





Minutes

Elections Judicial Council ~ Special Meeting

 Fri February 25th, 2022

 9:00am - 10:00am PST

 ASI Boardroom - Titan Student Union

In Attendance

1. **Call to Order (Cordon)**

Tiffany Cordon, Elections Director, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Betancourt, Chammas, Cordon, Dawson, Ochoa

Members Absent:

Liaisons Present: Beisner, Nettles

Liaisons Absent:

According to the ASI Policy Concerning Board of Directors Operations, attendance is defined as being present prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business and remaining until the scheduled end of the meeting.

* Indicates that the member was in attendance prior to the start of Unfinished Business, but left before the scheduled ending of the meeting.

** Indicates that the member was in attendance for a portion of the meeting, but not in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Decision: (Betancourt-m/Ochoa-s) The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Decision: (Chammas-m/Betancourt-s) The February 18, 2022 Elections Judicial Council Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

a. **02/18/2022 Elections Judicial Council Meeting Minutes**

5. **Public Speakers**

Members of the public may address Elections Judicial Council members on any item appearing on this posted agenda or matters impacting students.

Emily Daniels-Flechtner(she/her), a student at CSUF, wanted to share information on the conduct and behavior of Marcos Stoletta, an elections candidate.

- Daniels-Flechtner stated that in the past this individual has cyberbullied and harassed women on Instagram including her herself. She shared details of the Instagram messages.
- Daniels-Flechtner stated that in the past Turning Point USA stickers were placed on her vehicle on campus without her consent.
- Daniels-Flechtner stated Stoletta is the President of Turning Point USA Club on the CSUF Campus, she asked Stoletta to stop harrassing her and to encourage his members to stop vandalizing her personal property. She confirmed the issue stopped for a while but last week her vehicle had a new sticker on it at her apartment which is 2 minutes away from campus. This made her feel unsafe.
- Daniels-Flechtner shared additional information regarding past instances involving Stoletta.

6. **Time Certain**

There were no time certians.

7. **Reports**

a. **Elections Director (Cordon)**

Cordon, Elections Director, shared that the candidate's event concluded this past week.

Cordon shared debates will happen next week and the following week voting begins.

b. **Director, Student Government (Nettles)**

Nettles, Director of Student Government, shared that all candidates will be notified of any complaints related to their campaign and will be provided details.

8. **Unfinished Business**

None

There was no unfinished business.

9. **New Business**

a. **Action: Elections Complaint #1 (Cordon)**

The EJC will consider Elections Complaint #1.

EJC 001 21/22 (Chammas-m/Ochoa-s) A motion was made and seconded to consider Elections Complaint #1 as a violation.

Cordon yielded to Nettles.

Nettles shared the details of the violation and the applicable policy regarding the violation.

Nettles informed the Council that she informed Daniels-Flechtner the proper way to submit a violation inquiry but that all requests that come to her office come to the EJC. Nettles informed her that the EJC does not have the scope to issue a violation but did inform the candidate of the complaint and of their rights to come and address the EJC at the meeting.

Cordon asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Cordon opened the floor to discussion. There were no points of discussion.

Cordon asked if there were any objections to moving to a roll call vote. There were no objections.

Decision: EJC 001 21/22 (Chammas-m/Ochoa-s) Roll Call Vote 0-4-1 The motion to approve Elections Complaint #1 as a violation has been lost.

b. **Discussion: Request For Information #2 (Cordon)**

The Committee will review and discuss 2022 RFI #2.

The EJC will consider 2022 Request For Information (RFI) #2.

Cordon yielded to Nettles to review RFI #2. Nettles reviewed the RFI.

Nettles shared:

- RFI #2: "Can candidates/campaigns utilize Instagram promotion services? or Facebook Boost?"
- This question came up during the candidate orientation. A returning candidate referred to a recommendation from a previous year where they were advised not to purchase these types of advertisement as that could be seen as "using any means of unsolicited electronic communication "spam" to campaign".
- The EJC is recommended to consider this issue with the rise in social media advertisements and usage.

Cordon opened the floor to questions.

Chammas requested clarification on what was being asked.

Nettles responded the EJC should review policy and provide clarification on the student's request.

Dawson asked where they can find this information.

Nettles provided the location of the relevant information, in ASI Policy Concerning Elections, class B end of page 8.

Cordon opened the floor to discussion.

Dawson feels the policy could use some revision to make it less vague.

Dawson shared her interpretation of the rule and how it is a violation.

Ochoa shared that Instagram ads can pop up on anyone's feed regardless of if you follow them.

Chammas added that it's not guaranteed that a high population of CSUF students will see the ad and it would be unsolicited.

Dawson also noted that if ads were acceptable the amount spent on ads can also be cause for future discussion regulation.

Dr. Beisner highlighted consistencies across interpretations and ways to change the language for social media marketing in the rules.

Nettles shared the response that they will give to all of the candidates, that this behavior is unacceptable.

Nettles stated that any recommendations made will be revised post-elections.

10. **Announcements/Member's Privilege**

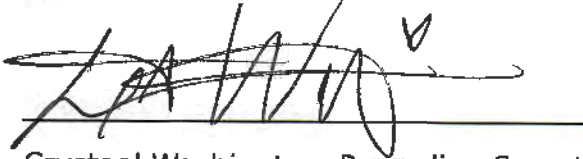
There were no announcements.

11. **Adjournment (Cordon)**

Cordon adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

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Cordon, Elections Judicial Council Director

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Crystaal Washington, Recording Secretary

Roll Call Spring-2022

02/25/2022 EJC MEETING

Attendance	Board Members			
			Present	Absent
BOD	CHAMMAS	MARY	1	
EJC Team	BETANCOURT	SAMUEL	1	
EJC Team	OCHOA	ISABEL	1	
VICE PRESIDENT	DAWSON	KIRA	1	
Chair	CORDON	TIFFANY	1	
			Present	Absent
			5	0

Attendance	Liaisons		
		Present	Absent
Campus	BEISNER	1	
Advisor	NETTLES	1	
		Present	Absent
		2	0

Recording Secretary: Susan Collins

Roll Call Votes	start #001	001		
		Yes	No	Abstain
BOD	CHAMMAS			1
EJC Team	BETANCOURT		1	
EJC Team	OCHOA		1	
VICE PRESIDENT	DAWSON		1	
Chair	CORDON		1	
		YES	No	Abstain
		0	4	1

To: ASI Elections Judicial Council
From: Asha Nettles, Director of Student Government
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022
Weekly Report

Upcoming Events:

- President & Vice President Debate – Wednesday, March 2, 2022
- Get Out the Vote Event – Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- Voting Dates – Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Additional Request for Information:

- Request for Information #1 Status: Answered, Not Elevated to Elections Judicial Council
 - Content: 1) Is there a student government budget? If so what is the total for that budget? Where can I find the voting results for last year's elections? Is there a "cap" on the budgets for campaigns? When are elections held for executive positions?

Notice to Current ASI Student Leaders regarding impartiality and behavioral expectations during the Student Body Elections (Attached)

ASI Election Request for Information

COMPLETE

#1

Please use this form to file a request for information related to the ASI Student Body Election. The form requires your name and email address, as the requester, but also asks for your phonenumber, which is recommended. Including your name and email address is required in order for the request to be reviewed and answered.

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* Requester Name (the person filling out this form)

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* Requester Email

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* Requester Phone Number (Recommended)

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*** Request for Information--Please include a detailed summary of your request including: The general description and specific application of what you would like to do, the ASI Bylaws clause you want clarification on and in what way, and any other pertinent information to your request.**

- 1) Is there a student government budget? If so what is the total for that budget
- 2) Where can I find the voting results for last year's elections?
- 3) Is there a "cap" on the budgets for campaigns?
- 4) When are elections held for executive positions?

Please attach any documents and/or photos relevant and/or descriptive of your request. Combine multiple documents and/or photos into one file prior to upload.

Nettles, Asha

From: Nettles, Asha
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 10:57 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: ASI Elections
Subject: Elections - Request for Information Item #1: Response
Attachments: Request for Information - Item 1_Redacted.pdf

[REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting this request for information. My responses to your request are noted below. These responses have been shared with the Elections Judicial Council and will be shared with all candidates shortly. Please note that this item will not be submitted to the next Elections Judicial Council meeting as it does not need any further clarification.

1) Is there a student government budget? If so what is the total for that budget

The budget can be found here: https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/ASI_Budget_2021-22.pdf

asi.fullerton.edu → Student Government → Budget and Financial Statements

The Student Government budget comprises of our department budget, which supports our student leaders and their activities, our scholarship and research grants program and a number of other services for students. Student Government also includes our commissions programs and the funds we allocate to the funded/funding councils that make up Executive Senate. That total is \$1,275,000.

2) Where can I find the voting results for last year's elections?

https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/spring_2021_asi_elections_certified_results.pdf

3) Is there a "cap" on the budgets for campaigns?

There is no cap on the budgets for campaigns. The full policy concerning elections can be found here:

<https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/ASI-Policy-Concerning-ASI-Elections-2.pdf>

asi.fullerton.edu → Student Government → Policies, Bylaws, Resolutions & Proposals → Policies

4) When are elections held for executive positions?

The other 4 remaining executive officer positions (Chief Governmental Officer, Chief Communications Officer, Chief Campus Relations Officer and Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer) are appointed and go through an application, interview, and appointment process shortly after elections concludes. The applications will open later this week on the ASI website under asi.fullerton.edu → About → Student Leadership Opportunities

All the best,
Asha



Asha Nettles, M.S. | *Pronouns: she, her, hers*

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DATE: February 23, 2022
TO: ASI Student Leaders
FROM: Asha Nettles, Director of Student Government
SUBJECT: **ASI Student Body Elections – Student Leaders**

Greetings,

As we move into the middle part of the semester, the annual ASI Student Body Election is right around the corner. This email is to provide you, as an ASI student leader, with information about the election and the need to remain impartial while in the workplace. The general rule for the entire organization is: **“Always promote that the election is happening and that voting is important; Never provide support or opposition for specific candidates.”** After reading this email, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself.

Election Information:

Each year we have a student body election that elects the ASI President & Executive Vice President (elected as a team) and the student members of our ASI Board of Directors (two representatives are elected from each academic college; there are eight academic colleges on campus). The Board of Directors is the overall governing body of our organization. Student candidates have already been submitting candidacy forms and have begun campaigning this week. This will go on through the actual days of voting in the election, which will happen Tuesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 9th.

Impartiality Information:

During the elections process, we as a corporation and entity on campus must remain completely impartial as it relates to student candidates. This is a requirement, as well as being both appropriate and just good judgement for a number of reasons. As an organization funded and entrusted with student fees, we have a responsibility to not provide support or opposition of any kind to any candidate(s), as any support or opposition can be perceived/interpreted as an expenditure of student fees or resources. Also, all candidates are students and deserve equal and fair treatment, which means being completely impartial is the only way to go. Here are some specific topics that can be important for you as a current ASI student leader.

ASI Student Leader Impartiality: During the election process, all student leaders must maintain this impartiality while operating or acting on behalf of the organization. If candidates, whether you know them or not, contact you with requests of any kind, you need to refer them to the ASI Elections Director at aselections@fullerton.edu and to CC myself so that we can help the candidate. The Elections Director and all of us on the elections team are the point of contact for candidates and are responsible for orienting them to the rules, privileges, services, and responsibilities related to candidacy.

ASI Student Leaders Supporting Candidates: If you choose to support and/or help any candidate(s), this support is fine, but we want you to avoid getting yourself or the candidate(s) into any trouble. Supporting a

candidate is fine as long as it is kept completely separate from when you are operating or acting on behalf of the organization. You must maintain a firmly defined line between your support of a candidate and your current roles and responsibilities to the organization and the student body. This includes not wearing t-shirts, buttons, or other materials, posting things, and pretty much any other activity that can be related to the candidate(s) you support while executing your roles and responsibilities.

Student Leaders Running For Office: If you yourself have decided to run in the election, there are a few more important things to know and do. First, understand that we support your decision to be engaged in the elections process, but that there needs to be a firmly defined line between your candidacy and your current role. The duties and responsibilities cannot stop while you are running in this elections. Please take the time to plan ahead and make sure that you are clear about the commitments that you have made and are making through this process.

Requests for Information and Complaints: There are a few processes in place for concerns about the behaviors of a candidate or their campaign team. Students can submit a request for information at <https://asicsuf.wufoo.com/forms/asi-election-request-for-information-wlpvmmo1uyzt8k/> if they need clarification of policy requirements and regulations around elections. Students can submit complaint forms at <https://asicsuf.wufoo.com/forms/asi-election-complaint-form-2022/>.

Please do not take on giving advice or clarifications on elections matters. Advice or clarifications outside of the formal process puts the organization in hard place because even the best intentions eventually are framed as “ASI said that I could...” or “ASI said that was ok”. The elections team and specifically the Elections Judicial Council will review and answer any requests.

****Both forms are located at asi.fullerton.edu – Student Government -> Elections -> Elections Request for Information and Complain Forms.**

Finally, as most are aware over this past year, we have doubled down our support of your mental health and well-being. During this season, it is typical for a candidate to stretch themselves thin between classes, work, or internship commitments, visiting as many student organization meetings as possible – and the list goes on. We are aware of the elevated commitments this season can bring. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have concerns about the well-being of any of our student leaders or candidates during this process.

I hope this information is helpful to you as we begin this year’s elections process. Please contact your advisor if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best,
Asha Nettles

ASI Election Complaint Form (2022)

COMPLETE #1

Please use this form to file a complaint related to the ASI Student Body Election. The form requires your name and email address, as the complainant/submitter, but also asks for your phone number, which is recommended. Including your name and email address is required in order for the complaint to be considered. In addition, you or a representative must appear at the Elections Judicial Council in order to present your complaint and have it be considered. If you or a representative is not present, your complaint filing will be dismissed.

Elections Judicial Council meetings are being held in person on Fridays at 9am in the ASI Board Room in the Titan Student Union.

These meetings will allow the complainant/submitter to present their complaint and the accused candidate(s) to provide a response.

The ASI Elections Complaint Form will be deactivated as of 9pm on Wednesday, March 9th. If you wish to file a complaint after this time, please contact the ASI Elections Director at ataselections@fullerton.edu.

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* Complainant Name (the person filling out this form)



* Complainant Email



* Complainant Phone Number (Recommended)



* This complaint is against:

A President and/or Vice President Candidate

*** Complaint Description--Please include a detailed summary of your complaint including: Who you believe committed the violation, what act(s) you believe were committed that were in violation, where you believe the act(s) were committed, when you believe the act(s) were committed, and why you believe this is a violation. Please include specific names, dates, times, locations, etc. It is also recommended that you indicate the area(s) of the ASI Bylaws that have been violated.**

Marcos Zelada has made an effort to target and harass women who lean left on the political spectrum online. He has spammed many people by sending unsolicited pictures of "memes" that make fun of democrats. He has also been complacent about members of his club Turning Point USA vandalizing my car by putting stickers on it. I personally do not feel safe with his presence on campus, I am afraid that I will be followed and harassed by him and or members of TPUSA. I do not believe he is an appropriate candidate to run for ASI president.

*** Please attach any documents and/or photos relevant and/or supporting of your complaint. Combine multiple documents and/or photos into one file prior to upload.**

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ASI Election Request for Information

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* Requester Email

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