Associated Students Inc.



## Elections Judicial Council Meeting Fri Mar 7, 2025 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM PST

- Call to Order (Giacchino)
   DJ Giacchino called the meeting to order at 9:33 am
- 2. Roll Call

Members present: Cova, Giacchino, Morales S., Nebedum, Wamala

Members absent: None Liaisons present: Hesgard Liaison absent: Vazquez (E)

According to the ASI Policy Concerning Board of Directors Operations, attendance is defined as being present prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business and remining 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
  - (Morales-m/Nebedum-s) The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 21, 2025 EJC Meeting Minutes



#### Public Speakers

Members of the public may address the Committee on any matters posted on this agenda.

Public Speaker

Public speaker (complainant) shared that during the Communications Inter Club Council (CICC) meeting on February 24 via Zoom, the Council proceeded with its usual agenda, including the approval of the agenda. It had not been indicated beforehand that ASI Representative (respondent) I would be making an announcement. Members were generally required to submit their discussion topics in advance, but no such request had been made.

After the agenda had been approved, the President stated that respondent would be making an announcement, though she did not specify the nature of his remarks. When it was the respondents turn to speak, he stated that he wanted to discuss his campaign and went on to explain what he intended to do if elected as ASI President.

The complainant understood that individuals in positions of authority, such as ASI Representatives, were not allowed to use their role to promote their campaigns. Since the respondent was serving as a liaison between the Council and ASI, concerns arose regarding the appropriateness of his announcement during the meeting.

Chair Giacchino explained to the claimant would have an opportunity to provide more information later in the agenda.

- 6. Time Certain
  - a. None
- 7. Reports
  - a. Elections Director (Giacchino)

Chair Giacchino asked the Committee to be mindful of ASI policies, especially as the Committee enters the final week of elections.

**b.** Director of Student Government (Hesgard)

Rebecca Hesgard, Director of Student Government shared a copy of the policy and shared that as DJ had mentioned, the elections were coming to a close. She emphasized the ASI Policy Concerning Elections. She explained that this policy is what the election team follows to ensure an equitable process for all candidates and students.

Hesgard mentioned that everyone had been provided with a copy of the policy and stated that they would soon be reviewing the sections on campaign violations, specifically pages 8 and 11.

- 8. Unfinished Business
  - a. None
- 9. New Business

a. Action: Elections Complaint #1 (Giacchino) The Elections Judicial Council will consider Elections Complaint #1

(Morales-m/Cova-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the Elections **Judicial Council Complaint #1** 

The Chair explained to the Committe that according to the policy regarding complaints, the complaints must be in attendance to present the complaint. If the parties are not present, the complaint is not considered.

Hesgard shared that the candidate who the complaint was filed against, has dropped from prior to the reported infraction and the candidate has since dropped from the race. The complainant and the respondent were not in attendance. The complaint was dismissed.

b. Action: Elections Complaint #2 (Giacchino) The Elections Judicial Council will consider Elections Complaint #2.



EJC 01 24/25 (Morales-m/Nebedum-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the Elections Judicial Council Complaint #2

The (complainant) began by referring back to the meeting on February 24, which had taken place via Zoom. They reiterated that at the start of the meeting, the agenda had been approved, and Joel had not been listed as a speaker. However, when it was his turn to make an announcement, he proceeded to discuss his campaign and what he would do if elected as president.

The speaker summarized Joel's remarks, stating that he had led with a discussion on funding for the ICC, which could have been persuasive given that he was addressing students representing their clubs and organizations within the College of Communications. They explained that Joel had also spoken about funding for other ICCs, protecting student rights, and valuing student voices. While they acknowledged the importance of these topics, they expressed that the meeting had not been the appropriate time for such a discussion. They further emphasized that, as an ASI Representative, Joel's role was to serve as a liaison between ASI and the Council, making it inappropriate for him to use his position to discuss personal campaign matters.

The speaker stated that the meeting minutes made public and reflected Joel's statements accurately. They mentioned that they had ensured the dialogue had been recorded in the meeting minutes and were presented to the Council at the start of each meeting.

The speaker explained that they had initially hesitated to raise a complaint because they were unsure how to approach the situation, especially as a board member working alongside other students. They had waited to see if others also perceived the issue as a concern and had taken time to educate themselves on ASI election policies. After reviewing the policies, they believed that Joel had violated regulations concerning ASI authority by using his platform to discuss his

campaign, which could influence the election's outcome and overall integrity. As a result, the speaker decided to submit a formal complaint. They expressed concern that if the issue had been made public and no one from the Council had addressed it, it could have reflected poorly on the Council, particularly given their connection to ASI. They stated that they did not want the matter to negatively impact anyone else and had therefore taken responsibility for addressing it. They concluded by emphasizing that their decision was motivated by a commitment to integrity.

The respondent was invited to the podium. He introduced himself as one of the candidates running for ASI President. They stated that they found certain aspects of the complaint to be inaccurate and wanted to clarify their perspective.

He addressed the claim that they had used their position as ASI Representative to speak at the CICC meeting. They asserted that they had requested permission beforehand, presenting a physical copy of a direct message sent to the Chair of CICC. In the message, they had asked if they could speak at the end of the meeting about their campaign, and they stated that the Chair had responded affirmatively. They offered to provide a screenshot as evidence after their statement. The respondent acknowledged that ASI bylaws prohibit any ASI entity from promoting a campaign in any form. However, they argued that this responsibility also fell on the CICC, stating that it was negligent on CICC's part to uphold ASI bylaws in relation to election matters. He contended that there was partial blame on CICC for allowing the announcement. They went on to say that while some aspects of the complaint were valid, they felt that certain statements had misrepresented the intent behind their words. They explained that, although they had spoken about improving funding for CICC, advocating for students, and other relevant issues, they had not intended to influence or persuade those in the meeting. They emphasized that their remarks to CICC were consistent with what they had expressed to all constituents, clubs, and organizations, and they believed that the complaint had focused on one aspect of their statement rather than considering the broader context of their advocacy.

Additionally, the respondent pointed out that ASI bylaws included a 24-hour violation notice policy. They noted that the complaint had been submitted after this timeframe but acknowledged that the committee had still chosen to proceed with the review. They wanted to bring this issue to the committee's attention. The respondent reiterated that they had verifiable proof of receiving permission from the Chair to speak, which they argued placed some responsibility on the CICC board for not enforcing ASI bylaws. They suggested that the situation resulted from miscommunication between the Chair and the Administrative Director.

The Chair opened the floor to questions

Morales, S. asked for clarification if the respondent's announcement was made during the Announcements or Member's privilege. Hesgard responded that according to what was submitted, it appeared that the announcement was made during the ASI liaison portion of the meeting.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Morales, S. shared that their prior experience in the BICC role within the College of Business and Economics, where they had served as a liaison for ASI, they had also gone through the campaigning process during elections while running for Vice President. They emphasized that, during that time, they had been specifically informed about the election policies, regardless of whether an ICC chair was aware of them or not, and that it is the candidate's responsibility to understand and adhere to these policies, particularly if they were still involved in ASI. They explained that when making an announcement in an ASI capacity, the content should be strictly limited to factual information about ASI and its ongoing matters. They asserted that election-related discussions should not extend beyond simply acknowledging that elections were happening.

Chair Giacchino reiterated that it was the responsibility of candidates to familiarize themselves with ASI policies before engaging in any campaign activities. He explained that the reason the complaint had been reviewed beyond the standard 24-hour window was to uphold the integrity of the election process. They stated that the complaint carried significant weight, and because candidates were expected to know and follow election policies, the committee had made the decision to proceed with reviewing it.

Rebecca Hesgard provided additional clarification for the Committee's awareness. She explained that the same policy language applied under Class A, Class B, and Class C violations. She referred specifically to the second bullet point in each section, which addressed the use of Cal State Fullerton or ASI authority, facilities, funds, or resources that were not open to all students for campaign purposes. Rebecca further elaborated that violations were classified based on their impact on the election's outcome and integrity:

- · Class C, a minimal effect
- Class B, a moderate effect
- · Class A, an extensive effect

She stated if the Committee found the complaint to be valid, they would need to determine the appropriate classification based on the severity of the violation.

Wamala asked for clarification on the context of an ICC is and their role. Hesgard explained that the Inter-Club Councils served as a funding arm of ASI, with ASI providing the funds while the Councils had the delegated authority and responsibility to manage those funds appropriately.

The speaker further clarified that ASI board members had liaison relationships with the ICCs, meaning they were responsible for providing updates regarding ASI and could also take information from the ICC back to ASI. They noted that, as Morales mentioned earlier, the designated speaking time for ASI representatives in most meetings was meant specifically for their ASI role, and depending on the Council, most meetings included time for "members' privileges" or, similarly to the current meeting, a period for public comments. where individuals could speak as students rather than in their ASI capacity.

Nebedum asked if ICC meetings are open to the public. Hesgard responded that ICC meetings should be open to the public.

Morales, S. recommend a class A violation classification. She referenced the policy regarding the use of Cal State Fullerton or ASI authority, funds, or resources and strongly encouraged the committee to classify the matter as a Class A violation. They explained that serving in an ASI role provided individuals with access to the ICC schedule, They reiterated that this time was specifically intended for ASI-related announcements and not for personal use. The speaker further emphasized that candidates should be fully aware of the designated purpose of such time slots, regardless of their campaigning efforts. They expressed concern over the seriousness of the situation, highlighting that not everyone had equal access to information about ICC meetings, how they operated, or when speaking opportunities were available.

Cova stated that they agreed with the points made by the previous speaker. They believed that the violation should be classified as either a Class A or Class B violation, highlighting that it was ultimately the responsibility of the candidate in question. Cova also expressed the opinion that shifting or sharing the blame with others did not lessen the severity of the situation. They concluded by stating that, ultimately, the responsibility came back to the candidate themselves.

Hesgard then added to the committee's thought process, suggesting that they pay special attention to the latter part of the policy statement, particularly the language regarding violations that could affect the outcome or integrity of the electoral or judicial processes. They emphasized the importance of focusing on maintaining the integrity of these processes, which, in their view, would help the committee decide whether the violation should be classified as Class A, B, or C. Hesgard noted that, based on the discussion so far, the situation appeared to fall within the Class A or Class B category and encouraged the committee to give careful consideration to this language in order to uphold the policy appropriately.

Morales stated that the key difference between the classifications was the distinction between "extensively" and "moderately." They emphasized that they were a strong advocate for Class A violations and believed that this situation went beyond a moderate level. They argued that, particularly because the individual involved was already in an ASI role, they should have been more aware of the policies. Morales pointed out that not everyone had the opportunity to know about or speak at ICC meetings, which further supported their belief that this violation was more severe.

Nebedum, on the other hand, expressed that they personally felt the situation fell under a Class B violation. They explained that they did not believe it would extensively affect the outcome of the election. They mentioned that the individual had spoken about sharing flyers and encouraging others to spread the word, but they were unsure whether the ICC had followed through with that plan. Nebedum also acknowledged that while the meetings were open to everyone, they still believed it was inappropriate for the individual to speak during ASI-designated time. Despite not believing that the violation would extensively affect the election outcome, Nebedum still felt that it was a major violation of the individual's power.

Giacchino agreed with the previous statements and added that, for Class B, there was no permission given for the individual to speak at the inappropriate time. However, they felt that, while the situation did have an impact and could be seen as a slight abuse of power, it did not

severely affect the integrity of the election. Giacchino emphasized that they did not think it was the most extreme violation in this case and urged the committee to consider Class B.

Morales then reminded everyone about the definition of a "Class A" violation, particularly focusing on how it extensively affects the outcome or integrity of the electoral or judicial processes. They argued that this situation had a significant impact on the election, especially considering that those sitting on the ICC were some of the most active students involved in ASI. Morales pointed out that these individuals were likely to be the ones voting and had experience in student government and ASI roles, making them key participants in the election process. They stressed that the situation could have a major effect on the election.

Wamala acknowledged that they could see both sides of the argument regarding Class A and Class B violations. He emphasized that while campaigning, candidates needed to carefully balance their responsibilities as ASI members with their roles as students, and that it was important to separate these roles when engaging in campaigning.



EJC 01 24/25 (Morales-m/Nebedm-s) Roll call: 3-Class A, 2-Class B. Elections Judicial Council Complaint #2 was adopted as a Class A violation.

c. Discussion: Request for Information (Giacchino) The Elections Judicial Council will review and discuss the Request for Information items.

Rebecca Hesgard shared that a few weeks ago, the Committee discussed the purpose of this group, which is twofold: to hear complaints and to address requests for information that may not be clearly explained or outlined in the policy statement. The focus of the meeting was to review the requests for information (RFIs) received during the elections process up to this point, with particular attention to RFI #4.

Rebecca summarized that RFIs that had been received, which were shared with the committee earlier in the week. There were a total of nine requests, with the forms submitted by candidates redacted for privacy. DJ and Rebecca provided responses to each of the requests. The first request asked for a list of exact candidates, which was addressed with a candidate guide. Request #2, and several subsequent ones, concerned slates. It was clarified that the policy does not address slates, but candidates from the same college running for Board of Directors could be in violation if campaigning together. If no violation occurred, slate activity would not be monitored.

Requests #3 through #6 involved questions about social media endorsements and paid ads in ASI-affiliated publications. Candidates were informed that slates and endorsements were not monitored, but that purchasing paid ads or soliciting unpaid campaign ads in Cal State Fullerton or ASI publications would be a Class B violation. The last three requests (7-9) involved questions about endorsements, student club endorsements, and using Titan Walk for campaign promotion. Again, responses were provided that clarified the policy language and referred students to the Student Life and Leadership (SLL) office for reserving tables.

Giacchino and Hesgard clarified that ASI does not regulate social media unless it violates policy, but raised concerns specifically about giveaways. The only existing policy on distributing campaign items addresses food and beverages, prohibiting the distribution of unpackaged food unless it is unopened water bottles or prepackaged snacks, citing health and safety concerns.

Rebecca sought input from the Committee about whether the policy should specifically address giveaways. There was discussion among committee members, with some expressing concern over the potential for giveaways to influence votes, while others argued that they could promote voter engagement as long as they were not tied to voting for a candidate. Morales proposed that giveaways should be allowed, but limited to items such as packaged snacks and be clearly stated as engagement-based rather than vote-for-me incentives. She also raised the concern that candidates without financial resources for giveaways could be at a disadvantage.

The committee ultimately debated the implications of allowing social media giveaways, agreeing that while social media use should not be overly restricted, giveaways created gray areas that could undermine the election's integrity. After some back and forth, the committee recommended prohibiting all giveaways, regardless of item or value, to avoid potential issues with election fairness.

Chair opened the floor to questions.

Morales asked Rebecca to clarify the breakdown of spending when submitting expenses. She inquired about whether the \$500 limit was just a general amount for supplies or if there was a specific breakdown, such as for items like gift cards or other gifts.

Rebecca responded that she was not certain where the \$100 amount came from but noted that she had pulled up the election expense language for the committee to review. She explained that all candidates are required to submit an election expense report to the elections director after the election period. The report must include all expenses, receipts for campaign materials, and fair market value for any donated materials. This report is due by Tuesday at 5:00 PM after the election. Rebecca clarified that the election reports are considered public information but are primarily for ASI's records, rather than to ensure candidates stay under a specific campaign expense limit.

Chair opened the floor to discussion.

Morales asked for clarification, specifically whether candidates get reimbursed for their campaign expenses. Rebecca responded campaign expenses are solely at the candidates' cost, or if they receive endorsements that are not tied to Cal State Fullerton or ASI-funded areas.

Nebedum expressed that, regarding the use of TikTok for campaign promotion, he didn't see an issue with it, since TikTok is now one of the primary social media platforms. She argued that it was similar to using Instagram to post campaign reels. When it comes to giveaways, she stated that the context matters and believed it would be acceptable if candidates encouraged people to vote or follow, with a small incentive like a pin, but it should not be tied to voting directly.

Morales then shared her thoughts on giveaways. She believed it would be fine as long as the giveaways were presented as engagement tools rather than direct vote incentives. Food giveaways, like packaged items should be allowed.

Hesgard clarified that the primary concern was around social media giveaways, but she raised the point that distributing food, as outlined in the policy, is the only type of giveaway explicitly regulated. He explained that the committee could make recommendations to ASI to add specific language regarding campaign giveaways, such as creating limits or guidelines. She emphasized that the goal was to maintain integrity and fair engagement in social media campaigns.

Giacchino expressed his opposition to giveaways, as he believed there was too much gray area. He worried that candidates might exploit the lack of regulations by making giveaways conditional on voting. He stated that it would be hard to monitor such activities in terms of election integrity, so he preferred to avoid giveaways altogether, despite being open to social media use.

Morales pointed out that not all candidates have the same monetary resources to offer giveaways, which could create an unfair advantage. She suggested that such disparities should not prevent students from having equal opportunities to run for office.

Chair asked the Committee for final recommendation.

The committee concluded that giveaways would not be allowed, and this decision would be communicated to all candidates. The committee also agreed that this point would be considered for future revisions of the policy.

- **10.** Announcements & Members Privilege There were none
- **11.** Adjournment (Giacchino)

  Chair Giacchino, adjourned the meeting at 10:21 am



Erika Perret-Martinez, Recording Secretary

## Roll Call Spring-2025

#### 03/07/2025 EJC MEETING

Attendance	Board Members			
			Present	Absent
BOD	NEBEDUM	SOMI	1	
EJC Team	COVA	ALYSSA	1	
EJC Team	WAMALA	NATHANIEL	1	
VICE PRESIDENT	MORALES	SUZIE	1	
Chair	GIACCHINO	DJ	1	
			Present	Absent
			5	0

Attendance		Liaisons		
			Present	Absent
Campus	VAZQUEZ	PHILLIP		1-E
Advisor	HESGARD	REBECCA	1	
			Present	Absent
			1	0

Recording Secretary:

Erika Perret-Martinez

Roll Call Votes			Elections Complaint #1 (Dismissed)		
			Α	В	No Infraction
BOD	NEBEDUM	somi		•	•
EJC Team	COVA	ALYSSA			
EJC Team	WAMALA	NATHANIEL	Dismissed		
VICE PRESIDENT	MORALES	SUZIE			
Chair	GIACCHINO	DJ			
			YES	No	Abstain
			0	0	0

Roll Call Votes			001 Elections Complaint #2		
			Α	В	No Infraction
BOD	NEBEDUM	SOMI		1	
EJC Team	COVA	ALYSSA		1	
EJC Team	WAMALA	NATHANIEL	1		
VICE PRESIDENT	MORALES	SUZIE	1		
Chair	GIACCHINO	DJ	1		
			YES	No	Abstain
			3	2	0

# ASI Election Complaint Form 2024-2025

COMPLETE

Please use this form to file a complaint related to the ASI Student Body Election. The form requires your name, email address, and phone number as the requester. Including your contact information 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 9:30am 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 12th per the ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections.

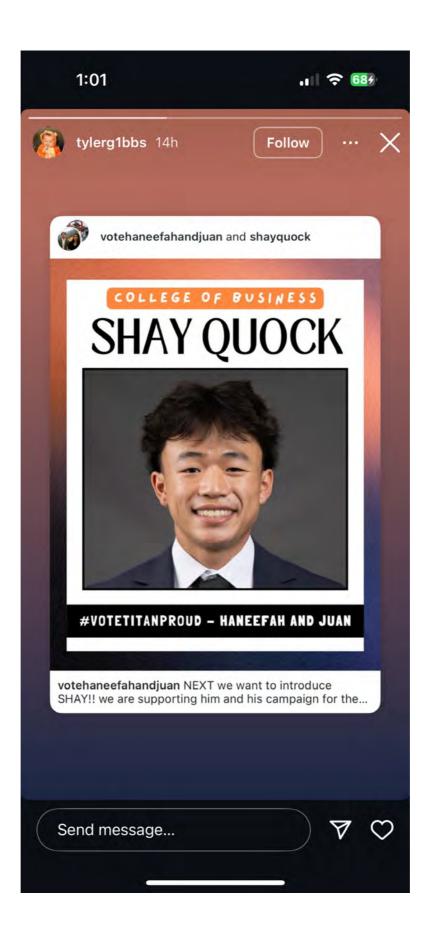
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* Complainant Name (the person filling out this form)	
Ezequiel Sanchez	
* Complainant Email	
* Complainant Phone Number	
* This complaint is against:	
A Board of Directors Candidate	

\* 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.

I am submitting this complaint regarding a potential Class B violation of the ASI election policy by Board of Directors for the College of Business and Economics Candidate Tyler Gibbs. On 2/25/25 at around 11AM, Tyler Gibbs reposted an Instagram campaign post originally made by Haneefah and Juan's campaign page(@votehaneefahandjuan) endorsing Shay Quock, another candidate running for the same College of Business Board of Directors seat. On Page 8 of the ASI election policy it specifically details that "any Board of Directors candidates from the same college officially or unofficially campaigning together" is considered a Class B Violation. Tyler Gibbs reposting this endorsement post on his Instagram (@tylerg1bbs) promotes Shay Quock and can be interpreted as coordinated campaigning and directly influences the electorate. I have attached a screenshot of the repost in question as supporting evidence.

#### \* Date that the Violation Occurred:

\* 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.





# A RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTIONS COMPLAINT VIOLATION #1

Sponsors: DJ Giacchino

**WHEREAS**, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI's mission is to provide students and campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities as well as a wide range of programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, per policy, any complaint regarding an alleged candidate violation shall be heard by the Elections Judicial Council and any complaint pertaining to the elections process or Elections Team shall be heard by the ASI Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Campaign Violation System is to hold candidates and candidate teams responsible for threatening the democratic process, committing ethical breaches, interfering with the mission of the ASI, threatening the safety of the campus, and violating ASI and Cal State Fullerton protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, a complaint was received alleging a violation of the ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections by student Tyler Gibbs for campaigning alongside another candidate within the same academic college; therefore let it be

**RESOLVED**, ASI approves Elections Complaint #1 as a Class **(A, B or C)** Violation and all the respective penalties associated; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to applicable ASI departments and staff.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the twentieth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-five.

Gavin Ong Chair, Board of Directors Noah Alvarez Secretary, Board of Directors

# ASI Election Complaint Form 2024-2025

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#2

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CREATED	IP ADDRESS
PUBLIC Mar 3rd 2025, 6:35:26 pm	
* Complainant Name (the person filling out this form)	
Leila Martin	
* Complainant Email	
* Complainant Phone Number	
* 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.

I believe Joel Garibay has committed an act of violation during his candidacy for ASI president. Particularly, "Using...ASI authority... that are not open to all students for campaign purposes to an extent which extensively affects the outcome or integrity of the election" Page 8 of the Policy Concerning ASI elections.

Garibay, serves as an ASI rep for the Communications Inter-Club Council as he is the board of directors representative for the College of Communications. Our council holds meetings every Monday from 9-10 a.m. During a ZOOM meeting on February 24th around 9:35 a.m., he spoke about elections and his campaign.

For more details, I am the Director of Administrations for the Communications Inter-Club Council (CICC) and am responsible for taking and completing meeting minutes which includes important dialogue for council members to refer back to if needed. The meeting minutes are later then posted to our CICC website. Link to the website: https://communications.fullerton.edu/studentlife/cicc/

He had requested to be put onto the meeting agenda after our agenda had already been sent to our council. Hence the reason on the meeting minutes (included in this submission today as a file) says "Student ASI rep Joel will be sharing an announcement that will be added to our agenda." To the right of the "Under the New Business" section. He did not specify what his announcement was in regards of, but my President Desiree Rojas approved for him to speak at our meeting. Which is not a violation, but I found it to be important that he had a "last minute" announcement to make, and to my knowledge did not specify what his announcement was going to be about until it was his turn to announce.

During his announcement which was towards the end of our meeting (page 7 and 8 of the meeting minutes) he talked about his campaign and what he would like to do if elected for ASI president. He preceded to talk about the ways he wants to get more funding for our CICC, which could potentially allow us to serve more food and host bigger events if he was elected. Which was uncalled for as our CICC is for academics and while yes a majority of our clubs request funding for food, we are trying to stray away from clubs using food as a way for students to attend their events. Rather our focus is for clubs to promote their events for academic and career driven purposes. Not for food socials. So it is clear to me that Garibay does not know what our CICC actually needs, instead it seemed he was trying to say words that our club reps would want to hear. Which is a way to get people's votes. Along with other things he said which is documented in the meeting minutes I am submitting along with this submission. He talks about increasing budget, protecting students, value students voices, etc.

Aside from that, I found it be overall inappropriate that he was talking about the elections and his campaign to promote himself. As an ASI rep for the CICC he is given this role to discuss and answer questions regarding ASI, not his personal matters. The appropriate matter as an ASI rep would have been to announce when elections are taking place and where council members could find information regarding elections. Garibay took advantage of the CICC and stated a very clear message geared towards persuading council members what he will do for our council if elected.

\* Date that the Violation Occurred:

2025-02-24

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# COMMUNICATIONS INTERCLUB COUNCIL CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

The following are the minutes (a summary of the participants' discussions) of a regular meeting with notice to the CICC, California State University, Fullerton, a nonprofit council held on ZOOM on 02/24/25.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Desiree calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL <u>Members present:</u>

Veronica (ETC)

Nathaniel (LCJ)

Kenny (AD CLUB)

Isabella (STANCE)

Ana (PRSSA)

Melanie (SAA)

Lorena (NSSHLA)

Bryanna (AAC)

Jocelyn (SFS)

Nataly (MIC)

Jae (LPE)

Emily (TR)

Green highlights are tardy before approval of agenda.

Yellow highlights are tardy after approval of agenda.

Members absent:

Ex-officio members present: Joel Garibay, Brandon Byrd

Ex-officio members absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Chair Desiree, and DOA

Leila seconds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes by the chair Desiree, and Brianna seconds.

PUBLIC SPEAKER

NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT

NONE

TIME CERTAIN

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS** 

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Student ASI rep Joel will be sharing an announcement that will be added to our agenda.

### STANCE - Monopoly & 'Pushout' Film Night

A move to the following allocation to be approved for \$40 by Isabella, and Jocelyn seconds.

STANCE is hosting a Monopoly & 'Pushout' Film night on Thursday, February 27th. The purpose of the event is to foster culturally competent care in various work settings. Also to learn more about black culture in speech. STANCE will like to serve nachos and popcorn at this event. The cheapest options are from Sam's Club (\$19.98) and Walmart (\$16.99). The other options were from Amazon, Staples, and BJ's Wholesale Club. The final total requested is \$40.

Discussion: NONE Questions: NONE

CICC: 10-0-0 (Yes-No-Abstain) Allocation Passes, Final total \$40.

#### 2. MIC - Intern Panel

A move to the following allocation to be approved for \$63 by Nataly and Veronica seconds.

MIC is hosting an Intern Panel event on February 18th. The purpose of the event is for students to hear from recent graduates who have interned in different sectors of the music industry. MIC would like to serve water and

pizza at this event. The cheapest option for water is from Target for \$4.01. The other options were from Albertsons and Ralph's The cheapest option for two boxes of pizza is from Costco for \$22. The other options were from Dominoes and Pizza Hut. MIC will also like to give the three panelists souvenirs from Titan shops. The souvenirs cost \$36. The final total requested is \$63.

Discussion: NONE Questions: NONE

CICC: 10-0-0 (Yes-No-Abstain) Allocation Passes, Final Total \$63.

# 3. LPE - Insights and Wisdom for Communications Careers

A move to the following allocation to be approved for \$10 by Jae and Veronica seconds

LPE is hosting a Insights and Wisdom for Communications Career with Jazmin Cortez on March 4th. The purpose of the event is to inform individuals who are interested in pursuing communication related careers. LPE would like to give the speaker a \$10 gift card.

Discussion: NONE Questions: NONE

CICC: 10-0-0 (Yes-No-Abstain) Allocation Passes, Final total \$10

#### Post Event Recaps

 LPE - Pizza/Games Social Post-Event LPE presented their Pizza/Games Social Post-event presentation. They shared that 9 participants came to the event, including board members. They also shared a picture with the groups and the food provided.

2. NSSLHA- First Guest Speaker Event

NSSHLA presented their guest speaker post event presentation. They shared a screenshot of the participants on Zoom. There were 38 participants. And they showed a receipt of the \$20 Starbucks gift card they gifted the speaker.

3. AAC - Bowling Social

AAC presented their Bowling Social post-event presentation. They shared that they had 8 participants. They shared pictures of their members bowling and the pizza they served.

4. AD Club -

AD club presented their post event presentation. CICC does not have access to the presentation as the ad club did not submit the correct presentation. They shared one picture of the food they provided at their event.

REPORTS:

**Chair:** \*Reminded the council to fill in and submit the club programming for COMM week.\*

The form is to help the E-board gather information about programming for your club and what you guys would like to host for COMM week. Which is April 21st-25th. As well as your availability for specific events. So far I've had zero responses and this is required for you guys to submit. You have by Friday the 28th by 11:59 p.m. I'll be sending the link out again through here as well as on GroupMe. If you have any questions, you can feel free to ask.

Jae: For COMM week, I asked my club president and she said we haven't done COMM week. So what kind of programming are you specifically asking for? A table? Is it like a public speaker event?

Chair: Yes, I believe it can be a speaker event, that would have to do with what the event is for the event you guys would want to host for COMM week. Did your club participate last year?

Jae: No, we just formed last year so we're still pretty new to this. So I didn't know that and I wanted to ask. So we want to get a guest speaker that matches our theme?

Chair: Yea, it's up in the air because there's no theme yet. I wouldn't know how to explain it because I am also new to COMM week.

DOA: You can actually do any type of programming you would like to do whether that's a speaker event, host a panel with your board, an activity, I know our advisor Brandon put that in the meeting chat. It's ultimately up to your club and what Desiree was saying as long as it ties into the theme. I know the one theme that we did kind of discuss was Bridging Voices. Brandon also shared a link in the chat, so just keep it along the lines of communications. This is an idea form and what your club wants to do so we would really appreciate it if everyone filled this out. We need everyone's engagement for COMM week. You can also find the form in our linkTree which Abby included in the chat.

Jae: Okay, thank you so much!

Chair: Brandon sent in some links for last weeks COMM week and their club events schedule, if you guys would like to get ideas as well from that.

Brandon: Desiree can I share my screen so I can show them what it looks like?

Desiree: Yes.

Brandon: So here is the schedule for last year for the clubs. AAC did a discovery day, it was an opportunity to learn about speech generating devices. ETC did their annual mixer during that time. There was a student media showcase. Ad club usually does and on. So if you already have an established event, and communicated it with that professor (forgot their name) then you would just add it to the schedule. They want a full schedule for the clubs so they want our help in generating that so that's why we are asking. So the only other mandatory event for every club that has to be done, so there's two, one is hosted by your club and the other one you need to participate in club fair we are hosting. It's going to be in collaboration with the college and the deans office and it's going to be located in one of the pavilions on that Monday. So we are planning to have TitanRadio, playing music, and then there will be pizza provided and then the dean will be doing a speech as well. So they really want all of the clubs to participate in that day. That is a mandatory event and you need to do one other event. So you can read through the description. COMM 497T will handle creating the website. So you just give us a description of the program, the day, and the time, and the location, and then we will have that uploaded to the website. Any questions about this?

Lorena: So the location is only in one setting or place?

Brandon: No you can choose. They have pavillan a & b, or c, reserved. They put in that request a year ago. But if a club wants to do it, where there's a time or location that is better, because there is limited space because it's only reserved for the pavilions, you can do it anywhere. So you would do the same thing, like you do a normal event. So you go on Titanlink and submit the event request and add it to the schedule of time and location if you want to use (yes, the club fair is the same week as comm week) The club fair is the kickoff/meet the deans event. It will be combined in one event. And then the rest of the events will happen in that same week.

Lorena: And the one we are mandated to be at, like the CICC reps, is that Monday?

Brandon: Ya so it can be anyone in your club so your club has to participate in the club fair and then you have to do one event during the week. So whatever you can, I think most of the people like the bridging voices theme that Latino journalists came up with. Everyone thought that was very inclusive of the types of different majors. And the different student clubs. So you can think of that as you are thinking of programming. So it can be any event you want put together during that week. And you can request funding from the board in order to host your event. Any other questions?

Bryanna: Just to clarify, the mandatory club fair, is that the same as the meet the deans event?

Brandon: Yep, so it's like "meet the deans club fair".

Bryanna: I see, okay. Is there also a specific amount of time that we are supposed to host our table?

Brandon: I believe it's a two hour time frame. They said 11 to 1. Is that right?

Desiree: Yes, it's from 11 to 1.

Brandon: And you will get food as well as being volunteers at the event or representation at the event. Any other questions about comm week?

Lorena: So it's attend one and host one?

Brandon: Yep.

Nathaniel: For the deans event we're just going to be attending it we're not going to be putting on any tabling?

Brandon: It will be a tabling event, it's an opportunity for you to do recruitment for your club for the next semester. Share any upcoming events, this is a good opportunity for you to table and for students to get to know about your clubs.

Nathaniel: Okay, thank you.

Brandon: And shoutout to your organization for the idea that most of the folks at that meeting really appreciated.

Nathaniel: Thank you guys.

Bryanna: For the one that the clubs will be hosting at the meet the deans, it will be similar to what we do at discoverfest?

Brandon: Yes.

Bryanna: And for the one that we host on another day can we have speakers?

Brandon: Yes you can have speakers, if you take a look at the club schedule for last year, it's really what you all want to do. You can have a speaker, I think ad club they're doing an AdCon. I think they're having it for the evening, it's like their big event for the year. It can be a mixer, you can bring in a speaker that is a journalist or on social media. And you can also do a collaboration event. So if there's another club that is in the CICC that has a similar objective as your organization, you can collab together.

Bryanna: And is there a minimum time that we need to host?

Brandon: No you can do one hour if you want to do five hours. It's really up to you. If you want to do one hour and thirty minutes. It looks like the staple from last year was one to two hours. And it was in various locations. ETC had their mixer in Laurel MPR, PRSSA did theirs in the pavilions from 6 to 9.

Bryanna: Okay, thank you.

Chair Desiree yields to ASI rep Joel to give a report.

VP of Finance:

**Director of Administrations:** 

**Director of Productions:** 

**Director of Communications:** 

**Grad Assistant:** NONE

**ASI Reps**:

Joel: Less of a report, I want to take off my ASI hat right now. I will be talking a bit about ASI but I don't want to mix up the two. But I want to take off that hat real quick and talk about elections for ASI. They are

currently underway with campaigning right now and more specifically I want to talk about myself to you all because I am currently running as one of the candidates for ASI president along with my running mate Jades. I wanted to announce that to all of you here at CICC that are representing your club and orgs for our college. More emphasis on things that I want to do if elected as ASI president which will be really focused on funding. I know that specifically our CICC is very much underfunded and that can be frustrating for us in our college. I want to have food at our events, bigger events that we really can't have. It's the unfortunate reality that we don't have much funding compared to previous years and also to other ICC's so that's one of the big things I want to do as president because the president does define and create the budget for all of ICC's. So I would really want to help our CICC very much as well as the other ICC's in general because I know across the board there are one's that feel very much that there's a need to increase funding for their events. I also very much, away from my other roles that I carry here in ASI, I carry other roles, and I really do value student voices. It is something that throughout my three years, that I've very much tried to tackle whether that be in activism or in the role that I carry in ASI currently. I really want to focus on, with this presidency, protecting our students. I know there's a lot of uncertainty in the country right now with certain populations with this new administration and it's something that I really want to reassure students from certain populations here on campus that they can be protected and they can be safe coming here to Cal State Fullerton. And so I really just wanted to share that all with you guys today. I hope that you guys can please spread the word about the elections. Also if you could spread the word about my candidacy I'd really appreciate that as well and I would also really like to share the flyer with you guys and maybe potentially speak at your guys general meetings for your clubs and orgs but also another reminder is that the elections do open the 11th and 12th to vote. You should get an email with that voting information but yea I just really wanted to hop on and announce that to you all so thank you for your time.

Desiree: Thank you Joel for sharing your vision with us, wishing you the best of luck with your campaign! Are there any questions regarding the meeting? If not, you can also stay at the end of the Zoom I will stay on. But other than that I hope you guys have a great week!

#### **Advisor:**

MaL's: NONE

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:	A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chair Desiree at 9:39 a.m.



# A RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTIONS COMPLAINT VIOLATION #2

Sponsors: DJ Giacchino

**WHEREAS**, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI's mission is to provide students and campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities as well as a wide range of programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, per policy, any complaint regarding an alleged candidate violation shall be heard by the Elections Judicial Council and any complaint pertaining to the elections process or Elections Team shall be heard by the ASI Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Campaign Violation System is to hold candidates and candidate teams responsible for threatening the democratic process, committing ethical breaches, interfering with the mission of the ASI, threatening the safety of the campus, and violating ASI and Cal State Fullerton protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, a complaint was received alleging a violation of the ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections by student Joel Garibay for utilizing ASI resources unavailable to all candidates to an extent which affects the outcome or integrity of the election; therefore let it be

**RESOLVED**, ASI approves Elections Complaint #2 as a Class **(A, B or C)** Violation and all the respective penalties associated; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to applicable ASI departments and staff.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the twentieth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-five.

Gavin Ong Chair, Board of Directors Noah Alvarez Secretary, Board of Directors

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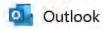
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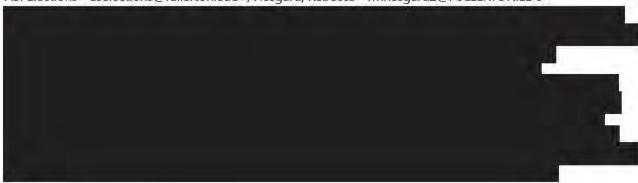
#### Re: Request for Information #1 - Response

From Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

Date Wed 2/26/2025 9:11 AM

Cc ASI Elections <aselections@fullerton.edu>; Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

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1 attachment (120 KB)

Candidate Guide Spring 2025.pdf;

#### Good morning,

Please note the updated official candidate guide given we have received a few notices of withdrawal of candidacy this week. The ASI website will be updated today to reflect these changes. Further questions should be referred to the RFI form.

Additionally, please also note we have received a few RFI submissions. We are evaluating each and will share responses as soon as possible.

All the best, Rebecca



Rebecca Hesgard, M.A. | Pronouns: she, her, hers Director of Student Government Associated Students, Inc. California State University, Fullerton

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From: Hesgard, Rebecca

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:24 PM

Cc: ASI Elections <aselections@fullerton.edu>; Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

Subject: Request for Information #1 - Response

#### Good afternoon,

The ASI Elections team has received one RFI submission. The request was reviewed by the ASI Elections Director and myself. It was deemed appropriate to respond to via email. All candidates may review the RFI language that was submitted, below, as well as the response on behalf of the ASI Elections Director and myself.

**RFI#1:** Is it possible to receive a list of every ASI candidate and the position they are running for? Also, will a list be published on the ASI website and or instagram?

Response to RFI #1: Please see the attached official candidate guide to see all eligible candidates that will be shown on the ballot. Additionally, candidate profiles have been uploaded onto the ASI website utilizing the submitted information from each candidate that was shared on each application. At this time, candidate information is not available on the ASI Instagram but may be shared at a later time. Please inform myself and the ASI Elections Director of any errors regarding your profile on the ASI website - profiles found here under the "Meet the Candidates" tabs. Thank you.

All the best, Rebecca



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# ASI Student Body Elections: Spring 2025 Official Voter Information Guide

Voting will take place the Tuesday through Wednesday three weeks prior to Spring Recess. Voting will open at 8:00 AM PST on the first day and close at 8:00 PM PST on the final day. Candidates are required to use their name on record with CSU Fullerton on the ballot. The order of candidates appearing on the ballot will be in alphabetical order.

#### Spring 2025 Dates: Tuesday March 11th - Wedneday March 12th

Each student shall be required to authenticate their eligibility to vote by entering their CSU Fullerton credentials on the voting website. A student will vote on a single ballot, in most to least preferred: ASI President and Vice President and the ASI Board of Directors.

When voting for the ASI Board of Directors, the student will be voting in the academic college which they are enrolled. If a student is undeclared, they may choose which one academic college to vote in. If a student has multiple declared majors in different academic colleges they shall vote in the primary academic college that they are enrolled in. If a student is voting for a write-in candidate their name must be spelled correctly, as CSU Fullerton has on record, for the vote to count.

The *Instant Run-Off Voting method* will be used to count the votes. On the ballot, voters will rank candidate teams and Director candidates in order of most preferred to least preferred. The Instant Run-Off Voting method simulates an election with multiple run off rounds until a candidate receives majority.

#### **President and Vice President:**

The winners will be the candidate team who receives a majority of votes in the regular election. A majority shall be defined as 50% plus one individual vote of the total votes cast. If no candidate team receives a majority of votes in the regular election, the candidate team with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an Instant Run-Off will occur, as defined by the InstantRunoff Voting method.

#### **ASI Board of Directors:**

The winners shall be the two (2) candidates from each college who receive the most votes. If two candidates tie for second place, the candidate(s) with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and as Instant Run-Off will occur, as defined by the Instant-Runoff Voting method.

If no candidate or candidate team receives a majority of votes in the regular election, the candidate or candidate team with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an Instant Run-Off will occur. The eliminated candidate or candidate team's votes are transferred to the other depending on each voter's preference as stated on their ballot. A Run-Off election will be simulated with the new vote totals. This process will repeat until a candidate or candidate team receives a majority of votes.

At the close of the elections the results will be counted. If there are no pending complaints or appeals, the Elections Director will submit the results to be certified within twenty-four (24) hours. The certification process will include review by the Elections Director, Executive Director or designee, and the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee. Results are only certified after any complaints have been heard by the Elections Judicial Council and appeals have been heard by the ASI Board of Directors. Once certified, the results shall be released to the public.

FROM: DJ Giacchino, ASI Elections Director

Rebecca Hesgard, Director of Student Government

SUBJECT: **ASI Student Body Elections 2025 - Candidates** 

All candidates below have met the requirements necessary to be officially considered a candidate in the ASI Student Body Elections. As a reminder, the annual elections will take place online March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> at vote.fullerton.edu.

#### **President and Vice President**

Haneefah Syed and Juan Salguero Isabella Rollison and Mario Lugo Joel Garibay and Jades Rodriguez

#### **Board of Directors:**

Arts

**Alexis Cummings Edward Montalvo** Joshua Lopez Sarah Komiya

#### **Board of Directors:**

#### **College of Business and Economics**

Anthony Eliopoulos

Arushi Patil **Ezequiel Sanchez** Maribel Chavez Pinar Okan Shay Quock

#### **Board of Directors: Communications**

Jenny Guzman Landon Gibson

Yesha Patel

#### **Board of Directors:**

**Education** 

Mahak Ahmad

#### **Board of Directors:**

#### **Engineering and Computer Science**

Anisha Suresh Mole Armando Salazar **Christopher Manlove Emmanuel Donjuan** Leigham Mccaughey Siddharth Vasu **Vrund Thakkar** 

Yashwanth Reddy Mallareddygari

#### **Board of Directors:**

#### **Health and Human Development**

**Deniz Suzer** Luisa Camarillo

#### **Board of Directors:**

#### **Humanities and Social Sciences**

Cindy Chavez Colson Houck Teal **Edwin Valdez** Joe Morales Khoi Tran Madison Salguero

Mia Munoz

#### **Board of Directors:**

#### **Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Ahmed Mohamed Liam Ryals

#### Write-In Candidates:

Write-in candidates have the same right and responsibilities as all other candidates. Write-in Candidates name will not be pre-printed on the ballot. If a student is voting for a write-in candidate their name must be spelled correctly, as CSU Fullerton has on record for the vote to count. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/ASI-Policy-Concerning-ASI-Elections-1.pdf

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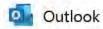
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Are we allowed to form a slate without including a candidate for President and Vice President?

Are there any restrictions on what we can do as a slate regarding campaigning, endorsements, or other election-related activities?

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#### Request for Information #2 - Response

From Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

Date Mon 2/24/2025 6:34 PM

Cc ASI Elections <aselections@fullerton.edu>; Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

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#### Good afternoon,

The ASI Elections team has received a RFI submission. The request was reviewed by the ASI Elections Director and myself. It was deemed appropriate to respond to via email. All candidates may review the RFI language that was submitted, below, as well as the response on behalf of the ASI Elections Director and myself.

RFI #2: I wanted to clarify some questions regarding the formation and regulations of slates for the ASI elections. Specifically, I'd like to know: Are we allowed to form a slate without including a candidate for President and Vice President? Are there any restrictions on what we can do as a slate regarding campaigning, endorsements, or other election-related activities?

Response to RFI #2: According to the <u>ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections</u>, "Campaigning" is defined as, "Any effort by any individual or group to influence the decision of any potential voter in support or against any candidate or candidate team appearing on the ballot" (page 2).

While there is no explicit language within the policy that references the formation or regulation of slates, please note that an example of a Class B (Major) Violation includes, "Any Board of Directors candidates from the same college officially or unofficially campaigning together" (page 8).

Therefore, ASI does not regulate the development of slates and their campaigning activities, aside from the firm exclusion of BOD candidates from the same college participating in any one slate together.

All the best, Rebecca



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Regarding slates, should we report it if we know members who are forming them? Can someone be reelected for a board of directors position, if so, how many times?

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I have a few questions regarding the upcoming election and wanted clarification.

Are President and VP duos allowed to endorse write-in candidates for a specific college (if they have not endorses a member from that college yet)?

How regulated are the campaign instagram accounts, can candidates participate in doing giveaways, making Tik Toks etc?

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Are candidates allowed to be featured in the daily titan and pay for an instagram post and story (president and VP candidates)? Can the elections team please send the official link for voting now so candidates can post it and turn it in to a QR code

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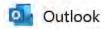
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Is it against any bylaws or policies to purchase paid ads to promote a campaign on the Daily Titan?



#### Request for Information #3 thru #6 - Response

From Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

Date Wed 2/26/2025 1:36 PM

Cc ASI Elections <aselections@fullerton.edu>; Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

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#### Good afternoon,

The ASI Elections team has received a RFI submission. The request was reviewed by the ASI Elections Director and myself. It was deemed appropriate to respond to via email. All candidates may review the RFI language that was submitted, below, as well as the response on behalf of the ASI Elections Director and myself.

**RFI #3:** Regarding slates, should we report it if we know members who are forming them? Can someone be reelected for a board of directors position, if so, how many times?

Response to RFI #3: ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections does not regulate the formation or activities of candidates who participate in slates. The only restriction is ASI Board of Directors candidates from the same college campaigning together officially or unofficially is prohibited. Therefore, it should not be reported to ASI which members are participating in a slate unless there is reason to believe that restriction is violated.

Additionally, yes, any student who meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the <u>ASI Policy Concerning ASI</u>
<u>Elections</u> may be reelected to an ASI Board of Directors position.

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RFI #4: I have a few questions regarding the upcoming election and wanted clarification. Are President and VP duos allowed to endorse write-in candidates for a specific college (if they have not endorses a member from that college yet)? How regulated are the campaign instagram accounts, can candidates participate in doing giveaways, making Tik Toks etc?

**Response to RFI #4:** An ASI President and Vice President candidate team may support write-in candidates who have completed the <u>ASI Elections Petition of Write In Candidacy 2025</u> and who are from a college in which they have not yet supported another candidate.

Regarding campaign social media, ASI does not regulate content creation (posts, stories, videos, etc.) that do not violate the <u>ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections</u>. The question regarding giveaways will be reviewed by the Elections Judicial Council at an upcoming meeting.

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**RFI #5:** Are candidates allowed to be featured in the daily titan and pay for an instagram post and story (president and VP candidates)? Can the elections team please send the official link for voting now so candidates can post it and turn it in to a QR code.

**Response to RFI #5:** Per the <u>ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections</u>, a Class B (Major) Violation includes, "Purchasing paid campaign advertising, or soliciting unpaid campaign advertising, in Cal State Fullerton or ASI affiliated publication." This would be inclusive of paid advertising in the Daily Titan.

Additionally, the official link for voting on March 11 and 12 will be vote.fullerton.edu. The site will only be live for those two dates.

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RFI #6: Is it against any bylaws or policies to purchase paid ads to promote a campaign on the Daily Titan?

**Response to RFI #6:** Per the <u>ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections</u>, a Class B (Major) Violation includes, "Purchasing paid campaign advertising, or soliciting unpaid campaign advertising, in Cal State Fullerton or ASI affiliated publication." This would be inclusive of paid advertising in the Daily Titan.

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All the best, Rebecca



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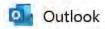
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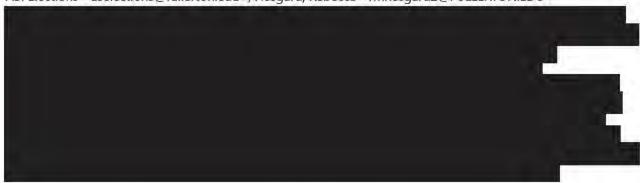
#### Request for Information #7 thru #9 - Response

From Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

Date Fri 2/28/2025 9:36 AM

Cc ASI Elections <aselections@fullerton.edu>; Hesgard, Rebecca <rmhesgard2@FULLERTON.EDU>

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**RFI #7:** Under Endorsements, are student organization logos allowed on promotional flyers? Are they allowed to be on there if a written endorsement is given?

Response to RFI #7: ASI Policy Concerning ASI Elections (page 7) states, "Students may receive endorsements from clubs and/or organizations. If a candidate wants an endorsement, they must receive written consent from clubs and/or organizations." It is up to the discretion of the student organization whether their consent for an endorsement allows a logo to be added to campaign materials.

Please note the policy also details that "any club and/or organization receiving sponsorship or funding from ASI shall be prohibited from spending any ASI funds or using any resources to promote or discourage a vote in favor or against any proposition, candidate, or candidate team in any election."

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**RFI #8:** Can a student organization that has endorsed a president and Vice president endorse a board of director that is not on that duos slate?

**Response to RFI #8:** Referring to the same section of ASI policy as the previous RFI, it would be permissible for a student organization to endorse the ASI President and Vice President team of their choosing along with one ASI Board of Director candidate per academic college of their choosing. ASI does not regulate slates, therefore, a student organization's endorsement decisions are at the discretion of that student organization.

**RFI #9:** Are slates allowed to table on Titan Walk to promote their campaign? How do we get approval from SLL for the booking of tabling as typically clubs are the ones which book tabling via TitanLink?

**Response to RFI #9:** ASI does not regulate the campaign activities of candidates participating in slates. As far as making reservations for Titan Walk tables, the Student Life & Leadership (SLL) website states, "Titan Walk tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to those individuals and/or organizations that have made a reservation with the Student Life & Leadership Office." The ASI Elections Team encourages all candidates to connect with the SLL office in TSU 234 to request support in reserving a table as an individual student.

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