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Minutes
Elections Commission
Friday, April 18, 2025, 10:00 AM
Loker Student Union Room (LSU) 113

- I. Call to Order at 10:04AM by Michelle Gonzalez, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Michelle Gonzalez, Marcelo Cowo, Alexandra Huitzacua, and Gyanan Kolasani
Voting Members Absent: Janet Alvarez
Advisors Present: Raven Emmert
Advisors Absent: Kevin Truong and Melissa Neustein
Visitors: Imari Taylor and Edgar Mejia-Alezano
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Huitzacua, S/Cowo to approve the agenda of March 21, 2025 with added amendments.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (March 21, 2025) – Action Item
*M/Huitzacua, S/Cowo to table the minutes of March 21, 2025 as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator – Emmert mentions Spring Fling is today, and Truong requests a review of the elections code as he is kindly coordinating the event. She is pleased to share that we had 900 votes for the elections, with about 2000 students attending the election events.
Elections Commissioner – Gonzalez is creating a Google Doc for the next person to sit in her role.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only
- VII. Unfinished Business
A. Candidate Status Updates – Discussion/Action Item



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The Commission will discuss candidate status.

Emmert mentions the week of elections no one had sent their expenses or receipts. She left this on here in the case that a candidate did not submit their expenses, however all the candidates that won did send an email saying whether they did or did not send money except the presidential candidate.

VIII. New Business

A. Elections Reflections and Code Review – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss an overview of the 2025 ASI Elections process and review possible revisions to the Elections Code.

Gonzalez suggests doing more group presentations in classes instead of having students present alone to promote elections. Additionally, she talks about asking questions in class to motivate students. Following this, Emmert brings up a concern about students who leave events early or can only stay for a short time, and asks if this should be included in the rules. In response, Cowo says he prefers to keep things flexible because students have schoolwork. Shifting focus, the group then discusses students who did not win the elections and are now asking how to get appointed to positions. Emmert explains that the EVP is in charge of this, and it usually happens in mid-May.

Furthermore, Emmert discusses a situation where someone who has won wants to switch to a different position, saying they would have to go through the appointment process. As an additional point, Emmert mentions another school where people get a stamp for talking to each candidate and then get food. Emmert also says there will probably be one more meeting after this. She then raises another issue about candidates who are graduating but are still waiting to hear if they got into graduate school while applying for a position. She describes a situation where someone runs for president, but if they do not get into a master's program after being appointed, it could cause problems, so she suggests adding a rule about this. Finally, the group discusses making the mixer required because Emmert sees more people getting involved at the mixer than at the debate; people can choose to go to either event. However, Cowo suggests making the debate required instead and also proposes having two forums, two events, and one required mixer.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

X. Adjournment at 10:56PM.