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Minutes
Elections Commission
Friday, March 5, 2021 9:00 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 9:01 a.m. by Cindy Romero, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Cindy Romero, Lola White, Jocelyn Molina-Moncio, Ahmilliyon Marin, and Rihab Shuaib
Non-Voting Members Present: Adam Kasarda
Non-Voting Members Absent: None
Advisors Present: Stephen Janes
Visitors: Jessica Achugbue
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/White to approve the agenda with amendment to remove section VIII.
New Business discussion item A. Candidate Orientation.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 5, 2021) – Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/Molina-Moncio to approve the minutes as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Program Coordinator – Janes reported that there are two more elections events scheduled for next week. During the following week, voting will be done March 15-18. Janes encouraged Commission members to continue doing classroom presentations to provide students with information about the elections process and encourage voting.
College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences Representative – Molina reported that she recently gave a presentation in a class; she has attempted to give more but has faced difficulty with scheduling. Molina said that she also shared about the elections during an event that she hosted last week.

Vice President of Finance – White reported that she and Romero both shared information about the elections during the last Organizations Commission meeting. She shared that she attended this week’s candidate forum, and was pleased to see that there are a lot of candidates, with some running against each other for the same position.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only – None

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Elections Application – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss Election Applications.

Janes reported that there are 9 candidates running in the election; 12 students had applied to run, but 3 of the applications were incomplete, and the incompletions were not remedied after the students who submitted them were contacted and given an extended deadline for missing items. Janes explained that one of the applications only had the first page completed, another was missing the supplemental question responses and letter of recommendation, and another was missing the supplemental question responses. Due to not responding to the extended deadlines offered, these applicants with incomplete application packets were disqualified from running. Janes thanked Kasarda for managing the online drop box, which made it easier for students to submit applications; Janes suggested the commission consider continuing to use an online submission format in the future. Molina asked which positions have candidates running, and Janes reported that there is 1 student running for president unopposed, there are 2 students running for Director of Legislative Affairs, 1 unopposed running for Director of Student Services, 2 running for the College of Business Administration and Public Policy Representative position, 2 running for the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences Representative, and 1 running for the College of Health and Human Services Representative. Janes reminded the Commission that they can still recruit more students to run for positions that don’t have candidates, and that students will be encouraged to fill out applications to fill vacant positions at the beginning of July. Shuaib said that it has been interesting to see the increase in submitted applications, and more diversity in applicants (including a freshman student, and multiple candidates running against each other for a position).

B. Classroom Presentations – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss Classroom Presentations.

Janes stated that the classroom presentations are very important, as they are a way to directly inform students about the election process. Candidates can also do classroom presentations, during which they can introduce themselves and state what positions they are running for, but they may not promote themselves, only encourage voting in general. A candidate doing a classroom presentation must be accompanied by a member of this commission for accountability purposes.

VIII. New Business

A. Elections Events – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss Elections Events.

Janes shared that the first candidate forum one and mixer took place this past week; the forum went well, with close to 30 students in attendance, and candidates shared their platforms. The mixer took place last night – only a couple of students attended. The candidate debate is schedule for this Tuesday, and the next candidate forum this Wednesday. Janes reminded the commission that candidates are required to participate in at least one forum and either the mixer or debate. One candidate emailed Janes, explaining that they cannot attend any of the events due to scheduling conflicts. Romero shared that, while hosting the forum, it was difficult to enforce the speaking time limits.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission. None

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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