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Student Government Association
Elections Committee

Taylor Cotter, Chair
Victoria Pesaturo, Vice-Chair

Approved Minutes
October 27, 2011

Call to Order:	|	7:20 p.m.
Adjournment:	|	10:06 p.m.

Voting Membership: Victoria Pesaturo, Ben Reignier, Mike Splain, Lucy Zhu, Anthony Golia, Adrian Van
Present (non-voting): Joshua Coombes, Ben Donelan, Cassie McCarthy, Nick Naraghi, Nicole Daly, Maya Quijada,
Excused:

The **Chair** called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

The committee entered **Unfinished Business.**

Senator Naraghi made a motion to add 2.1.1 to the manual to include that intent to run forms for any directly elected position shall require signatures of twenty (20) percent of senators on the active roster and two (2) percent of the student body at the time intent to run forms are released.

Senator Splain seconds this motion.
Debate is entered on this motion.
With 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining the motion passes.

Chair cotter makes a motion to add a section named Candidate Election Process which will include clarification on a one ticket or two ticket systems.

Senator Daly seconds this motion.
With no objections, the motion passes.

Senator Coombes motions to table Section 1.

Senator Van seconds this motion
With no objections, the motion passes.

Senator Golia motions to amend section 2.1 to state that it reads 2% of undergraduate population and to remove that 20% of senators must approve of the candidate

Senator _____ seconds this motion.
Senator _____ obects.
The committee enters debate on this motion.
With 4 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining the motion passes.

Senator Naraghi motions to amend section 2.2 to state that should a presidential candidate drop out the committee must vote on whether to make emergency nominations by simple majority within 24 hours and after all nominations have been received senators shall be notified of the nominations.

Senator _____ seconds this motion.
With no objections, this motion passes.

The committee entered **New Business**.

Senator Donelan makes a motion to add 6.1.1 that any student that signs a candidate or campaign worker into a residence hall is not considered a campaign worker

Senator _____ seconds this motion.
Senator Daly objects.
The committee enters debate on this motion.
With 0 for, 6 against and 0 abstaining, the motion fails.

Senator Donelan makes a motion to add 6.1.1 to state that someone who signs a candidate or campaign worker into a residence hall for the purposed of campaign related activities is a campaign worker

Senator _____ seconds this motion.
Senator Golia objects.
The committee enters debate on this motion.
With 2 for, 2 against and 2 abstaining, the motion fails.

Senator Coombes moves to create a 6.1.1 that states that a campaign worker cannot be a voting member of the Elections Committee

Senator Van seconds this motion
Senator Golia objects,
The committee enters debate on this motion.
With 4 for, 1 against and 1 abstaining, the motion fails.

Senator Golia makes a motion to strike the word 'whether' in 6.1

Senator Donelan seconds this motion
With no objections, the motion passes.

With no amendments, Section 6.2 is approved.

With no amendments, Section 6.3 is approved.

Senator Golia proposes to change 6.4 to read candidates shall each provide a list to the committee disclosing all campaign workers

Senator _____ seconds the motion.
Senator Splain objects this motion
Official voting is entered
With 3 for, 0 gainst and 3 abstaining, the motion passes.

Senator Golia proposes to add 6.4.1 to read Candidates are responsible for providing the Committee with the names of campaign workers no later than 12 hours following any campaign related activity

Senator Daly seconds the motion
Senator Splain objects the motion
The committee enters debate on this motion.
With 4 for, 0 gainst and 2 abstaining, the motion passes.

With no amendments, Section 6.5 is approved.

With no amendments, Section 6.6 is approved.

Senator Coombes motions to change 6.7 to read candidates and campaign workers are prohibited from campaigning in the presence of a student casting a vote

Senator _____ seconds the motion.
With no objections, the motion passes.

Senator Golia motions to change 6.8.4 to read “Candidates and campaign workers may not campaign in the vicinity of the voting station, as determined by the Committee.”

Senator Daly seconds this motion.

With no objections, the motion passes.

With no amendments, 4.1.1 is approved.

With no amendments, 4.1.2 is approved

Senator _____ makes a motion to remove signatures from section 4.1.3

Senator Golia seconds this motion

With no objections, the motion passes.

Senator Golia motions to add qualifications and goals upon request to section 4.1.3

Senator Naraghi seconds this motion

Senator Coombes objects this motion

With 4 for, 1 against, and 1 abstaining, the motion passes.

Senator Splain makes a motion to amend section 4.1.4 to read no campaign related materials may be released to the public before the commencement of the campaign period.

Senator _____ seconds this motion.

With no objection, this motion is approved

Senator Naraghi motions to add “Online voting will end on the last day of the campaign period” to section 4.2.

Senator Coombes seconds this motion.

With no objection, this motion is approved

The committee entered **Open Discussion.**

The committee **adjourned** at 10:06 p.m.