Student Government Association

Special Elections Board
Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2016
7:30PM

SGA Conference Room

Elections Board

Luis F. Callejas, Commissioner
Jennifer Mosquera, Deputy Commissioner
John Cervera, Platforms
Ana Correa, Finances
Alejandra Diaz, Clerk
Crisenia Grullon, Social Media (Absent)

Shannonlee Rodriguez, SGA Advisor
Michelle Castro, SGA Advisor
SPECIAL AGENDA

1. Roll Call: 8:03pm

New Business:

2. Ballot Validations
   a. College of Public Health and Social Work ballots reviewed
   b. Ballots submitted of voters who were in line at 7pm and the online system shut down
      - Invalidated ballots: 10 total

3. John Cervera moves to approve all Board decisions made prior to 5pm today
   a. Second by Ana Correa
   b. Vote:
      - Favor: 5
      - Absent: 1
      - Against: 0

4. Violation Submitted by Juan Gilces (FIYOU Supporter) on 04/20/16 at 5:05pm
   a. Alleges AccessFIU Party Vice Presidential Candidate, Devondra Shaw, is campaigning at an unauthorized area as per Section 6.06 (c)(i) of the Elections Code
   b. Provided evidence (photographs) of Devondra Shaw in a prohibited area
   c. Discussion was held:
      - Board members, Ana Correa and Alejandra Diaz, and SGA Advisor, Shannonlee Rodriguez, attest that it is NOT Devondra but someone who looks very similar to Devondra
   d. Vote: Declaring this a violation
      - Against – 5
      - Absent – 1
      - In Favor – 0
   e. Penalty: None

5. Violation Submitted by Leonardo Cosio (AccessFIU Chairman) on 04/19/16 at 5:36pm
   a. Alleges FIYOU Party is campaigning at an unauthorized time as per a sanction the Board imposed disallowing the party and candidates from campaigning from 4:45pm to 6:15pm
   b. Provided evidence (photographs and a video) of a person wearing an FIYOU party shirt in the gliders near PC
   c. Discussion was held:
      - Photographs are unclear
      - On the video, it also unclear
   d. John Cervera moves to dismiss this violation
      - Second by Jennifer Mosquera
      - Vote to dismiss
         1. Yes: 5
         2. Absent: 1
         3. No: 0
   e. Penalty: None
6. Violation Submitted by Leonardo Cosio (AccessFIU Chairman) on 04/20/16 at 5:47pm
   a. Alleges Julian Alarcon, FIYOU Party candidate, is campaigning at an unauthorized time as per a sanction the Board imposed disallowing the party and candidates from campaigning from 4:45pm to 6:15pm today
   b. Provided evidence (photographs and a video) of said person wearing an FIYOU party shirt in GC
   c. Discussion was held:
      - Board acknowledges Julian Alarcon is clearly soliciting votes while campaigning was disallowed
   d. John Cervera moves to dismiss submission
      - No second, motion failed
   e. Discussion
      - Review Code
   f. Jennifer Mosquera moves to dismiss violation
      - Vote:
        1. Favor: 5
        2. Absent: 1
        3. Against: 0
   g. Jennifer Mosquera moves to reverse dismissal
      - Vote:
        1. Favor: 4
        2. Absent: 1
        3. Against: 1
   h. Ana Correa moves to penalize Julian Alarcon by public censure
      - Vote:
        1. Favor: 5
        2. Absent: 1
        3. Against: 0
   i. Penalty: Notify Julian Alarcon of public censure

7. Jennifer moves to discuss explicit campaign violation by Simran Sakraney by taking voters to the polls and asking them to vote for FIYOU
   a. John seconds motion
      - Alejandra Diaz abstains from discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest
      - Vote:
        1. Yes: 4
        2. Absent: 1
        3. Abstention: 1
        4. No: 0
   b. Discussion on Simran Sakraney:
      - Candidate took voters to the polling site and told them “vote FIYOU all the way”
      - Candidate was not wearing an FIYOU shirt
      - Ana: candidates cannot be taking voters to the polls
      - Jennifer: asked to check email sent yesterday explicitly saying this would be disallowed
      - John: notes that a Board member saw this; no question on reliability
of evidence  
- Luis: reads email from last night  
- John: we know for a fact that she did this  
- Advisors: noted appeal process  
c. John Cervera moves to publicly censure Simran Sakraney to all the candidates and Senate  
   - Luis Seconds  
   - Vote:  
      1. Yes:4  
      2. Absent: 1  
      3. Abstention: 1 (Alejandra)  
      4. No: 0  

Old Business:  

8. Announcement at 12pm noon  
   a. Be here at 10am  
   b. Phones will be taken away from all Board members  

9. Wear polo shirts  

10. Final Board meeting on April 26, 2016 at 12:30pm  
    a. Board members are asked to bring recommendations for changes to the Elections Code  

Adjournment: 9:22pm