

Elections Judicial Council ~ Special Fri Mar 14, 2025 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM PDT

1. Call to Order (Giacchino)

Chair Giacchino called the meeting to order at 10: 46 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Liaisons Present: Hesgard, Vasquez

Liaisons 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 end 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 S.-m / Cova-s) The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

- a. None
- 5. Public Speakers

This is a time where members of the public may address the Council on matters posted on this agenda.

There were 5 public speakers.

Amy Parker addressed the council by urging them to consider all complaints fairly and in accordance with the exact language of ASI policies. She expressed concern that the council had previously set a dangerous precedent by ignoring policy language to provide candidates with flexibility. Parker emphasized that policies are binding and should not be overlooked. She

supported the ruling made against Joel in a prior meeting and called on the council to uphold that same standard consistently to protect the integrity of ASI and its democratic processes.

Speaker 2 briefly addressed the council, expressing hope that the meeting would result in a just outcome. They urged the council to consider each complaint fairly and with care.

Speaker 3, Juan Seguro reiterated his stance before the council, emphasizing that regardless of the outcome, he and Syed aimed to clear their names and participate in a fair judicial process. He acknowledged that such environments can foster hostility and division but firmly rejected that tone. He stressed that their campaign's mission was always to serve students, encourage civic engagement, and win the election fairly by using social media and modern campaign methods responsibly and in accordance with ASI policies. He closed by affirming students' rights to voice concerns while underscoring the importance of maintaining integrity.

Speaker 4, Joe Morales began by expressing appreciation for the extended meeting and emphasized the importance of fairness and justice in the proceedings. He addressed a distinction between being posted on an ICC and actively participating in one as a student leader, stating that comparing the two is unfair. He also defended the use of social media in campaigns, noting the evolution of campaign strategies from 2005 to 2025 and arguing that digital engagement should not be used to discredit any team. Finally, he pointed out that while Joel and Jade had been running a legitimate campaign, they shifted focus from their platform to targeting Seguro and Syed, which he found concerning.

Speaker 5 Meghan Hannoun addressed the Committee, expressing concerns about the conduct of an opposing campaign. She stated the Titan Proud slate faced bullying tactics, including fabricated violations and misrepresentations of ASI election policies. Hannoun criticized individuals who displayed symbolic solidarity (e.g., wearing a kufiyah) while allegedly undermining the SWANA community's integrity. She emphasized the SWANA organization's need to defend its support for a student advocate, calling the situation regrettable and highlighting the importance of ethical campaign practices.

- 6. Time Certain
 - a. None
- 7. Reports
 - a. None
- 8. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
- 9. New Business
 - a. Action: Elections Complaint #7 (Giacchino)

 The Elections Judicial Council will consider Complaint #7.

EJC 05 24/25 (Wamala -m /Cova -s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the review of complaint #7.

Chair Giacchino reviewed a summary of the complaint. He invited the complainant to speak. The complainant dismissed the report.

EJC 05 24/25 (Wamala -m /Cova -s) The complaint was dismissed.

b. Action: Elections Complaint #8 (Giacchino)

The Elections Judicial Council will consider Complaint #8.

EJC 06 24/25 (Nebedum-m/Wamala-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the review of complaint #8.

Chair Giacchino invited the complainant to the podium. The complainant expressed that Morales S. should abstain from voting as she is Joe Morales's sister. Morales S. clarified that she is not related to Joe Morales.

The complainant raised concerns about Joe Morales's Instagram post in which he claimed to have "secured \$111,000 in ASI scholarships." They argued that the use of the word "secured" implied a misleading level of personal involvement and authority, especially since Morales, as the ASI President, did not have voting power in scholarship approvals, which were decided by the ASI Board. The complainant believed this was a misuse of ASI authority and potentially deceptive, particularly because the statement was made during his term. They concluded by urging the council to take the complaint seriously and to act with transparency.

The respondent rejected the complaint against him, asserting that the accusation of misusing ASI authority and resources for campaign purposes was baseless and misleading. He addressed the specific claim that he misled voters by stating he secured \$111,000 in ASI scholarships, explaining that his social media post clearly reflected a collective effort and did not claim individual credit. He pointed to the caption of the post, which the complainant included in their emphasized that increasing scholarship access was one of his priorities as ASI President and emphasized that increasing scholarship access was one of his active role in that process. The respondent also defended his use of his accomplishments in campaign materials, arguing that respondent also defended his use of his accomplishments in campaign materials, arguing that thusthlighting relevant qualifications is appropriate and not a misuse of position. He expressed frustration over what he saw as a personal attack on his integrity and described the complaint as a harmful attempt to discredit him and others associated with his campaign.

Chair Giacchino opened the floor to questions. There were none.

Chair Giacchhino opened the floor to discussion:

Morales S. clarified that she is not related to anyone on the ASI or ASI Board and emphasized that she was elected Vice President by Cal State Fullerton students. She stated that she approaches her role on the Council fairly and without bias, participating in her own time out of a

sense of duty to those who elected her. She also explained that, as a business student, she views the situation similarly to a résumé entry, highlighting the candidate's involvement as part of professional and academic development.

Mebedum stated that while Joe Morales is not a voting member, she acknowledged based on her experience on the Board of Directors that many initiatives are led by the ASI President and Vice President. She affirmed that Morales actively advocated for the matters he highlighted in his Instagram post and expressed that, in her view, sharing past accomplishments is not a violation.

Director of Student Government, Rebecca Hesgard acknowledged that a similar complaint had been discussed briefly in a previous meeting and asked whether the perspective of the post being similar to a résumé had merit. She emphasized the importance of referring back to the elections policy, particularly its focus on deception, which typically involves candidates making false claims—such as holding positions they did not have or falsely claiming endorsements. She encouraged the Council to continue discussing the complaint through the lens of policy interpretation and how it applies to the situation.

Chair Giacchino acknowledged the focus on potential deception in the complaint and pointed out that the main distinction between this case and a prior one was the wording—specifically, that Quock stated "worked to approve," while Morales had used "secured." He noted that, as ASI President, Morales actively supports and leads such initiatives, which makes the use of the word "secured" not entirely deceptive in his view. If the Council were to consider the wording an issue, he suggested it might warrant only a Class C violation at most.

Wamala referenced earlier comments and emphasized that the complaint focused on deception, which would require proof that the information in the post was false. He stated that if such a claim were to hold, there would need to be clear evidence showing any part of the post was untrue. He also noted that members of the Elections Judicial Council, some of whom are also on the Board, had effectively affirmed that the post did not contain false information.

EJC 006 24/25 (Nebedum-m/Wamala-s) Roll Call Vote: 2-3-0. The motion failed.

c. Action: Elections Complaint #9 (Giacchino)

The Elections Judicial Council Will consider Complaint #9.

EJC 007 24/25 (Morales-m/Nebedum-s) a motion was made and seconded to approve the review of Complaint #9.

Chair Gracchino invited the complainant to speak at the podium. The respondent thanked the council and mentioned finding campaign flyers in College Park and outside Pollock Library on the second day of the ASI elections. They argued that using university facilities to promote a campaign violated ASI policies and should be considered Class C violations. The respondent felt this gave one campaign an unfair advantage and requested the council to address these as Class C violations.

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The respondent addressed the complaint, denying any violation of ASI policies regarding the use of university facilities, funds, or resources for campaign purposes. They clarified that they did not personally place any campaign materials in College Park or the library, nor did they instruct anyone on their slate to do so. The respondent emphasized that these spaces are open to all students, which aligns with ASI policy. They also pointed out that they distributed about 250 handbills, and what students did with them afterward was outside their control. The respondent dismissed the complaint as frivolous and misleading, arguing there was no proof the photos in question weren't staged.

Chair Giacchino opened the floor to questions. There were none.

Chair Giacchhino opened the floor to discussion:

Hesgard spoke specifically about the second question, noting that the complaint could be seen as involving two Class C violations due to materials being found in two separate locations. She explained that the policy regarding campaign materials in campus computer labs or classrooms originated when voting was done through those labs. However, since the shift to online voting, accessible via personal devices, this aspect of the policy may no longer be relevant. Hesgard suggested that the Board of Directors might need to review and possibly update the language in the policy to better reflect the current elections process. She then left the floor open for the Council to discuss their interpretations of the policy in relation to campaign materials in public spaces.

Chair Giacchino addressed the issue, acknowledging the challenges posed by the rise of social media and the changing nature of campaigning. He emphasized that, as he interprets the policy, materials should not be left in classrooms, as the policy specifically prohibits it. However, he noted that the public library, which is open to everyone, differs in this regard, so campaign materials in that space would not be a violation. He agreed with the respondent that what students do with handbills after receiving them is beyond the control of the slate. Chair Giacchino also pointed out that there's no way to confirm whether the materials were placed by the candidate or by someone else, suggesting the possibility that the photos in question might have been staged.

Morales S. suggested that the Council recommend to the Board that the policy be made more specific regarding where campaign materials can be placed. She raised the possibility of amending the violation to a single Class C strike instead of two, given the uncertainty about whether the materials were placed by the candidate or left by someone else. She emphasized that, regardless of the scenario, the policy clearly outlines the rules, and it is important to follow them.

Morales S. made a motion to amend the action to a one-strike Class C violation, suggesting a reduction from the two Class C violations initially considered.

Vasquez sought clarification, asking if the council was implying that any materials found anywhere on campus would automatically be the responsibility of the candidate themselves.

Chair Giacchino clarified that the focus was specifically on the classroom portion of the policy. He explained that materials in classrooms are prohibited, but the public library, which is accessible to everyone, is different. Therefore, the violation in question pertains only to the classroom aspect of the policy.

Vasquez questioned whether a student candidate would be held responsible if someone else left campaign materials in a classroom.

Chair Giacchino responded that, during orientation, candidates were reminded to be mindful of what others do, as it still pertains to their campaign materials. He suggested that Hesgard could speak more to the matter in greater detail.

Hesgard addressed the question of whether candidates are responsible for the actions of their supporters. She explained that during candidate orientation, it was made clear that any actions related to a candidate's campaign, whether directly or indirectly, could be seen as a reflection of that candidate. She noted that there needs to be evidence or proof to show that a violation was made knowingly by the candidate or their supporters. Regarding the specific amendment, she asked for clarification from Morales, S., confirming that the focus was on the two Class C violations: one in a public space like the library and one in a classroom with computers provided by CSUF. She suggested that the council's focus should be on the classroom violation.

Vasquez raised a concern, questioning whether assigning a Class C violation would hold the candidate liable without evidence of their involvement. Giacchino confirmed that it would, and Vasquez reminded everyone that such a decision could lead to an appeal process, which the Board of Directors would likely need to address. Giacchino agreed, noting that the Board would need to fine-tune such decisions, especially in light of changes brought by social media and evolving campaign methods.

Hesgard then clarified that if the Council voted in favor of a Class C violation, it would assign liability to the candidate, which could open up the opportunity for an appeal. She also pointed out that the library violation should likely be dismissed since it is an open space accessible to all students. The focus should then be on the violation related to the classroom, and the council needed to discuss whether they believed the candidate was responsible for leaving materials there.

Nebedum inquired whether it was known if there had been campus-provided computers inside CP122, or if it was just a classroom.

Chair Giacchino replied that it is just implied, and that there is no evidence supporting the presence of a computer in the classroom.

Nebedum stated that she felt the violation being claimed related to something left in a classroom. She acknowledged knowing about an outdated policy from when votes were cast on computers. Nebedum suggested that if there had been a computer in that classroom, she might have considered it a Class C violation. Based on the picture provided, she evaluated the situation as potentially Class C. She observed that the handbills did not appear to have been posted but

could have been left behind. Nebedum also noted she did not see any computers in the classroom as per the claim. Therefore, she concluded that she did not believe it was a violation because there was insufficient evidence supporting it.

Vasquez added that clarification would be needed regarding "computers" or "classrooms containing computers." They questioned whether the IT-provided tower used for projecting laptops counted as a computer and asked what the distinction was between a classroom with a computer and one without. Vasquez briefly noted these were points to consider for the future.

EJC 007.a 24/25 (Morales-m/Nebedum-s) Roll Call Vote 4-0-1 . The amendment to change the action to a one-strike Class C violation from two Class C violations was approved. EJC 007 24/25 (Morales-m/Nebedum-s) Roll Call Vote 1-3-1 . The motion to approve Complaint #9 failed. 10. Announcements & Members Privilege None 11. Adjournment Chair Giacchino adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m. DJ Giacchino, Elections Committee Chair Erika Perret-Martinez, Recording Secretary Reviewed and approved by the ASI Board of Directors, May 6, 2025.

Noah Alvarez Noah Alvarez, Board Secretary Crika Perret-Martinez Erika Perret-Martinez, Recording Secretary

Roll Call Spring-2025

03/14/2025 EJC (SPECIAL) MEETING

Attendance	Board Members			
	Present Abser			
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
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Attendance			Liaisons		
			Present Absent		
Campus	VAZQUEZ	PHILLIP	1		
Advisor	HESGARD	REBECCA	1		
			Present	Absent	
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Recording Secretary:

Erika Perret-Martinez

Roll Call Votes			006 Elections Complaint #7		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
BOD	NEBEDUM	SOMI		-	
EJC TEAM	COVA	ALYSSA			
EJC TEAM	WAMALA	NATHANIEL	DISMISSED		
VICE PRESIDENT	MORALES	SUZIE			
CHAIR	GIACCHINO	DJ			
			YES	No	ABSTAIN
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Roll Call Votes			AMENDMENT '008 Elections Complaint #9		
			YES	NO	ABSTAIN
BOD	NEBEDUM	SOMI	1		
EJC TEAM	COVA	ALYSSA			1
EJC TEAM	WAMALA	NATHANIEL	1		
VICE PRESIDENT	MORALES	SUZIE	1		
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ASI Election Complaint Form 2024-2025

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* 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.

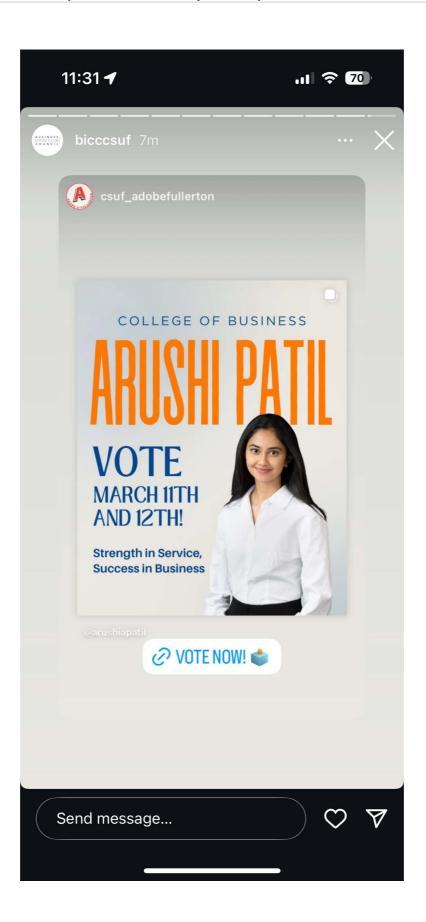
This complaint is against Arushi Patil, a candidate for Board of Directors representing CBE. On March 11th, 2025 at around 11:20 the official BICC account reposted Arushi Patil's campaign flyer along with a link to online voting. BICC is the ICC for the College of Business and Economics and is directly funded by ASI funds.

This story post explicitly encouraging voting for Patil is a clear and severe breach of ASI elections policy because ASI policy states that "Using Cal State 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." results in a possible class A violation. In addition Section 8 Endorsements states 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." Overall this post on the BICC instagram account which has over 1,500 followers severely impacts the fairness of the election and extensively affects the outcome of the election.

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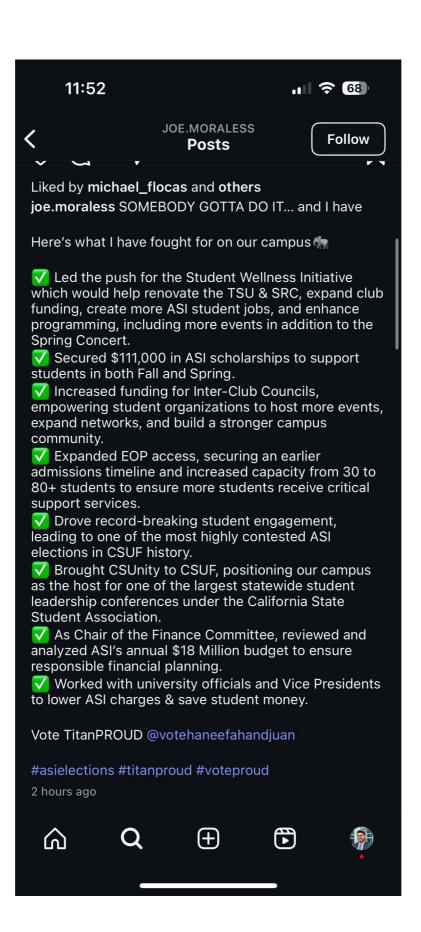
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This complaint is against Joe Morales, the current ASI President who is a candidate for the Board of Directors representing the College of HHS, due to a potential Class A Violation. This violation is tied to the use of ASI authority and resources for campaign purposes, which is strictly prohibited. On March 11th, 2025 at around 9:50AM, Joe posted campaign material on his personal instagram account(@Joe.moraless) that highlight achievements that the Board of Directors approved not hime specifically. These included statements like "securing S111,000 in ASI Scholarships" and increasing funding for ICC's. These actions directly reference ASI funded initiatives and budgetary decisions made during his term in office, which constitutes using ASI authority and resources to promote his candidacy which according to the ASI election policy is a possible Class A violation. Mentioning large figures of money that was given or approved by the Board of Directors clearly has extensive influence on the electorate. In addition it's misleading to say that Joe Morales secured \$111,000 in ASI Scholarships because it was done collectively through the Board of Directors and Joe doesn't have voting authority as ASI President. According to ASI election policy "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 Cal State Fullerton or the ASI in connection to the election" can be a possible Class B violation.

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Roberto Flores	
* Complainant Email	
* Complainant Phone Number	
* This complaint is against:	

A President and/or Vice President Candidate

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Good evening,

I am writing this complaint to bring to your attention a violation committed by Haneefah Syed and Juan Salguero's campaign. I found "voting guides" with their names as well as the names of everyone in their slate in the Pollak Library South and in the Communications Building in College Park, two clear Class C violations (2x) of the ASI Bylaws Concerning ASI Elections. In it, it states that "Using Cal State 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," which their campaign violates by placing voting materials in the Pollak Library and the Communications building, specifically, CP-122. It also states that "Leaving or posting campaign materials in any campus computer lab or classroom containing computers provided by Cal State Fullerton," which they left in the College Park classroom. The flyer in College Park was found at approximately 5:43 PM on March 12, 2025, and the flyer in the Pollak Library was found at approximately 6:53 PM on the same day.

This highly unethical behavior warrants review from the Election Judicial Council since they are using CSUF facilities and classrooms. Thank you for reading this complaint, I greatly appreciate it.

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