Aguilar both graduated this winter. Their positions have been filled, and the new program assistant for events and logistics will likely be introduced in the next Election Commission meeting, as she will be involved in the election marketing.

- IX. Open Forum None
 - Time for members of the audience to address the Commission. None
- X. Adjournment at 10:42am by Cindy Romero, Chairperson.