

Elections Committee Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:07 PM**
- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Abhay Bilapatte, Julia Nkansah, Kenneth Lefin, Miriam Okekenta, Mary Katreeb, Erik Pinlac, Marguerite Hinrichs, James Carroll, Angelica Gurrola.
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Move to approve the agenda by **K. Lefin**, second by **M. Katreeb**, agenda **APPROVED**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2021**
Motion to approve the minutes of March 18th, 2021 by **K. Lefin**, second by **M. Okekenta**, minutes **APPROVED**.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the Board on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**
No public comment.
- VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:
 - A. ACTION ITEM: **Elections committee will review and conduct voting for the grievance filed regarding- Zandrae Chan's campaign flyer which had ASI logo on it.**
Motion to review and conduct voting for the grievance filed regarding- Zandrae Chan's campaign flyer which had ASI logo on it by **K. Lefin**, second by **M. Okekenta**.
A. Bilapatte states now we will vote on this matter. Those of us who are in favor of voting for a whether a warning should or should not be issued can vote in the chat. **K. Lefin** states warning. **M. Okekenta** states warning. **M. Katreeb** states warning. **J. Nkansah** states warning. **A. Bilapatte** states I would also issue a warning. As a committee, we have all agreed to issue a warning to the candidate. **E Pinlac** states if you are going to issue a warning then you would state I motion to issue a warning to Zandrae Chan for having the CSUEB logo on her flyer.



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B. ACTION ITEM: **Elections committee will review and conduct voting for the grievance filed regarding- Zandrae Chan's flyer was reposted on the Student Health and Counseling Instagram page.**

Motion to review and conduct voting for the grievance filed on Zandrae Chan by K. Lefin, second by **M. Okekenta**.

K. Lefin states if J. Carroll received any other clarification to see if Zandrae posted the flyer on the page? **J. Carroll** states the only update I received was that Zandrae stated she did not reach out specifically to request this. However, it was one of the discussions with President Sandeen that the health advisory committee decided to go ahead post it, which was later removed, and they posted all four candidates in order to ensure equality towards all candidates. I would suggest for K. Lefin to withdraw his motion then restate it based on this grievance to blank, then people will vote yes or no, depending on if they agree with the motion. If it is voted no, then you would have to make a new motion to decide what the action will be. **A. Bilapatte** states thank you for the clarification. **K. Lefin** states I would like to withdraw my motion. **A. Bilapatte** states now someone from the committee can issue a motion to either issue a warning or not for Zandrae Chan, due to a flyer that was posted by the student health and counseling Instagram page.

Motion to take no further action for this grievance by **M. Katreeb**.

Motion to take no further action for this grievance by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.

E. Pinlac ask the motion at first was to sanction Zandrae. **A. Bilapatte** states yes, everyone agrees that we should not issue a warning. **E. Pinlac** states I got confused due to the wording of the motion. **A. Bilapatte** states we will vote on the same motion again. **E. Pinlac** states let us go ahead and do that. The motion on the floor right now is to not sanction Zandrae Chan for being posted on the SHAC Instagram page. A yes vote will mean that no sanction and a no vote will mean the motion is going to fail. **A. Bilapatte** states

Motion to take no further action for this grievance by **M. Katreeb**.

Motion to not issue a sanction to Zandrae Chan by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.

A. Bilapatte states no warning will be issued to her. There will be an email sent out to Zandrae letting her know about the decision. **J. Carroll** states I can work



with M. Katreeb to address Zandrae and SHAC, letting them know about the decision.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM – **Elections voting updates.**

The ASI elections committee will discuss the updates related to ASI elections voting. (James & Erik)

E. Pinlac states I want to discuss our voting number. The highest number of voters was 740 votes, some people did not want to vote and abstained. This is half of what our normal votes are usually, which is not great. We did not need to hold a runoff due to not having as many candidates running for the same position. One thing I enjoyed this election is already being put in the colleges you need to vote for, especially, if you have two majors or minors. In the past, I know we had issues due to not knowing if people who are registered in the college of class voted for their college of class and not for someone else. I did receive good feedback from people stating that they enjoyed the voting system this year. The lowest college vote was for the college of CEAS, the college of science received a good number of votes, and I thought the business would have received more votes. I am hoping that in the future we will have more votes and would like to use the same platform. I want to hear from everyone, did you receive an email from the platform? **A. Bilapatte** states we received two to three emails from the platform and from the university. **E. Pinlac** states M. Hinrichs also send a few emails herself, however, this year it is much harder since it is through email, but we were trying many approaches. Maybe in the future we can look at another way to vote either in person voting polls or online voting. We also have the option for paper voting but are trying to stay away from this route. I know with the pandemic and other things going on in the world, I am happy with the votes we received. **J. Carroll** states I want to clarify, does big pulse send out the emails one each day, however, once students vote, do they still receive these emails? **E. Pinlac** states I am guessing that should happen for students who already voted but I am unsure and would ask the committee members. **J.**



Carroll states there would have been emails with direct links and information from big pulse, then a reminder from the university and student life. Did the big pulse email stated that it was coming from CSUEB? I am wondering if we over emailed students. **M. Katreeb** states I did receive emails from big pulse after I voted, which made me think that my first vote did not count. To which I clicked the email and it stated that I have already voted. It is easy to tell the difference between that email and the one M. Hinrichs sent out, one stated external server or something similar to it, I cannot remember exactly. **E. Pinlac** states if we continue with big pulse next year, this is something that we will have to address this issue with them. **A. Bilapatte** states regarding the low number of votes, I believe the total candidates this year was less than last year. Also, the competition for different post was not as much as last year, to which I believe this is the reason we had less voters, voting for different positions. Lastly, M. Hinrichs mentioned in the comments stating that students received emails from the elections committee. **E. Pinlac** states the email that was sent from big pulse actually said it was from the ASI elections committee maybe this is what they were referring too. Next year we will have to look at our options, I am more open to BaySync since they narrow down the list to only enrolled students. At first it was a little difficult to get used to however, people would not be able to say that we were tampering with the results.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM -Election Grievances

The ASI Elections Committee will discuss any elections-related grievances that have been submitted (Mary & James)

A. Bilapatte states as far as we know only two grievances have been filed. Which were the ones we have already discussed and the action against the grievances.

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C. DISCUSSION ITEM – Elections Timeline

The ASI elections committee will be discussing and reviewing the Elections timeline.

A. Bilapatte states luckily, we do not have any run-offs this time and there are no further grievances. Therefore, I think the timeline has been properly followed and will continue on time. **J. Carroll** states our timeline does get condense now, since



we do not have the extra steps, I do suggest moving forward is to send a certification memo to President Sandeen to explain how our elections went. Afterwards, we do have celebration listed and would suggest for the group to talk about. Do we want to have a mini zoom party for all the winners in order for them to get to know each other? **A. Bilapatte** states a certificate is in the process of completing this step. The second part that you mentioned for the celebration, is it for one or all participate. **J. Carroll** states this will be a celebration for the whole campus to which the members who won can attend. I would suggest making this an informal program and not so much formal. **A. Bilapatte** states we can have a zoom party. **E. Pinlac** states this celebration needs to be planned out soon, since we are going into spring break and returning the second week of school. **A. Bilapatte** ask will we need an agenda since it will be an informal meeting? **E. Pinlac** states you will not need an agenda. We need to figure out how to have this celebration meaningful during zoom. I want this experience to feel as special for them. **A. Bilapatte** states we can have some sort of small celebration with games or music. I believe the marketing team are the best people to brainstorm this idea with and let us know if you need any help. When should we have the deadline either this week or next week? **E. Pinlac** states for any event on campus it is going to be a rush with time, especially if it is on April 9th. We can meet with the rest of the team either tomorrow or next Wednesday and get this done before next Friday. We can also set up a meeting with M. Hinrichs to get some input from her. I am thinking of doing a scavenger hunt and invite a special person. **A. Bilapatte** states we can meet most likely tomorrow by the end of the day. Mary and Miriam can discuss with M. Hinrichs and see what we can plan out. Afterwards, we will come up with the day for this celebration. **J. Carroll** states the event in the calendar is on Friday, April 9th. I made some notes stating that marketing needs to meet up in the next couple of days to get a draft developed and emailed to me. In order for the committee to provide any additional feedback and finalize the plan. In the next committee meeting would be the day before the 8th, which will not allow us to have that much time to discuss this and make changes. We just have to come together during spring break and discuss this topic to finalize our plans. **A. Bilapatte** states events and marketing committee will then meet and continue with J. Carroll suggestion. **K. Lefin** states after this meeting we can all meet together to discuss this topic.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No special reports.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

M. Hinrichs states I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to be here today in the midst of a pandemic.

A. Bilapatte states thank you so much M. Hinrichs. I would like to thank all the committee advisors and committee members for being here, this allowed us to have a great hands on learning experience. J. Carroll has mentioned in the comments stating that he hopes we all have an amazing spring break.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **12:50 PM**
XI.

Minutes approved by:

Chair

Name: Abhay Bilapatte



Abhay Satish Bilapatte (Apr 11, 2021 20:47 PDT)

Minutes approved on:

4-8-2021

Date:

