

## **Minutes**

## **Governance Committee Meeting**

- Thu November 21st, 2019
- O 2:30pm 3:45pm PST
- **?** Titan Student Union, Board Room

## Call to Order

Maria Linares called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Members present: Aguirre, Cortes, Linares, Reveles, Soria

Members absent: None

Non-voting members: Gonzalez, Nettles

\*Indicates that the member was in attendance prior to the start of Unfinished Business, but left before the scheduled ending of the meeting. [According to the by-laws, a member of the board who does not remain until the scheduled ending for the meeting (3:45 p.m.) is considered not to be in attendance.]

\*\*Indicates that the member was in attendance for a portion of the meeting, but not in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business. [According to the by-laws, a member of the board who is not in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business is considered not to be in attendance.

## III. Approval of Agenda

Linares asked for a motion and second to approve the agenda (M) Reveles (S) Aguirre.

Linares asked for a motion and second to strike Discussion C (M) Reveles (S) Soria ).

The agenda was approved as amended.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

#### a. **11/07/19, 11/14/19**

The November 07, 2019 and November 14, 2019 minutes were approved (M) Reveles (S) Aguirre.

## ∨. Public Speakers

None.

## VI. Reports

#### a. Chair

No report

## b. Director, Leader and Program Development

No report.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

#### VIII. New Business

## a. Action: ASI Strategic Plan

GC 005 19/20 (M) Reveles (S) Soria. A motion was made and seconded to approve ASI Strategic Plan

Linaers yielded to Scott Martin, Associate Director, marketing, Communication, & Dedsign to elaborate on the Strategic Plan.

Martin stated the strategic plan forcasts for 2025.

Martin highlighted the four pillars (values) that the strategic plan would focus.

- 1. Servant Leadership
- 2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- 3. Build and Develop Student Leaders and employees
- 4. Embrace and pursue innovation

Please review the attached documents for additional information.

Martin stated the objectives are completed through the strategies.

Linares moved into questions.

Linares asked for feedback.

Reveles asked, has it been determined how each goal would be accomplished?

Martin answered, the strategies are steps to accomplishing goals. It is difficult to forecast goals for the next five years.

Soria, can you elaborate on strategy seven?

Martin answered, strategy seven would be regarding GPA. The goal is to prevent resignation or inegibility throughout the semester.

McDoniel informed the committee, a strategic plan needs to be broad and specific with strategies. The strategic would not be too specific in order to have flexibility

Linares moved into discussion.

The committee shared thier favor towards the strategic plan.

Lianres moved into a roll call vote.

GC 005 19/20 Roll Call Vote 5-0-0. Motion passed.

#### b. Action: ASI Policy Concerning Elections

GC 006 19/20 (M) Aguiree (S) Soria. A motion was made and seconded to approve ASI Policy Concerning Elections.

Linares yielded to Nettles.

Nettles stated the only chage to the policy was the timeframe. Below is the change:

ASI approves the elections schedule to move up one more week to be three weeks prior to spring recess.

Linares moved into discussion.

The committee shared their favor towards the change.

Attached are the docuementation for review.

Linares moved into roll call vote.

GC 006 19/20. Roll call Vote 5-0-0. Motion passed.

## c. **Discussion: Policy Concerning ASI Programming Board** Item was stricken.

## IX. Announcements/Member's Privilege

Linares yielded to Cortes.

Cortes reminded the committee she would be selling donuts to fundraise.

## X. Adjournment

Linares adjourned the fine ting at 3:02 pm.

Maria Linares, Chair

Kristyne Robles, Recording Secretary



## A Resolution Approving the ASI 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

**Sponsors:** Lorren Baker and Melanie Therrien Co-Sponsors: Douglas Kurtz, Isaac Gonzalez, and Mansi Kalra

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 passed Resolution Approving the Process of the ASI Strategic Plan and Resolution Approving the ASI Strategic Plan Working Group Focus Areas and Values; and

WHEREAS, the Fall 2019 Working Group consisted of two Executive Officers, three elected Directors by the Board of Directors, two elected student Trustees by the TSC Board of Trustees, one ASI student employee, and two ASI staff; and

WHEREAS, the Fall 2019 Working Group was to use the focus areas and themes to develop the organizations' strategic initiatives, goals, and strategies to accomplish the strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the Fall 2019 Working Group held focus groups for student leaders and student employees and professional staff; and

WHEREAS, the Fall 2019 Working Group refined and defined the values and goals, created a vision statement, objectives, and strategies for each goal; and

WHEREAS, in the process the Fall 2019 Working Group reviewed the ASI Mission Statement to ensure the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan fits the mission statement of the organization; and

WHEREAS, a mission statement is defined as "a formal summary of the aims and values of a company, organization, or individual";1 and

WHEREAS, research shows that an organization's mission statement can facilitate innovation; and a clear, motivating mission helps an organization to focus its attention on the innovations and creates a climate for them to succeed;2 therefore let it be

RESOLVED, ASI approves the ASI 2020-2025 Strategic Plan; and let it be further

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Oxford Dictionary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://doi.org/10.1177/0899764006295996

**RESOLVED**, ASI approves the revised mission statement; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and respective ASI departments for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc. California State University, Fullerton on the third day of December in the year two thousand and nineteen.

Lorren Amelia Baker Chair, Board of Directors Brittany Cook Treasurer/Secretary, Board of Directors



## ASI Strategic Plan 2020-2025

#### **Values**

<u>Servant Leadership</u>: ASI cultivates a culture based on transformational student development and a focus on the growth and well-being of all California State University, Fullerton students.

<u>Diversity</u>, <u>Equity</u>, <u>and Inclusion</u>: ASI is committed to cultivating rich diversity and increasing culturally proficient and equity-minded students and staff by identifying barriers that inhibit student success and supporting efforts to remove them.

<u>Build and Develop Student Leaders and Employees</u>: ASI recognizes the value of investing in the development of its student leaders and employees and provides opportunities that facilitate and enhance this professional growth.

<u>Embrace and Pursue Innovation</u>: ASI recognizes the value of positive change and continually examines opportunities to implement innovative strategies and resources.

#### **Vision Statement**

ASI strives to improve, diversify, and expand our leadership and professional development opportunities, programs, and services to enhance student life and the Titan Experience.

## **Enhance Student Leader and Student Employee Development and Success**

## Objectives:

- Refine and enhance models that continually expand cultural competencies in ASI programs and services.
- Develop and implement a model of comprehensive personal and professional development for student leaders and student employees.
- Develop an intentional and targeted recruitment strategy to ensure diverse student population involved in ASI.
- Implement and support models that enhance student leader's academic success.

## Strategies:

- 1. Examine and assess current cultural competency practices and knowledge.
- 2. Empower students with tools for advocacy to voice their concerns.
- 3. Continue to refine programs that promote civic and democratic engagement, global learning, and social responsibility.
- 4. Develop and implement a mental health resources campaign in collaboration with campus partners.
- 5. Increase professional development opportunities for students.
- 6. Promote leadership opportunities to clubs and organizations through student involvement and engagement.
- 7. Administer academic assessments for student leaders twice per semester.
- 8. Develop and implement cross-campus collaborations with academic support centers for student leaders and student employees.

## **Advance Organizational Excellence**

## **Objectives:**

- Develop and implement a model that utilizes assessments and data-based evidence to implement organizational improvements.
- Create and maintain sound corporate practices that lead to long-term financial stability.
- Continue to improve transition and on-boarding models.
- Assess, adjust, and enhance the effectiveness of current internal communication to improve cohesion within the organization.
- Advance to current campus technology systems and tools and remain current with evolving technology demands.

## Strategies:

- 1. Identify organizational areas for intentional growth and develop a plan to achieve improvement in these areas.
- 2. Create and implement department specific employee exit surveys in an effort to identify current strengths and opportunities for improvement.
- 3. Identify and provide professional development opportunities.
- 4. Establish and implement benchmarks to increase program and services outcomes.
- 5. Assess the effectiveness and impact of ASI programs based on data-driven and participant feedback.
- 6. Assess current internal communication channels to determine reach and effectiveness.
- 7. Research and implement a follower-based communication platform to increase organizational communication and buy-in.
- 8. Explore and implement organizational and educational technology.

## **Strengthening Community**

#### **Objectives:**

- Strengthen ASI student leader and employee relationships.
- Enhance and provide opportunities for interactions, collaborations, and sharing information with the Titan community.
- Contribute to the model of the Titan Experience by refining ASI programs and services to increase student participation.
- Increase opportunities to support students through advocacy and partnerships.
- Develop campus partnerships to enhance ASI programs and services.
- Develop meaningful collaborations within the surrounding Fullerton area.

## Strategies:

- 1. Develop and implement a student employee recognition program.
- 2. Refine and improve the professional employee recognition program.
- 3. Create and implement opportunities for student leaders and student employees to engage in discussions.
- 4. Create and implement professional development events for student leaders and professional employees to unite, network, and identify opportunities for collaboration.
- 5. Research and implement a shared calendar with events happening within ASI.
- 6. More effectively leverage technology and creative solutions to share pertinent and timely information and explore interpersonal communications.
- 7. Strategically identify opportunities for cross campus collaboration.
- 8. Continue to develop and enhance opportunities for campus and surrounding Fullerton area collaborations.

#### **Mission Statement**

ASI serves, empowers, and engages California State University, Fullerton students.

## Examples:

- Serves
  - Student advocacy
    - On campus
    - Local, state, and federal level
  - Programming
  - Funding to students and student organizations
  - Camp Titan
  - o Farmers' Market
  - Mobile Food Pantry
  - Student leaders (shared governance)
  - o Children's Center
  - o TSU
    - Accounting
    - College legal clinic
    - Info & Services
    - LPD
    - Marketing & Design
  - o SRC
    - Drop-in fitness classes
    - F45
    - Intramural sports
    - Titan outdoors
- Empowers
  - Students and student leaders (their voice)
  - Student employees
  - Programming
    - Titan Pride
      - Productions, Street Team, TTF
      - AICA
    - Roundtables
    - Town Halls
    - Resolutions
  - Student scholarships
  - Research grants
  - Student personal and professional development
    - Trainings
    - Advising
    - Travel for conferences
- Engages
  - Internal ASI community
  - Students at CSU Fullerton
  - Campus community (faculty and staff)
  - Surrounding Fullerton community
  - CSU community

- TBB
- UCC
- Operations
- BE
- Office and locker space
- Rock wall
- Learn to swim
- Titan youth summer camp



# A Resolution Approving Changes to Policy Concerning ASI Elections Sponsors: Maria Linares

**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**, the current Policy Concerning ASI Elections lacks language that was in the ASI Bylaws before it was reformatted; therefore let it be

**RESOLVED,** ASI approves the addition of public notice, recounts, the section including violations, and the section including referendum, special elections, initiatives, and recall; and let it be

**RESOLVED**, ASI approves the elections schedule to move up one more week to be three weeks prior to spring recess; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to the ASI Executive Director and applicable ASI departments for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc. California State University, Fullerton on the DAY of MONTH in the year two thousand and nineteen.

Lorren Amelia Baker Chair, Board of Directors Brittany Cook Treasurer/Secretary, Board of Directors

## **POLICY CONCERNING ASI ELECTIONS**

## **PURPOSE**

The following policy has been established in order for the Associated Students Inc. (ASI) Elections of the ASI President, Vice President, Board of Directors, and TSC Board of Trustees. The policy includes an overview of ASI Elections, qualifications, candidacy, complaints and enforcement.

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## WHO SHOULD KNOW THIS POLICY

Budget Area Administrators	Volunteers
Management Personnel	<b>Grant Recipients</b>
Supervisors	Staff
Elected/Appointed Officers	Students

## **DEFINITIONS**

For Purpose of this policy, the terms used are defined as follows:

Terms	Definitions	
Automatic	Occurs immediately due to the Elections Judicial Council's vote on	
Disqualification	violation(s).	
Campaigning	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.	
Candidate	One (1) student who has filed the "Petition for Candidacy" forms,	
	attended the mandatory candidate orientation, and fulfilled the	
	requirements to run for office as stated in ASI Policy.	
Candidate team	Two (2) students whom have filed the "Petition for Candidacy" forms	
	with the intention of running for ASI President and Vice President,	
	attended the mandatory candidate orientation, and fulfilled required to	
	run for office as stated in ASI Policy.	
Disqualification	This is a condition under which a person may not assume, continue in,	
	or run for any elected or appointed ASI position. Can only be finalized	
	by the Elections Judicial Council.	
Removal from the ballot	A candidate running for elected ASI office is removed from the ballot.	
	These candidates are prevented from running for ASI office as a write-	
	in candidate.	
Violation	A formal complaint that has been filed with and confirmed by the	
	Elections Judicial Council.	
Write-In Candidate	Any person who runs for office within ASI and does not have their	
	name pre-printed on the ballot. Write-on candidates shall have the	
<b>Y</b>	same right and responsibilities as all other candidates, except they did	
	not attend the Candidate Orientation.	

## **STANDARDS**

## 1. ELECTIONS

Each year, the CSU Fullerton's Student Body shall elect the ASI President, ASI Vice President, ASI Board of Directors, and TSC Board of Trustees for the upcoming academic year. The elections shall be held Tuesday through Wednesday two-three weeks prior to Spring Recess.

Public notice of an election must be given to student body no later than ten (10) legal days prior to the election. The notice shall specify the place(s), the legal day(s), the hours of such elections, and the general nature of the issue(s) to be decided.

The ASI President and Vice President shall run as a candidate team. Individual candidates for either office shall not be allowed. ASI Board of Director must run in one academic college which they are enrolled.

No member of the ASI Executive Officers, ASI Board of Directors, or TSC Board of Trustees shall serve in any other position that receives a financial award or scholarship.

## 2. VOTING PROCEDURES

Voting will take place the Tuesday through Wednesday two 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.

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, ASI Board of Directors, and TSC Board of Trustees.

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 choose one academic college that they are enrolled to vote 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.

## 3. DETERMINING WINNERS

The Instant Run-Off Voting method will be used to count the votes. On the ballot, voters will rank candidate teams, Director candidates, and Trustees 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.

The winners will be the candidate or 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.

### President and Vice President:

- 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 Instant-Runoff Voting method.
- The eliminated candidate team's votes are transferred to the other candidate team(s), depending
  on each voter's preference as stated on their ballot. An Instant Run-Off election will be simulated
  with the new vote totals. This process will repeat until a candidate team receives a majority of
  votes.

### 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.
- The eliminated candidate(s) votes are transferred to the other candidates, excluding the
  candidate that received the highest vote total, depending on each individual voter's preference as
  stated on their ballot. The winner shall be determined by a simulated election based on the new
  voting totals.

#### Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees:

- The winners shall be the ten (10) candidates who receive the most votes.
- If multiple candidates tie for tenth place, the candidate(s) with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an instant runoff will occur, as defined by the Instant Run-Off Voting method.
- The eliminated candidate's votes are transferred to the other candidates, depending on each individual voter's preference as stated on their ballot. The winners shall be determined by a simulated election based on the new voting totals.

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 Board of Directors. Once certified, the results shall be released to the public.

#### Recounts

Recounts may be requested by any candidate for the position in which they are running if there is a reason to believe the count was inaccurate. Recounts must be requested before the results have been certified.

## 4. ELECTIONS TEAM

The Elections Team shall be composed of the Elections Director and two (2) Coordinators. They shall be responsible for promoting ASI Elections and encouraging participation and promotional events for ASI Elections.

The Elections Team shall encourage students to run prior to the Petition for Candidacy form due date, promote voter participation prior to and throughout the election, plan and execute ASI Elections events, and have thorough knowledge and understanding of election rules and procedures.

The Elections Team shall maintain impartiality towards elections. The Elections Team will not campaign in any election nor publicly support any candidate or cause in any election they are overseeing. The Team will not have any other ASI position during their term, and will sign an ASI Conflict of Interest Agreement in accordance with California Education Code. The Team is prohibited from privately discussing elections except with the Elections Advisor.

Elections Team reserve the right to remove any campaign materials in violation.

#### Additional Elections Director Duties

The Elections Director will be required to follow the responsibilities:

- Oversee ASI Elections.
- Accountable for implanting and enforcing all provisions of the ASI Bylaws and ASI Policy that pertain to ASI Elections.
- Recruit, oversee, and train the Elections Coordinators.
- Chair the Elections Judicial Council.
- Submit a budget request for the next fiscal year to the ASI Board of Directors Treasurer in compliance with the established budget process and deadlines.
- Reassess and reevaluate current practices pertaining to ASI Elections.
- After the candidate certification, the Elections Director shall provide a report to the ASI Board of Directors summarizing the election and proposing any recommendations for the following year.
- Recommend the Board of Directors to remove any member(s) from the ASI Elections Team for due cause.

If any interpretation or question of these Bylaws is required, the Elections Director shall consult the Elections Advisor first prior to announcing a decision.

### a. Appointment of Elections Team

The Elections Director shall be appointed by the incumbent President and confirmed by a majority vote of the ASI Board of Directors. The Elections Coordinators shall be appointed by the incumbent President, upon recommendation of the incoming Elections Director, and confirmed by a majority vote of the ASI Board of Directors.

The Elections Director and/or Elections Coordinator(s) may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the ASI Board of Directors.

In the event of a vacancy in the position of the Elections Director and/or Elections Coordinator(s), the President shall appoint a new Elections Director and/or Elections Coordinator(s) confirmed by a majority vote of the ASI Board of Directors.

## 5. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The general qualifications are required of all ASI candidates and appointed positions:

## a. <u>Candidate</u> Residency

Undergraduate student candidates for office must have been enrolled at CSU Fullerton for one semester preceding the election earning a total of at least six (6) semester units during that semester. New graduate students who received a bachelor's degree or credential within the past three (3) years from CSU Fullerton must have earned a total of twelve (12) units during their last year as an undergraduate to be eligible. Graduate student candidates for office must have earned at least six (6) semester units per term of continuous attendance as a new graduate student to be eligible.

#### b. Grade Point Average

All student candidates for, or current student officers serving in, an elected or appointed position within ASI must be in good standing, must not be on probation, must have earned a CSU Fullerton semester grade point average of 2.0 and a CSU Fullerton cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for all classes at CSU Fullerton during the semester prior to their candidacy, and must maintain these standards.

#### c. Candidate Unit Load

Undergraduate student candidates must maintain at least six (6) semester units per term while running for office. Graduate student candidates must maintain at least three (3) semester units per term while running for office.

#### d. Faculty or Staff

A student candidate for office may not be a member of the faculty or staff at CSU Fullerton. This does not apply to faculty or staff appointed positions. Graduate assistants shall not be considered faculty or staff.

#### e. Incumbent Unit Load

Undergraduate student officers must earn six (6) semester units of credit per term while holding office. Graduate student officers must earn three (3) semester units of credit per term while holding office.

### f. Incumbent Maximum Allowable Units

Undergraduate student officers are allowed to earn a maximum of 150 semester units or 125 percent of the units required for a specific baccalaureate degree objective, whichever is greater. Graduate student officers are allowed to earn a maximum of 50 semester units. Students holding over the maximum allowable units are no longer be eligible for office.

## 6. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### a. Students with Undeclared Majors

A student with an undeclared major may serve on the ASI Board of Directors representing any academic college of their choice. The candidate must declare an academic college for which they intend to run in their Petition for Candidacy.

#### b. Students with Multiple Majors

A student with multiple declared majors in different academic colleges may serve only one of their academic colleges in which they are enrolled.

#### c. Students with Minors

A student with a minor in an academic college different than their declared major may be only be appointed to represent the academic college of their declared minor. An appointment of this nature would be due to a vacancy on the ASI Board of Directors as described in ASI Policy.

### d. Students Interested in Representing the College of Education

A student interested in representing the College of Education has to either be enrolled in the academic college or be an active member of a club which is a member of Education Inter-Club Council (EICC).

## 7. CANDIDACY

#### a. Filing for Candidacy

To be a candidate a student must submit a "Petition of Candidacy" form declaring to run during an election. Candidates may run for only one elected position during a single election. Candidates must qualify to be elected or appointed to any ASI leadership position.

The "Petition of Candidacy" forms will open at least one month before and are due at 5 PM PST the Monday before the Mandatory Candidate Orientation. All deadlines, meetings, and events will be listed on the candidacy form.

The Candidate Orientation time, date, and location shall be stated on the Petition for Candidacy forms. The mandatory candidate orientation must occur at least two weeks prior to the general election.

#### b. Write-in Candidates

Write-in candidates are responsible for complying with all provisions of ASI Bylaws and ASI Policy except for attending the Candidate Orientation.

Write-in candidates may run for any one office of their choice for which an election is being held.

Write-in candidates must complete the Petition for Candidacy form and an ASI Conflict of Interest Agreement. All documents must be submitted to the Elections Director before 5:00 PM PST on Tuesday prior to the start of the election.

#### c. Verification

The Dean of Students or designee will verify the qualifications of candidates running for office or whom have applied for an appointed position. They will report to the ASI Executive Director concerning the qualifications of all candidates or applicants. The ASI Executive Director will have the responsibility to report any ineligible candidate or applicant set forth in ASI Bylaws, ASI Policy, and/or directives from the Chancellor's Office.

### 8. ENDORSEMENTS

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.

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.

Any unit, body, or office of ASI shall be prohibited from promoting or discouraging a vote in favor or against any proposition, candidate, or candidate team in any election.

## 9. EXPENSES

All candidates must submit an Election Expense Report to the Elections Director. This report must list all expenses and donations: copies of all campaign materials, receipts for expenses, and donated material will be reported at fair market value for the items or services.

Election Expense Reports will be due by 5:00 PM PST on the Tuesday after the election unless otherwise arranged with the Elections Director.

Election Expense Reports will be considered public information.

## 10. VIOLATIONS

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 CSU Fullerton protocols. Any candidate or candidate team found before the Elections Judicial Council whom violated these Bylaws or ASI Policy shall be subject to consequences.

a. Class A (Automatic Disqualification) Violations

Class A (Disqualifiable) Violations shall carry three (3) strikes. If a candidate commits any of the following,

the candidate is automatically disqualified from the election:

- A violation of these Bylaws, ASI Policy, CSU Fullerton Policy, State or Federal Law in connection to the election in a way which extensively affects the outcome or integrity of the electoral or judicial processes.
- Using CSU Fullerton or ASI authority, facilities, funds, or resources that are not open to all students for campaign purposes to an extent which extensively affects the outcome or integrity of the election.
- Intimidating, impeding, threatening, or retaliating against voters, parties of ASI Board of Directors appeals case, Elections Team, Elections Judicial Council members, candidates, potential candidates, or other persons related to the election.
- Interfering with the polling, voting, or vote count mechanism. Including but not limited to: submitting multiple ballots, modifying any ballot other than one's own, or submitting a ballot for another person.
- Failing to appear at a formal hearing before the ASI Board of Directors.

#### b. Class B (Major) Violations

Class B (Major) Violations shall carry two (2) strikes. If a candidate commits any of the following, the candidate will acquire two (2) strikes against their campaign and, the official ballot shall reflect the specific violation and circumstance:

- A violation of these Bylaws, ASI Policy, CSU Fullerton Policy, State or Federal Law in connection to the election in a way which moderately affects the outcome or integrity of the electoral or judicial processes.
- Using CSU Fullerton or ASI authority, facilities, funds, or resources that are not open to all students for campaign purposes to an extent which moderately affects the outcome or integrity of the election.
- Repeatedly destroying, defacing, covering, moving or removing from their places, posters, signs, banners, leaflets, or flyers representing student organizations and/or University departments in connection to the election.
- Disseminating information intended to mislead or deceive as to the mechanics of the election or intentionally disseminating information that is objectively and probably false on matters pertaining to the CSU Fullerton or the ASI in connection to the election.
- Willfully violating an order from the Elections Judicial Council.
- Filing malicious, frivolous, misleading, or bad faith charges or complaints against any candidate, candidate team, proponent, or opponent in the Elections Judicial Council. If an individual engages a third party to file such charges, both individuals shall be held responsible.
- Actively campaigning or posting campaign materials before the mandatory Candidate Orientation.
- Any Board of Directors candidates from the same college officially or unofficially campaigning together.
- Claiming an endorsement of an individual, group, organization, party, etc. without consent.
- Using the intellectual property of another person or organization to campaign, without the permission of the rightful owner. Candidates shall obtain permission in writing. Action for this violation can only be brought by or on the complaint of the rightful owner.
- Purchasing paid campaign advertising, or soliciting unpaid campaign advertising, in CSU
   Fullerton or ASI affiliated publication.
- Using internet enabled devices to acquire votes during the voting period. This includes cell phones, tablets, laptops, and other devices that may access the elections ballot.
- Using any means of unsolicited electronic communication "spam" to campaign (electronic mail, phone, message, text, social media). The following are not "Spam":
  - The recipient initiated contact regarding campaign matters through the same communication medium with the author,

- The recipient gave their contact information for the same communication medium to the author's campaign,
- The communication is sent through a social network and the recipient has the author as a connection/friend/etc. on the same social network, or
- The communication is sent through a listserv/group message mechanism run by some organization and the author has permission from the leadership of that organization or is a member in good standing of that organization and the communication clearly indicates the group/listserv through which it is sent. This criteria shall not be valid for group messages sent to an entire class, academic program, or other groups/listservs which students are required to be or automatically are members of

## c. Class C (Minor) Violations

Class C (Minor) Violations shall carry one (1) strike. If a candidate commits any of the following the candidate will acquire one (1) strike against their campaign, and the official ballot shall reflect the specific violation and circumstance:

- A violation of these Bylaws, ASI Policy, CSU Fullerton Policy, State or Federal Law in connection to the election in a way which minimally affects the outcome or integrity of the electoral or judicial processes.
- Using CSU Fullerton or ASI authority, facilities, funds, or resources that are not open to all students for campaign purposes to an extent which minimally affects the outcome or integrity of the election.
- Violating the CSU Fullerton Posting Policy. Refer to Student Life and Leadership for more information.
- Distributing food and/or beverage, with the exception of unopened water bottles and prepackaged snacks.
- Falsely claiming a past or current position, title, membership, award, other affiliation, etc. with an individual, group, organization, party, etc. When applicable, membership deemed shall be defined as being a member in good standing. Past membership, affiliation, etc. must be noted as such.
- Using the name of any person without prior written consent of that individual. Any materials in violation will be seized and destroyed by the Elections Director.
- Leaving or posting campaign materials in any campus computer lab or classroom containing computers provided by CSU Fullerton.

## 11. COMPLAINTS

Complaints regarding elections shall be filed electronically on the ASI Website. The complaint must be submitted with a valid contact phone number or email. Incomplete or anonymous complaints will not be considered. Election complaints must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the infraction. All formal complaints filed after twenty-four (24) hours of the infraction will not be considered unless the severity of the violation warrants consideration.

Complainant or designee must appear at the Elections Judicial Council meeting or the complaint will be dismissed.

Complaints regarding candidate violations shall be heard by the Elections Judicial Council. Complaints regarding the elections process or Elections Team shall be heard by the Board of Directors.

## 12. ELECTIONS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Elections Judicial Council exists to hear all complaints pertaining to the conduct of any candidate and/or candidate team.

The Elections Judicial Council shall establish annually a schedule by the start of the spring semester. The Elections Judicial Council shall be chaired by the Elections Director and shall be comprised of the Elections Coordinators, a member of the ASI Board of Directors, a member of the Executive Team, and a member of the TSC Board of Trustees. All members of the Elections Judicial Council must have Board of Directors confirmation and declare impartiality through the elections cycle.

Members of the Elections Judicial Council shall be chosen by the last Board of Directors meeting of the fall semester. Once a member is confirmed by the Board of Directors they shall be the only voting member to represent their constituents for the duration of the elections cycle.

Complaints of similar nature under the discretion of the Elections Director may be considered together. Once complaints have been ruled on as a violation there may be a penalty associated with it. All violations shall be thoroughly documented by the Elections Director as all violations are subject to appeal to the Board of Directors.

## 14. ELECTIONS JUDICIAL COUNCIL CONDUCT

## a. Non-Conflict of Interest

In accordance with California Education Code, Sections 89906, 89907, 89908 and 89909, all Elections Judicial Council members shall submit a Certification of Non-Conflict of Interest Statement as outlined below:

I have read California Education Code Sections 89906, 89907, 89908 and 89909, and I am not involved financially, through employment or family connections, with any business, firm, vendor, and/or service bureau doing business with this corporation.

Should I find in some future matter before the Elections Judicial Council that there may be the potential of a conflict of interest, I shall disclose that potential conflict and abstain from voting, as prescribed in Education Code. Section 89907.

This Non-Conflict of Interest Statement shall be submitted at the time a member assumes their official duties. Statements shall be retained in the ASI Administrative Office.

## 23.13. PENALITES

Any violation(s) of the ASI Bylaws or ASI Policy pertaining to an election may result in a penalty including: suspension or revocation of any publicity, posting, campaigning privileges; posting electronic notice of candidate violations on the ballot; and/or automatic disqualification and shall be administered at the discretion of the Elections Judicial Council. Violations are appealable to the ASI Board of Directors.

Result removal from the ballot:

- Failure to meet all deadlines listed on the Petition for Candidacy form, including the mandatory candidate orientation
- Each candidate shall sign an ASI Conflict of Interest Agreement before campaigning may begin
- Each candidate or candidate team who has accrued three strikes of any combination

## 24.14. APPEALS

When a formal complaint becomes a violation, by the Elections Judicial Council, any party identified receiving consequences may appeal the decision to the ASI Board of Directors.

Once notified of the appeal, the Board of Directors will conduct a formal hearing at the next Board of

Directors meeting. All parties identified will be required to attend the hearing, including a member of the Elections Judicial Council.

An individual shall be exempt from appearing before the ASI Board of Directors if they can show:

- A valid health excuse, out of town commitment, death in the family, employment obligations,
- Exam/paper due twenty-four hours following the case, an academic commitment during the meeting time,
- Observance of a religious holy day or ceremony which prevents attendance,
- Jury duty or mandatory appearance for legal/administrative proceedings during the meeting time, or
- A force majeure which prevents attendance (this shall be defined as a chance occurrence or unavoidable accident that is not the result of negligence or misfeasance by the individual).

Once the Board of Directors has reached a verdict on the appeal through a formal vote, there shall be no further course of action for all parties involved in the hearing.

# 15. REFERENDUM, SPECIAL ELECTIONS, INITIATIVES, AND RECALL

All referenda, initiatives, and recalls shall be considered binding if done in coordination with the above processes unless they contradict Federal, State, or local law, the Articles of Incorporation, the ASI Bylaws, or the purpose of the Corporation.

#### a. Referendum

The Board of Directors will be empowered to direct the Elections Director to place certain matters, including constitutional changes or business, before the student body. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be sufficient to enact referenda. All referendum shall follow CSU Chancellors Office and CSU Fullerton set guidelines.

## b. Special Elections

Only determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. All special elections will be held during a general election whenever possible.

When a special election is held separate from a general election, the following conditions shall apply:

- The availability of the voting practices will be identical to that of the most recent previous general election.
- Eligibility requirements shall not change.
- Winners shall be determined by the same method as noted in ASI Policy.
- Candidates shall have the seven (7) consecutive calendar days before voting to campaign.

## c. Initiative Legislation

Initiative legislation from the student body may be submitted to the Board of Directors in the form of a petition signed by at least 10% of the total membership of the student body. An initiative can either enact new legislation or repeal existing legislation.

The Vice President for Student Affairs shall verify through the Dean of Students Office the enrollment status of all the students whose signature appears on the petition. After verification, a special election shall be called by the President within fifteen (15) legal days of certification of signatures.

A majority vote in favor of the proposed legislation shall be sufficient to adopt any initiative legislation.

#### d. Recall

The President, Vice President, a member of the Board of Directors, or a member of the TSC Board of Trustees may be removed from the remaining term of office when the following conditions are met:

- A petition stating the desire to remove a Director must be signed by ten percent (10%) of the headcount of the Director's respective academic college. In the case of the President,-Vice President or Titan Student Centers Student Trustee, a petition stating the desire to remove that officer must be signed by five percent (5%) of the entire headcount of the University. The petitions must include each petitioner's printed name, Campus Wide ID number, and signature to be considered valid.
- Prior to the gathering of signatures, the leader of the recall drive must state in a letter or in person at an ASI Board of Directors meeting the intent to recall an officer. The petition drive has thirty
   (30) calendar days from announcement to gather the necessary signatures or the recall fails.
- If the correct number of signatures is gathered, they must be verified by the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.
- If the appropriate number of signatures is verified, the President must call a special election within fifteen (15) legal days.
- The availability of the Voting Practices will be identical to that of the most recent previous general election.
- Two-thirds of students voting in a special election must vote to recall the officer for the officer to be removed.

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