Minutes

Elections Commission

Friday, March 18, 2022, 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.*

1. Called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Sophia Artlantico, Chairperson.
2. Roll Call

**Voting Members Present**: Cindy Romero, Jonathan Molina-Mancio,

**Voting Members Absent**: Alex Alvarado

**Advisors Present**: Raven Emmert, Michellena Lakey

**Advisors Absent**: Adam Kasarda

**Visitors:** Natalia Garcia

1. Approval of Agenda – Action Item

\*M/Romero, S/Molina-Mancio to approve the agenda as submitted.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

1. Approval of Minutes (March 4, 2022) – Action Item

\*M/Romero, S/Molina-Mancio to approve the minutes of March 4, 2022.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

1. Reports

**College of Health & Human Services Representative-** Arlantico reported that both the Candidate Debate and Candidate Forum #2 took place this past week, both events were successful. In addition, she also announced that Miguel Bautista who was running for the position of Student Activities Commissioner dropped out of Elections on Tuesday.

1. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business
   1. Elections Events Update – Discussion Item

The Commission will receive updates on Elections events

Emmert spoke on the events for elections so far. On Monday, the Candidate Debate took place virtually. Overall 16 people were in attendance, and several questions were gathered from the audience. Candidate Robert Cunningham whose running for Director of Student Services, and Obioha Ogbonna the presidential candidate was present for this event. The second event was the Candidate Forum. Overall between 25-30 people were in attendance for this event. Perry Lorn the Student Activities Commissioner candidate and Cunningham was present for this event. The next and last event will be the Elections Mixer taking place next Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. at Ballroom B located in the LSU. Catering and music by KDHR will be featured for enjoyment, and all candidates are expected to attend.

* 1. Updates to the Ballot – Discussion Item

The Commission will receive updates regarding additional items to be placed on 2022 Ballot.

Emmert announced there will be an emergency Board of Directors Commission meeting at 11:00 a.m. to vote on this item. The vote will determine whether or not ASI moves forward with the addition of a proposed athletics reallocation onto the election’s ballet for 2022-23 year. Depending on this vote, an additional question would be added to the ASI ballot. Earlier there were concerns regarding the 5-day test period that Big Pulse requires before uploading a ballot, however, Emmert explained this is no longer an issue. Emmert clarified with the Commission that she can still make edits to the ballot during this period. She further clarified for present members that the decision will be finalized in this afternoons BOD Commission.

1. Open Forum

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Sophia informed Emmert she participated in the test vote which was sent out via email. After her experience, she was wondering if it’s possible to add additional information on the Revenue Sharing process for the benefit of students. Emmert mentioned this addition is possible especially since they are still in the 5-day test period. She also agreed adding more description would improve context. Emmert also too initiative and removed the recent candidate who dropped out of the race from the ballot, so it is now up to date. Finally, Emmert announced she will need verbal approval from the ASI President and Executive Vice President to approve the final edits and changes.

1. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.