



Elections Judicial Council Minutes

Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton

2/20/2026 9:30 AMPST

@ ASI Boardroom, Titan Student Union

Meeting Details

Meeting Called By: Chris Le

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Attendees: Members, Staff, Public

CSU, Fullerton students, and members of the public may submit comments regarding any item posted on this agenda or matters of importance to the student body through the [Public Comment Form](#).

Comments will be reviewed by the Board Leadership, and submissions received prior to the meeting and that are applicable to the governing body will be read during the meeting.

1. Call To Order (Le)

Chair Le called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Adebajo, Le, Mallareddygari, Salguero, Teal

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 the Agenda

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Motion:

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Motion moved by Feyi Adebajo and motion seconded by Yashwanth Mallareddygari.

4. Approval of Minutes

None

5. Public Speakers

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any item appearing on this posted agenda or matters of importance to Cal State Fullerton students.
There were no public speakers.

6. Reports

A. Elections Director (Le)

Chair Le opened his report by noting that this was the first Elections Judicial Council meeting of the cycle and provided an update on the elections process, sharing that candidate applications had closed on February 10, orientations had been completed, and campaigning was now underway. He stated that he had been working with ASI staff and advisors to ensure candidates understood campaign guidelines and expectations, and that the council's priority moving forward would be monitoring campaign activity, addressing concerns, and upholding consistent standards to maintain the integrity of the election cycle.

B. Student Government Director (Hesgard)

Chair Le yielded to Rebecca Hesgard, ASI Director of Student Government. Hesgard welcomed members to the first Elections Judicial Council meeting and stated that there were no action items, as the meeting would focus primarily on training and orientation to ensure everyone was aligned moving forward. She added that if there were no pending matters or candidate concerns in future weeks, scheduled meetings would be canceled, and members should look out for communication from her and staff early each week regarding whether meetings would proceed.

7. Time Certain

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

A. Discussion: Orientation and Training (Le)

The Committee will discuss Elections Judicial Council (EJC) Roles, Responsibilities and Elections Policies.

Chair Le yielded to Rebecca Hesgard, ASI Director of Student Government. Hesgard presented an overview of the role and purpose of the Elections Judicial Council, explaining that the meeting focused on orientation and outlining the council's responsibility to hear election-related complaints and review requests for information regarding ASI bylaws and policies. She described the council's membership, clarified procedures for submitting and reviewing complaints, and explained the violation system, including Class A, B, and C violations and the strike process that could lead to disqualification. She also detailed how RFIs were submitted and reviewed to ensure consistent guidance for all candidates. She emphasized that council members were required to remain neutral and impartial throughout the entire elections period, both in meetings and in their personal conduct, including social media activity and interactions with candidates, to preserve the integrity and fairness of the election process. She concluded by inviting questions from the council. Chair Le opened the floor to questions.

- Salguero asked whether council members were allowed to answer candidates' questions about election policy directly or if they should instead refer them elsewhere, expressing concern about unintentionally giving inconsistent guidance. Hesgard responded that while members might have prior knowledge or experience, the safest and most equitable approach was to direct all policy-related questions to the RFI form so that responses could be shared consistently with all candidates and neutrality could be maintained.
- Salguero asked how much weight the council should give to precedent from previous years when evaluating complaints, given that election policies and campaign strategies change annually. Hesgard replied that while the EJC is not required to follow past rulings, historical information can be used as guidance during discussions, especially if a similar complaint has arisen before. She emphasized that slight differences in each situation, student creativity, and the evolving nature of campaigns mean that prior decisions are informative but not binding, and that the council should balance consistency with flexibility while ensuring integrity and fairness in the process.

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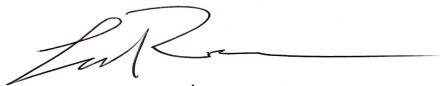
10. Announcements & Member's Privilege

Philip Vazquez introduced himself as the Director in the Office of Engagement and Belonging at Cal State Fullerton, explaining that while he would not participate in the ASI elections process, he was available as a liaison and resource for support, guidance, and policy questions. He shared his history with ASI, including serving as president in 2004 and on the Board of Directors, and expressed enthusiasm for supporting students and the council, noting his long-standing connection and commitment to the campus community.

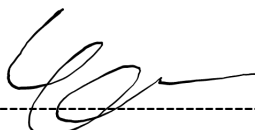
11. Adjournment (Le)

Chair Le adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am

Reviewed and approved by the ASI Board of Directors 4/7/2026:



Luca Romero
2026-04-09 15:38 UTC
Board Secretary



Erika Perret-Martinez
2026-04-08 15:20 UTC
Recording Secretary

Roll Call Spring-2026

02/20/2026 EJC MEETING

Attendance	Board Members			Present	Absent
BOD	MALLAREDDYGARI	YASHWANTH		1	
EJC Team	ADEBAJO	FEYI		1	
EJC Team	TEAL	COLSON		1	
VICE PRESIDENT	SALGUERO	JUAN		1	
CHAIR	LE	CHRIS		1	
				Present	Absent
				5	0

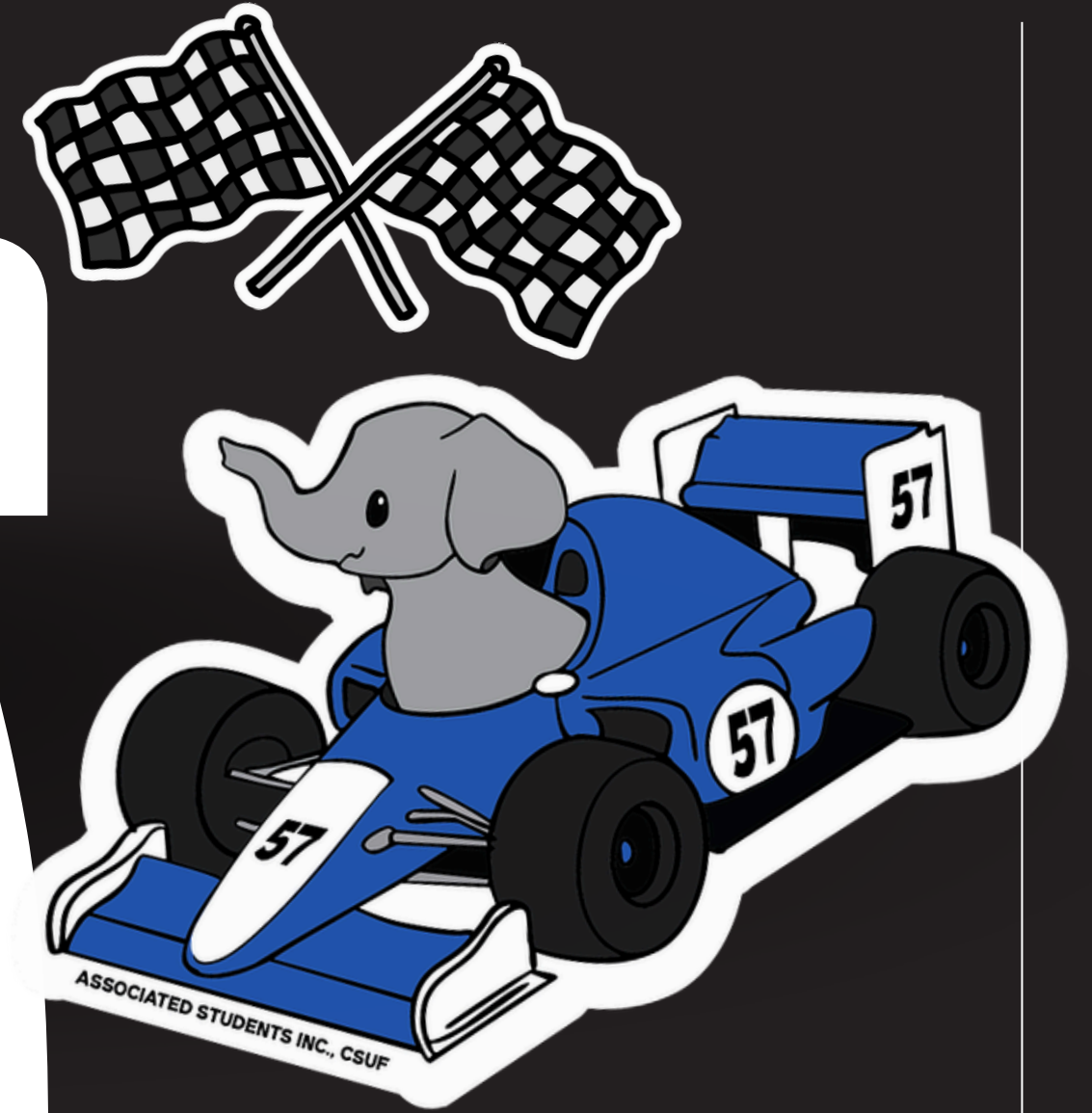
Attendance	Liaisons			Present	Absent
Campus	VAZQUEZ	PHILLIP		1	
Advisor	HESGARD	REBECCA		1	
				Present	Absent
				2	0

Recording Secretary:

Erika Perret-Martinez

ASU ELECTIONS

2025 - 2026



ELECTIONS JUDICIAL COUNCIL OVERVIEW



Purpose of the Elections Judicial Council (EJC)

Membership of the EJC

Complaints and Violation System

Requests for Information

Responsibilities of the EJC

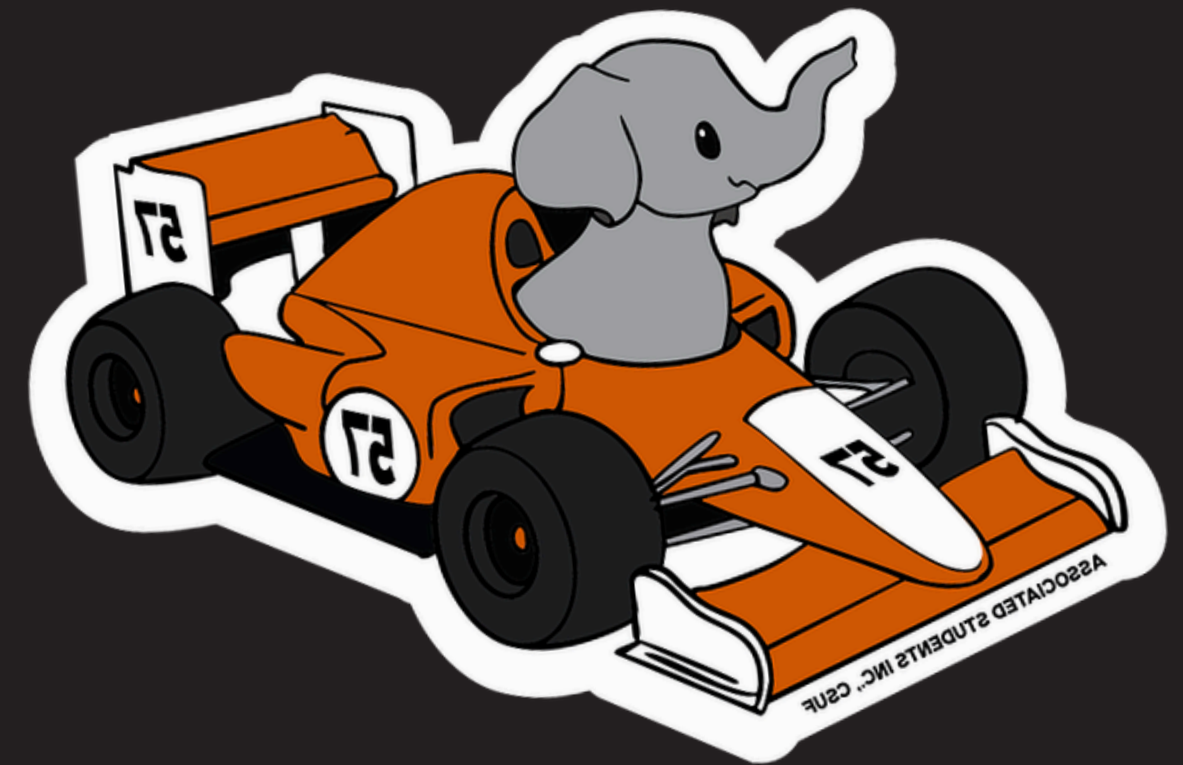
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ELECTIONS JUDICIAL COUNCIL OVRVIEW

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





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.



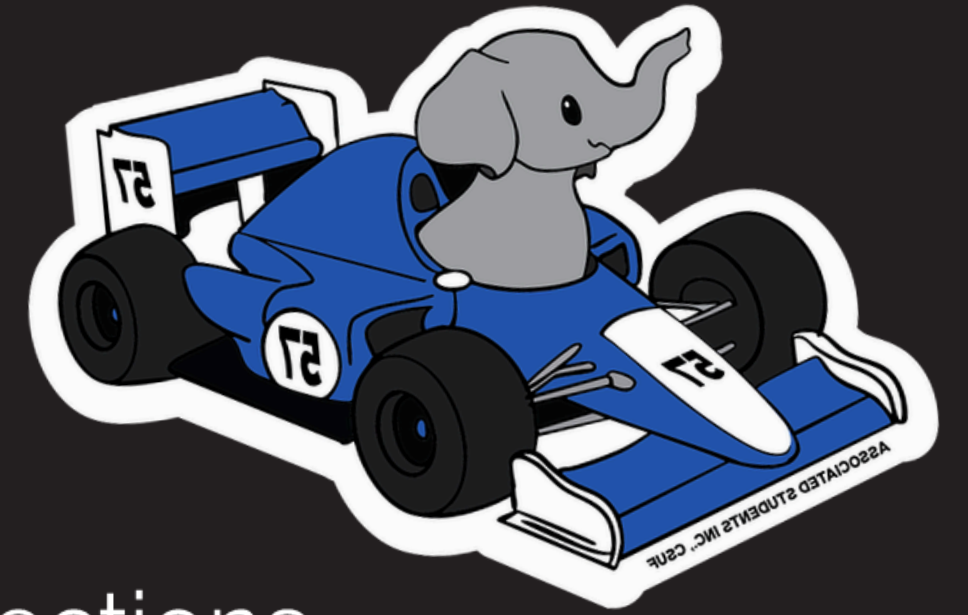
COMPLAINTS



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

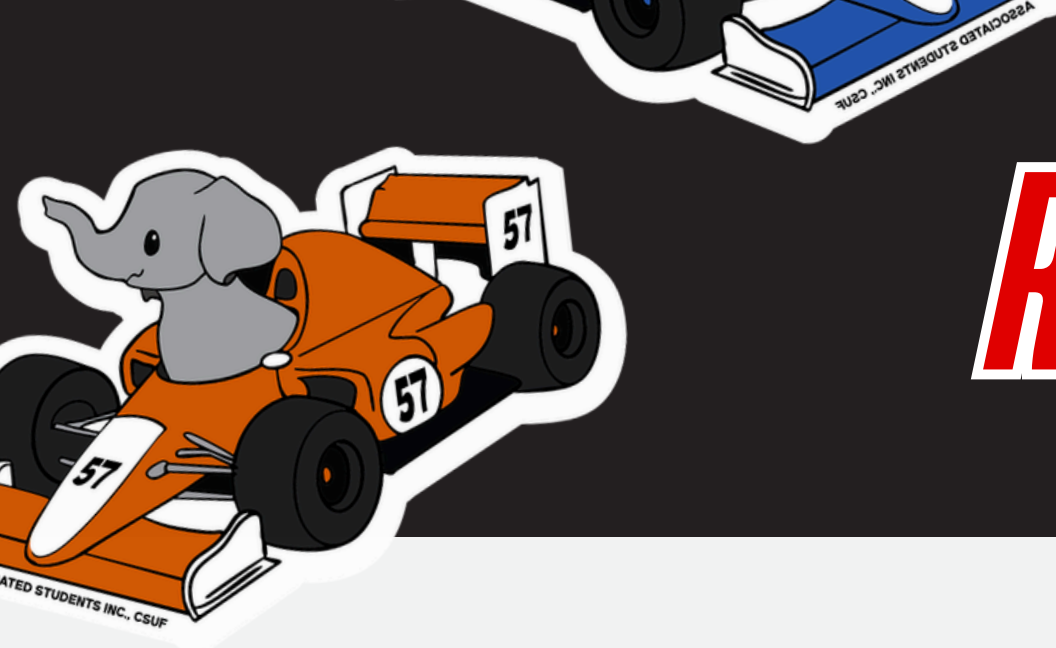


Any candidate or candidate team found before the Elections Judicial Council who violated these Bylaws or ASI Policy shall be subject to **consequences**.

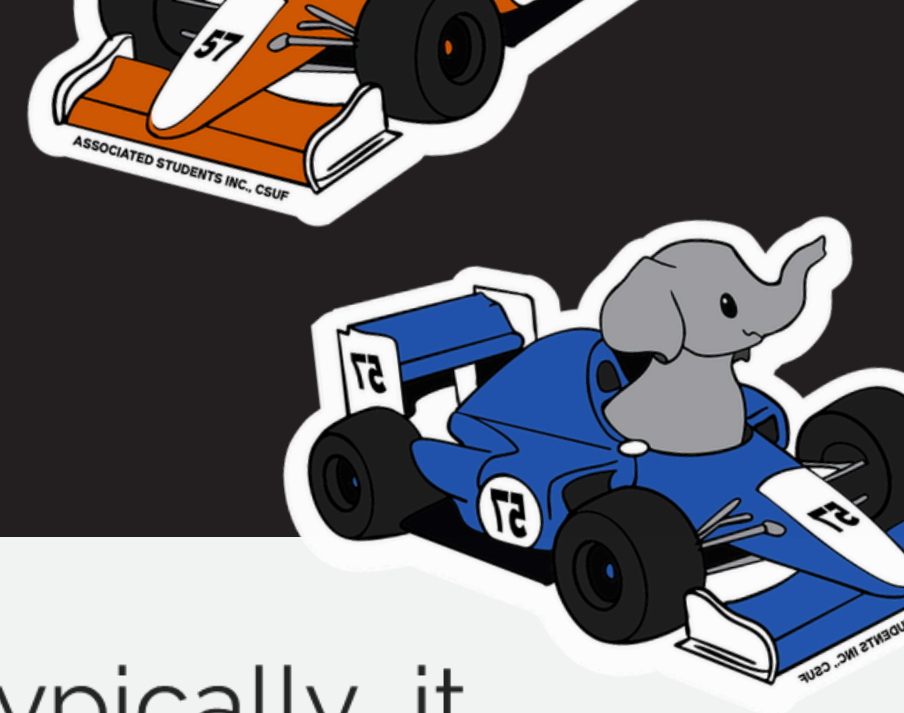
Class A (Disqualifiable) Violations shall carry three (3) strikes. Automatically Disqualified.

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



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**.

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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**.

