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Minutes
Elections Commission
Friday February 7, 2020 10:00 A.M.
ASI Conference Room LSU 231B

- I. Called to order at 9:41 A.M. by Cindy Romero, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Lola White, Ahmilliyon Marin, Rihab Shuaib, Cindy Romero
Voting Members Absent: Jocelyn Molina
Advisors Present: Stephen Janes, Adam Kasarda
Visitors: None
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/Marin to approve agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes () – Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/Marin to table minutes as there were none.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only.
None.
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Elections Goals – Discussion Item
The Commission will discuss and begin setting goals for the 2020-2021 Academic Year Romero would like the Elections Commission to set their goals early and begin discussing so the commission does not fall behind. Janes discussed last years' goals and how the expectations were exceeded, mentioned last year's voter turnout of 2,015 was a huge success. Shuaib believed the votes were high because students were at home during the COVID-19 quarantine and expressed her concern with how students will react in an all-virtual environment and believes the students won't be as engaged as they have been in the past. Shuaib also mentions she would like to see at least 15 students attend each virtual event held by the Elections Committee. Janes mentions the Marketing Team is already thinking of new strategies to increase student engagement and participation at events.
 - B. Applications - Discussion Item
The Commission will discuss how to handle distribution and receiving of Elections Applications in the Virtual setting.

Janes explained the applications would normally be picked up in the ASI office and that the potential candidates would need to require signatures from their peers to run in Elections. Marin suggested the applications be placed on the ASI website for students to download, while Shuaib wanted clarification as to why students were required to visit the ASI office for an application to begin with. Janes explained it was a security measure, as each application was assigned a number and registered to that student. Kasarda mentioned students could use Google Forms to register or sign in for the application, then emailed an application with a number designation. Romero concluded the conversation by asking the committee to research options and to come back at the next meeting with ideas regarding the signatures.

C. Elections Code – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss potential amendments to the Elections Code to prepare for the Virtual setting.

Romero mentioned the Elections Code may need to be revised to accommodate an all-virtual setting. Janes mentioned it would be in the best interest of the Commission to familiarize themselves with the Election Code and provide suggestions on how to adjust in a virtual environment.

VIII. Reports

Janes reminded the commission to record their Voter Registration videos and submit them as soon as possible.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission

Shuaib told Janes she would remind the Board of Directors about the Voter Registration videos at their leadership training.

X. Adjournment at 10:05 A.M. by Cindy Romero, Chairperson.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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