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Elections Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/19/2024

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm
- b. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present/Absent	Required Attendance
Melanie Montes	Elections Commissioner	Present	Y
Desiree Dawson	Deputy Elections Commissioner	Present	Y
Jazmin Laughlin	Elections Board Member	Present	Y
Grace Sancruzado	Elections Board Member	Present	Y
Johnpaul Merino	Elections Board Member	Present	Y

II. Unfinished Business

- a. n/a

III. New Business

a. Qualifications Discussion:

i. Opening Statements: Zachary Stangl

1. The elections board is responsible for applying, adhering to, and enforcing its orders. Santana Way was previously rejected for lack of a vice president on their ticket. The initial application was not properly redone due to a failure to meet the necessary conditions.

ii. Opening Statement: Santana

1. When Sanatana Way Tickets was unable to locate a VP, his ticket was terminated. Even though his ticket was dissolved, he met all of the conditions to continue serving as student body president. He was approached to buy Cris Lugo because Lugo was unable to meet his



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requirements. Zach opposes Way switching parties. However, Way maintains that he is still qualified to run for student body president.

iii. Board Member Questions

1. Johnny inquires about Zach's objectives for submitting this claim. Zach responds that he sees the error and understands that Santana's party is committing multiple violations. Zach reiterates that Santana should have been informed that his party was disqualified. And this is not a violation hearing; it is a qualification hearing.
2. Grace requests further information from Zach about the vice president's qualifications, which she misunderstands. Zach claims that, while Santana meets the rest of the conditions, one of the most critical is that a president run alongside a vice president. However, because he failed to keep his credentials, he did not replace or fulfill them within 24 hours. So, after that 24-hour period, he is declared disqualified.

iv. Response to questions asked towards Zach: Santana Way

1. Santana claims that although his ticket was found unlawful, he was never directly dismissed as a candidate. He stays qualified and eligible. Zach is attempting to clarify and confuse the ticket disqualification against the candidate disqualification.

b. Deliberation

- i. The board reviews the requirements for both SGA seats and the presidential ticket. Also going over the codes mentioned in the petition.
- ii. The Board discusses how previous instances like this have been resolved.
- iii. Johnny adds that this doesn't have as much substance because Santana meets the essential qualifications that need to be met. In addition to the qualifications based on the codes mentioned and the 24-hour period during which Santana failed to meet. This would only qualify his ticket, not him or his candidacy. Grace and Jazmin agree.
- iv. Desiree adds that she is rather perplexed by the weight of this petition and notes that it would be unjust if past candidates could switch parties if their ticket was disqualified, and we as a board were to ignore these previous decisions and follow a different route for Santana. According to our perspective, this would be unfair.
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- vi. The remainder of the board agrees. Stating that Santana, as a candidate, met his qualifications. And, based on our understanding of the text, the code does not imply that Santana's actions are incorrect.
 - vii. The board swiftly notices that Santana's previous party has very well vanished. Before accepting that they are ready to vote.
 - viii. Voting Procedure regarding the petition qualification presented by Zachary Stangl about Santana Way: This vote seeks to determine whether Santana Way is qualified to continue running on his ticket.**
 - ix. Made by Melanie Montes
 - x. Seconded by Desiree Dawson
 - xi. Melanie Yes
 - xii. Desiree Yes
 - xiii. Jazmin Yes
 - xiv. Grace Yes
 - xv. Johnpaul Yes
 - xvi. Unanimous Vote made by the board
 - c. Campaign Violation 3:
 - d. Campaign Violation 4:
 - e. Elections Board Members
 - f. Advisor Report
- IV. Following the Petition Decision
- a. Zachary Stangl requests both the meeting minutes and the written decision to be sent to him immediately following the call. Santana Way asks to be cc on this email.
 - b. Strangle leaves the call, Way stays to ask the board a question
 - c. Santana Way: As the SGA Vice President, Way asks the board that the SGA social media team wants him to perform a day-in-the-life video. He was wondering if he could do this because he didn't want to get in trouble for campaigning improperly. Jazmin and Grace (board members) agree with Melanie that he can make the video as long as he does not mention or refer to the fact that he is running for a government position. Way agrees and understands, and he states that he will send the recording to the board before it is published for extra safety. He immediately thanks the board and exits the call.
- V. Meeting Adjournment at 3:54