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Student Government Association Elections Committee

Taylor Cotter, Chair Victoria Pesaturo, Vice-Chair

Approved Minutes October 27, 2011

Call to Order: 7:18pm
Adjournment: 9:05pm

Voting Membership:, Ben Donelan, Mike Splain, Lucy Zhu, Nick Naraghi, Adrian Van, Anthony Golia **Excused:** Ben Reignier, Victoria Pesaturo,

The **Chair** called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

10 The Committee enters Chair's Address Business

The Chair notes: "Please email [the chair] in order to be excused for a meeting. Please do not call, text, etc. This will be the procedure going forward.

Moving forward, we will always begin with the current agenda prior to revisiting previous sections of the manual."

The Chair also notes we will be having an affinity event October 25th. We will be placing the content from the 25th on to the agenda for October 18th.

The minutes are amended to add Voting rights to Adrian Van on line 4. Seeing no additional changes to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

The committee enters New Business.

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Senator Naraghi motions to open discussion on Section 8.1

Second from Senator Golia.

With no objections, the motion passes.

30 **Senator Naraghi** motions to switch Section 8.1 and Section 8.2

Second from **Senator Zhu**.

With no objections, the motion passes.

With no additional amendments, Section 8.1 is approved.

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Senator Naraghi motions to add the word "eligible" to section 8.2.

Second from Senator Donelan.

With no objections, the motion passes.

40 With no additional amendments, Section 8.2 is approved.

With no amendments, Section 8.3 is approved.

Senator Naraghi motions to open discussion on Section 8.4 & 8.5. 45 Second from **Senator Donelan**. With no objections, the motion passes. Elections Committee Chair Cotter calls for a straw poll With 5 for, 1 against, 0 abstain. 50 **Senator Golia** motions to strike Section 8.4. Second from Senator Donelan. With no objections, the motion passes. 55 Senator Golia motions to strike "will be used in cases where there are more than two candidates." Second from Senator Splain. With no objections, the motion passes. With no amendments, Section 8.5 is approved. 60 **Senator Splain** motions to open Section 8.6 for discussion. Second from **Senator Golia** With no objections, the motion passes. 65 With no amendments, Section 8.6 is approved. Senator Golia motions to make 8.7 into 8.6.1, 8.8 into 8.6.3 and add 8.6.2 Second from **Senator Splain**. With no objections, the motion passes. 70 Senator Golia motions to amend Section 8.6.1 to read "The Committee, at a time not to exceed 12 hours after the end of the scheduled voting period, may ..." Second from **Senator Donelan**. With no objections, the motion passes. 75 **Senator Golia** motions for open discussion on section 8.6.1. Second from **Senator Van**. With no objections, the motion passes. 80 Senator Golia motions to table Section 8.6.1. Second form **Senator Zhu**. With no objections, the motion passes. Senator Golia motions for open discussion on section 8.6.2 85 Second from **Senator Donelan**. With no objections, the motion passes. **EC Cotter** calls for vote to approve section 8.6.2. With 4 for, 1 against, 1 abstention, the motion passes. 90 With no amendments, section 8.6.3 is approved. With no additional amendments, section 8 is approved. 95 Section 9 is brought to the floor.

Senator Splain motions to open discussion on section 9.1. Second from Senator Golia Objection from Senator Van 100 With 4 for, 1 against, the motion passes. Senator Golia motions to amend section 9.1 to "daily report of the" in section 9.1, to read "with the exception the total number for votes cast released publically on the Association's website. These results will also be released to the committee." 105 Second from Senator Van With no objections, the motion passes. With no additional amendments, section 9.1 is approved. 110 Senator Splain motions to amend section 9.2 to strike "At this meeting all records shall be turned over to the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee," and append ", the Chair and Vice Chair of the Elections Committee" to the end of the section. Second from **Senator Golia**. With no objections, the motion passes 115 Senator Golia motions to remove "The Associations President" from section 9.2 With no second, the motion fails. Senator Golia motions for a straw pole determine who believes the Associations President should be in this 120 meeting. 1 for, 2 against, and 2 abstaining. Senator Golia motions to table section 9.2 until next meeting. Second from Senator Zhu. 125 With no objections, the motion passes. With no amendments, section 9.3 is approved. With no amendments, section 9.4 is approved. 130 With no additional amendments, section 9 is approved besides the tabled sections. Section 3 is brought to the floor. 135 With no amendments, section 3.1 is approved. **Senator Splain** motions to open discussion on Section 3.2. Second by **Senator Van**. With no objections, the motion passes. 140 Senator Donelan motions to append to Section 3.2 "by a simple majority vote." Second by **Senator Golia**. With no objections, the motion passes. 145 Senator Zhu motions to reorder Section 3.3 to move "The purpose..." before "During the Briefing..." Second by Senator Donelan. With no objections, the motion passes.

With no additional amendments, section 3.3 is approved. 150 Senator Golia motions to modify section 3.4 to read "The Chair shall notify all candidates of the place and times of all voting stations and regions that are off limits for campaigning during the Briefing." Second by Senator Donelan. 155 With no objections, the motion passes. With no additional amendments, section 3.4 is approved. With no additional amendments, section 3 is approved. 160 The Committee enters Question Time The Committee enters Open Discussion. 165 With no additional points, the committee is adjourned at 9:05pm. Submitted respectfully to the Elections Committee by Mike Splain.