

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