

Associated Students Inc.



Elections Judicial Council Meeting

Fri Feb 21, 2025 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM PST

1. Call to Order (Giacchino)

DJ Giacchino, Chair, called meeting to order at 9:34 am

2. Roll Call

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

Members absent: None

Liaisons present: Hesgard, Vazquez

Liaison absent: None

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

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

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

3. Approval of Agenda

 **(Nebedum-m / Morales, S.) The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.**

4. Approval of Minutes

a. None

5. Public Speakers

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

There were no public speakers

6. Time Certain

a. None

7. Reports

a. Elections Director (Giacchino)

No report

b. Student Government Director

Rebecca Hesgard, Director of Student Government welcomed the Committee to the first Election Judicial Council of the Spring 2025 semester. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions at the end of the meeting if clarification was needed. Rebecca emphasized a flexible approach to discussions, and informed that there would be a discussion later in the meeting regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.

8. Unfinished Business

a. None

9. New Business

a. Discussion: Orientation and Training (Giacchino)

The Committee will discuss the EJC roles and responsibilities and Elections Policies.

Director Hesgard welcomed all members and reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Elections Judicial Council (EJC). It was noted that this review is customary during the first meeting of every committee under the ASI Board. The EJC convenes exclusively in the Spring, coinciding with the election period.

Director Hesgard outlined the EJC's purpose: to address complaints related to candidate conduct and respond to requests for information (RFIs). The Committee comprises the Elections Director (Chair), two Elections Coordinators, a member of the Board of Directors, an executive officer, and a faculty liaison. RFIs serve to clarify ASI bylaws or policies, particularly aiding candidates during their campaigns. Submitted RFIs are initially reviewed by the Elections Director and the Director for Student Government. If further deliberation is necessary, the RFI is added to the next EJC meeting agenda. The RFI form is available on the ASI website, and all election-related inquiries should be directed there.

Complaint forms are accessible on the ASI website. Complaints must be submitted within 24 hours of identifying an issue to ensure timely resolution. Upon receiving a complaint, the respondent is notified. If found responsible, consequences are determined based on the campaign violation system.

Violations compromising the elections are categorized as follows:

Class A: Severe violations resulting in three strikes and automatic disqualification.

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Accumulating three strikes, irrespective of class, may lead to disqualification. Additionally, missing critical deadlines, such as candidacy form submissions or mandatory orientations, can result in removal from the ballot.

Members are expected to maintain impartiality throughout the election period. Engaging in campaigning for or against any candidate is prohibited. This neutrality extends to personal interactions and social media activities. While private support through guidance or encouragement is acceptable, public displays of bias are discouraged.

Giacchino opened the floor to discussion and questions.

Nebedum asked for clarification acceptable social media interactions. Hesgard responded that members should refrain from commenting or reposting election-related content. If such actions have occurred, it's advisable to remove them to uphold impartiality.


Nebedum followed by asking for clarification on the 24-hour complaint submission window. Hesgard responded that the 24-hour requirement is stipulated in ASI policy to ensure prompt handling of issues. Complaints submitted after this period may be dismissed; however, the Elections Director and the Director for Student Government will review each case to determine its validity. All candidates are encouraged to act within that time.

10. Announcements & Members Privilege

None

11. Adjournment (Giacchino)

Giacchino adjourned the meeting at 9:49 am.


DJ Giacchino (Mar 13, 2025 13:50 PDT)

DJ Giacchino, Chair



Erika Perret-Martinez, Recording Secretary

Roll Call Spring-2025

02/21/2025 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	
Advisor	HESGARD	REBECCA	1	
			Present	Absent
			2	0

Recording Secretary:

Erika Perret-Martinez











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PURPOSE

Purpose of the Elections Judicial Council (EJC) is to hear all **complaints** related to conduct of any candidate(s), and to review and respond to **requests for information** (RFI).

MEMBERSHIP – Members of the EJC include:

1. Elections Director (Chair)
2. Elections Coordinators
3. Member of the ASI Board of Directors
4. Member from the ASI Executive Officers
5. Faculty Liaison

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

RFI's are utilized to **clarify any ASI Bylaw or Policy**. Typically, it is used to help clarify what is, and is not, allowed.

Submitted RFIs will be reviewed first by the ASI Elections Director and Director for Student Government. If the RFI requires further consideration, it will be added to the next EJC meeting agenda

RFI form can be found on the ASI Website. Any elections question from here on out should be **referred to the RFI form**.

COMPLAINTS

The complaint form can be found on the ASI Website throughout the campaigning period. Complaints should be submitted **within 24-hours** of identifying an issue or concern.

The **respondent** to any complaint will be notified of any complaints issued on their elections campaign.

The purpose of the Campaign Violation System is to hold candidates, candidate teams, and the ASI Elections Team **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.

COMPLAINTS

The **complainant** or designee must appear at the Elections Judicial Council for the complaint to be considered.

The **respondent** to any complaint will be notified of any complaints issued on their elections campaign. The respondent or designee may also appear at the Elections Judicial Council to provide comments.

VIOLATION SYSTEM

Any candidate or candidate team found before the Elections Judicial Council who violated these Bylaws or ASI Policy shall be subject to **consequences**.

Class A (Disqualifiable) Violations shall carry three (3) strikes. Automatically Disqualified.

Class B (Major) Violations shall carry two (2) strikes. The official ballot shall reflect the specific violation and circumstance

Class C (Minor) Violations shall carry one (1) strike. The official ballot shall reflect the specific violation and circumstance

VIOLATION SYSTEM

A candidate may be removed from the ballot due to:

- Failure to meet all deadlines listed on the Petition for Candidacy form, including Mandatory Candidate Orientation
- **A candidate or candidate team who has accrued three strikes of any combination.**

RESPONSIBILITIES

Members of the EJC have a critical role of **remaining impartial** throughout the duration of the Elections period.

EJC members **should not** be involved in campaigning for or against any one candidate or candidate team.

Neutrality regarding candidates is required.

This is inclusive of time not spent actively performing the scope of your duties within ASI and extends to both your **physical person** and your **social media presence**.

ANY QUESTIONS?



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