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Minutes
Elections Commission
Friday, February 10, 2023 10:00 AM
Loker Student Union (LSU) Room 113

- I. Called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Stephanie Vargas, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Obioha Ogbonna, Ezinne Nwadiogu, Robert Cunningham, Stephanie Vargas
Advisors Present: Raven Emmert and Marcus Jones
Visitors: Michellena Lakey, Kevin Truong, and Joyce Galvan
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Ogbonna, S/Cunningham to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (January 27, 2023) – Action Item
*M/Nwadiogu, S/Cunningham to approve the minutes of January 27, 2023 as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Marketing and PR Coordinator – Emmert will be meeting with Kevin Neal in regard to ASI night. Also will be working on a script with Ramon from athletics to use elections verbiage and also ASI will be there checking students in with their Toro Mail email.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only.
None
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - A. Elections Events – Discussion Item
The Commission will discuss details of proposed elections events.
Emmert updates since December the catering exemption has not been approved and the deadline for LSU is coming up. If the exemption is not approved catering will have to come from the school dining. Ogbonna states that after the meeting with Foundation regarding Aramark they do not want to lose money. Regarding ASI’s catering exemption, ASI has a budget to stick to, and campus dining is expensive.

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VIII. New Business

A. Elections Commission Vice-Chairman Appointment – Action Item

The Commission will consider and appoint a Vice Chair to the Elections Commission.

*M/Ogbonna, S/Nwadiogu to appoint Robert Cunningham as Vice Chair for the Elections Commission meeting. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

B. Elections Applications Results – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss the number of applications received.

Emmert shares eleven election applications turned in, after the application extension deadline we received total of 13 applications. The deadline was extended until February 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Letters of eligibility will be processed from Student Affairs on Conduct and GPA. There are positions that have more than one candidate running, some which include President and International Student Representative. Jones ask if live streams of the debates would be possible. Emmert noted if needed and on Instagram since there is more traction there. Jones ask if the candidates wanted to know if there can be more debates? At the Forum there will be a little bit of a debate on a smaller scale.

C. Elections Promotional Items & Giveaway – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss how to distribute Elections Merchandise

Emmert reaffirms all elections promotional items are in the office. Last year's distribution of items was during tabling the week of elections. This year items will be given out during the mixer and social media giveaways. She would like to reinvent the giveaway this year with the wheel and new engaging ideas for the students to be able to get the items. Cunningham mentions a merch mobile idea could be a fun new and engaging way for students to get items. Emmert noticed high volume of students on campus at night and how to get them involved in elections voting. She is considering evening program 6:00-7:00 p.m. during eth week of elections to help promote voting. Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide coffee from Norms since the Union Grind closes at 6:00 p.m. or fact even a commuter outreach for the late-night students. Truong suggests promoting the day of elections with commuter outreach, and even Toro Tuesday points if they go to the ASI table. Jones ask whether Toro Tuesday can be available in the office for night students. Emmert responded that would depend on the availability of the office staff. Ogbonna suggested having a banner hung from the front of the ASI office, to help promote elections and draw students into the office. Jones ask if a geotagging sponsored ad for elections has been considered. If it was to be purchased, it could be more in targeting housing residents and just for a limited time.

IX. Open Forum

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

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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