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Minutes
Elections Commission
Friday, October 16, 2020 9:30 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 9:34 a.m. by Cindy Romero, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Cindy Romero, Jocelyn Molina, Lola White, Rihab Shuaib, Ahmilliyon Marin
Voting Members Absent: None
Non-Voting Members Present: None
Non-Voting Members Absent: None
Advisors Present: Stephen Janes, Adam Kasarda
Advisors Absent: None
Visitors: Jessica Achugbue
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/Marin to approve the agenda with amendments to remove discussion items VI.A and VI.C. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- IV. Approval of Minutes (October 2, 2020) – Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/Marin 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.
None
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Election Goals – Discussion Item – Removed
The Commission will discuss and begin setting Goals for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.
 - B. Applications – Discussion/Action Item
The Commission will discuss how to handle distribution and receiving of Elections Applications in the Virtual setting.
Romero reviewed the virtual process decided upon in the last meeting. Janes reminded the Commission that each application will have its on digital number for tracking

purposes. Janes discussed the options for handling the signature requirement for candidates. Using Google Forms to handle the signatures for a particular candidate would be easy but would prohibit from collecting student identification information due to security concerns; there may also be security concerns regarding authenticity of student signatures. Another option is reducing the number of required signatures – it was noted that gathering any number of signatures during this time will be significantly difficult. And another option is to vote to temporarily suspend the signatures requirement for this year only due to the special circumstances – this would require a Commission vote only without needing to amend the policy documents. Janes advised the Commission to select the latter option of voting to suspend the requirement. Kasarda suggested the Commission replacing the signature requirement with another requirement to show candidates’ serious interest in and dedication to the position they are running for – Commission members offered ideas such as a letter of recommendation, an expanded statement of purpose, and an expanded interview process. Commission members showed support of suspending the signature requirement. Commission members supported adding a letter of recommendation requirement in addition to the questions already incorporated into the application; Janes suggested using specific language to communicate that the letter needs to be from a non-family member, and Kasarda suggested communicating that the letter should be from a member of the current CSUDH campus community. Romero clarified with the Commission that the letter would not sway acceptance into candidacy but would offer further insight into the individuals applying. Shuaib expressed concern regarding using the same questions in the application process as are used in the BOD onboarding process. Shuaib and White suggested keeping the lengths of questions and responses in the application packet as they are, as having more condensed responses may be a benefit. M/White, S/Molina to approve a temporary suspension of the petition signatures on the application and replace it with a required letter of recommendation and answers to four additional questions.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

C. Elections Code – Discussion Item – Removed

The Commission will discuss potential amendments to the Elections Code to prepare for the Virtual setting. None

D. Elections Timeline – Discussion/Action Item

The Commission will review the Timeline of events for Elections 2020-2021.

Janes displayed the Elections Timeline document. The elections will be publicized via social media on November 2 and the applications will be come available on November 10. The Elect Her workshop will be held on November 19 3-5 PM; candidates currently running in local elections are scheduled to attend; the major goal for the workshop is to encourage students to take applications. The Elect Her workshop, orientation meetings, forums, and mixers will be held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During events, Janes plans to be available to counsel candidates on completing application and campaigning tasks. “Tabling” events have been left off of the timeline for now in order to allow more time to discern how to conduct such events.

M/Shuaib, S/White to approve the Elections Timeline.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

E. Elections Slogan – Action Item

The Commission will review the potential slogan for Election 2020-2021.

Janes reminded that the Commission had agreed on the slogan “Your Vote Your Future” during a meeting held on Monday. Janes displayed marketing logo renditions that incorporate the slogan to help the Commission to visualize the slogan being used in marketing tools. The slogan will be added into the Elections Timeline document.

M/Molina, S/Marin to approve the Elections Slogan “Your Vote Your Future.”

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

VII. New Business – None

VII. Reports

Vice President of Finance – White reported that at last week’s Finance meeting, the Commission decided upon a plan for supporting ASI’s retirees, and finalized a funding application for referendum entities.

College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences Representative – Molina reported that she was able to post information about ASI meeting attendance and open ASI positions in one of her classes.

Program Coordinator – Janes reminded the Commission that the next Elections meeting will focus on strategies and incentives for recruiting candidates. The first game night of the semester was held last night; ASI partnered with eSports and about 30 students attended, making the event one of the most successful amongst the virtual events. Next Saturday, there will be a larger game night, which will open Halloween Haunt week.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Romero clarified that the open positions Molina advertised are the current ASI openings, not the candidacy applications that will be released in early November. Shuaib clarified that the Elections Commissioner, Romero, will be the person presenting at the BOD meeting.

X. Adjournment at 10:24 AM by Cindy Romero, Chairperson.

Chair’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

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