

The Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

# ELECTIONS COMMISSION MEETING <u>53-04</u>

DATE AND TIME: <u>April 24, 2024, 5pm</u> LOCATION: Via Teleconference Virtual Access: <u>https://univ.zoom.us/j/92156569664</u>

CHAIR VILA-BARRIOS
OF THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

**START 5:04PM** 

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### **AGENDA**

### Call to Order and Roll Call

No. of Commission Members: 5

Quorum: 3

Chair: Dorian Vila-Barrios Vice Chair: P

Member: G'aelyn Buchanan P

Member: Makayla Franklin P

Member: Kevin Leon-Martinez P

Member: Jaiya Gillett P

Member: Shania Vickers P at 5:21 PM

Closed: 5:06 PM

1. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY (See foregoing notation regarding public

comment)

Opened: 5:06 PM

- Christain Abbo made a public comment.
- Allister Dias made a public comment.
- Sayla Daily made a public comment.
- Corey Gerwaski made a public comment.
- Mateo Portelli made a public comment.
- Imer Cespedes made a public comment.
- Princessa Tolano made a public comment.
- Advisor Marni Dow commented there was a clerical error concerning the agenda and the timeline of the complaint hearing.

Closed 5:16 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION Request is made for approval of

minutes of previous meetings.

Opened: 5:17 PM

**A.** Minutes for meeting <u>54-01</u>, as posted to the public: <u>https://www.unlv.edu/csun/agendas</u>

There is a discrepancy in the approval for meeting minutes; the meeting is supposed to be 53-03 instead.

Closed 5:18 PM

#### 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Unfinished Business is any motion or action item that was under discussion and was postponed or moved to this meeting at the discretion of the public body as approved by the chair.

Opened 5:18 PM

Closed 5:18 PM

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

New Business is any motion that is new to this meeting. All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

Opened 5:18 PM

# A. Presentation of complaint #1 vs CSUN Renaissance (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #1 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

- Director of Elections and Operations Juston Casanova requests time for the presentation of **Complaint #1** vs CSUN Renaissance.
  - The Elections Commission shall allot equal time for the complainant and respondent to present their respective arguments.
  - During this action agenda item, the Elections Commission will assess any penalties by majority vote.
- Complainant Gerwaski discusses that the complaint they filed Renaissance ticket had unregistered supporters along with a photo, explaining that it violated Executive Election Rules section 7, item C.
- Renaissance discusses that the term recognized supporters in the election rules is vague and weren't provided any informational meetings before the election, creating confusion among the definition of recognized supporters.

Closed 5:24 PM

B. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #1 vs CSUN Renaissance
Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and

approval of action related to complaint #1 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

#### Opened 5:24 PM

- Each party is allotted five minutes to discuss their side of the complaints, and then after a vote from the Elections Commission.
- Following the discussion of **Complaint #1**, Director Casanova moves to a period of voting:

- G'aelyn Buchanan: Nay

- Makayla Franklin: Nay

- Kevin Leon-Martinez: Nay

- Jaiya Gillett: Nay

- Shania Vickers: Nay

Director Casanova closes the discussion of approval of the action of **Complaint #1**, with the complaint failing 5-0-0.

#### Closed 5:51 PM

# C. Presentation of complaint #2 vs CSUN Renaissance (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #2 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

# Opened 5:51 PM

- Director of Elections and Operations Juston Casanova requests time for the presentation of **Complaint #2** vs CSUN Renaissance.
  - The Elections Commission shall allot equal time for the complainant and respondent to present their respective arguments.
- Complainant Gerwaski raised a concern about a complaint they filed regarding a
  Renaissance ticket. The complaint stated that a graphic featuring an unregistered supporter,
  who was also a member of the Senate, was encouraging people to vote for the Renaissance
  ticket.
- Renaissance responded by explaining that the individual in the video was not representing the Senate and that it was created as part of their marketing and campaign efforts. They clarified that the individual was not an official member of their campaign team, and the video was submitted for approval.

D. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #2 vs CSUN Renaissance Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and approval of action related to complaint #2 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

#### Opened 5:57 PM

- Each party is allotted five minutes to discuss their side of the complaints, and then after a vote from the Elections Commission.

Commissioner Kevin Leon-Martinez moved to close agenda item 4D with Comissoner Makayla Franklin seconded the motion. Director Casanova closes the Discussion 4D with a vote (4-0-1) from the following:

- G'aelyn Buchanan: Yea

- Makayla Franklin: Yea

- Kevin Leon-Martinez: Yea

- Jaiya Gillett: Yea

Closed 6:27 PM

# E. Presentation of complaint #3 vs CSUN Renaissance (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #3 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

#### Opened 6:27 PM

- Director of Elections and Operations Juston Casanova requests time for the presentation of **Complaint #3** vs CSUN Renaissance.
  - The Elections Commission shall allot equal time for the complainant and respondent to present their respective arguments.
- Complainant Mateo Portelli raised concerns about Complaint #3, which they filed
  regarding the Renaissance ticket. Mateo Portelli motions to table this complaint because
  other complaints were not given notice of the Renaissance ticket. Allister Dias also agrees
  since they were not given proper notice.
- Commissioner Kevin Leon-Martinez moves to table agenda items 4E, 4F, 4G, 4H, 4I, and 4J.
  - Commissioner Makayla Franklin seconded the motion.

Director Casanova closes the **Presentation 4E** with a vote (5-0-0) from the following:

- G'aelyn Buchanan: Yea

- Makayla Franklin: Yea

- Kevin Leon-Martinez: Yea

Jaiya Gillett: YeaShania Vickers: Yea

#### Closed 6:30 PM

F. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #3 vs CSUN Renaissance Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and approval of action related to complaint #3 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

#### Closed 6:30 PM

# G. Presentation of complaint #4 vs CSUN Renaissance (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #4 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

#### Closed 6:30 PM

H. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #4 vs CSUN Renaissance Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and approval of action related to complaint #4 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

### Closed 6:30 PM

I. Presentation of complaint #5 vs CSUN Renaissance (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #5 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

#### Closed 6:30 PM

**J. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #5 vs CSUN Renaissance**Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and approval of action related to complaint #5 vs. CSUN Renaissance.

# Closed 6:30 PM

# K. Presentation of complaint #6 vs Anamia Hernandez (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #6 vs. Anamia Hernandez.

### Opened 6:30 PM

- Director of Elections and Operations Juston Casanova requests time for the

### presentation of Complaint #6 vs Anamia Hernandez.

- The Elections Commission shall allot equal time for the complainant and respondent to present their respective arguments.
- Complainant Makayla Franklin discusses that Mia Hernandez violated election rule VI 8, which states that no candidate is allowed within 25 feet of a polling booth and inside the Student Union.
- Respondent Mia Hernandez discusses that they were inside the Student Union only to pick up personal belongings.

#### Opened 6:33 PM

L. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #6 vs Anamia Hernandez
Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and approval
of action related to complaint #6 vs. Anamia Hernandez.

#### Opened 6:33 PM

- Each party is allotted five minutes to discuss their side of the complaints, and then after a vote from the Elections Commission.

Commissioner Kevin Leon-Martinez explains that, due to the Respondent's explanations, Elections Rule VI.9 would be violated instead of Elections Rule VI.8.

Following the discussion of **Complaint #6**, Director Casanova moves to a period of voting to confirm a violation occurred:

- G'aelyn Buchanan: Yea (Amended due to microphone issues)

- Makayla Franklin: Yea

- Kevin Leon-Martinez: Yea

Jaiya Gillett: YeaShania Vickers: Yea

Director Casanova closed the discussion by approving the action of **Complaint #6**, which passed with a vote of 5-0-0. Following the vote, Director Casanova asked the Commission about the next steps for the violation.

Commissioner Kevin Leon-Martinez moves to attribute one strike to the Respondent Mia Hernandez. Commissioner Makayla Franklin seconded the motion. Director Casanova moves to a period of voting to confirm a strike for the Respondent:

- G'aelyn Buchanan: Yea

- Makayla Franklin: Yea

- Kevin Leon-Martinez: Yea

- Jaiya Gillett: Yea

- Shania Vickers: Yea

Motion passes 5-0-0.

Closed 7:07 PM

# M. Presentation of complaint #7 vs Anamia Hernandez (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #7 vs. Anamia Hernandez.

# Opened 7:07 PM

- Director of Elections and Operations Juston Casanova requests time for the presentation of **Complaint** #7 vs Anamia Hernandez.
  - The Elections Commission shall allot equal time for the complainant and respondent to present their respective arguments.
- Complainant Yazmin Graves discusses that Mia Hernandez violated election rule VI.9, which states that no candidate is allowed inside the Student Union or use the printer in the CSUN Offices on the 3rd floor.
- Respondent Mia Hernandez discusses that they were in the 3rd-floor CSUN offices and did not utilize the printer.

Closed 7:10 PM

N. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #7 vs Anamia Hernandez Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and approval of action related to complaint #7 vs. Anamia Hernandez.

### Opened 7:10 PM

- Each party is allotted five minutes to discuss their side of the complaints, and then after a vote from the Elections Commission.

Commissioner Kevin Leon-Martinez moves to dismiss **Complaint #7** against Mia Hernandez. Commissioner Makayla Franklin seconded the motion.

Director Casanova dismissed Complaint #7.

# Director Casanova reopens Complaint #7 at 7:16 PM for a period of voting:

- G'aelyn Buchanan: Yea

- Makayla Franklin: Yea

- Kevin Leon-Martinez: Yea

- Jaiya Gillett: Yea

- Shania Vickers: Yea

Motion passes 5-0-0 to dismiss the violation.

#### Closed 7:17 PM

# O. Presentation of complaint #8 vs 2024 Executive Election (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for presentation of complaint #8 vs. 2024 Executive Election.

### Opened 7:17 PM

- Director of Elections and Operations Juston Casanova requests time for the presentation of **Complaint** #8 vs 2024 Executive Election.
  - The Elections Commission shall allot equal time for the complainant and respondent to present their respective arguments.
- Complainant Gerwaski states that any ticket that receives a majority vote (> 50%) of valid votes cast in the elections shall be the winner of that office.

#### Closed 7:21 PM

# P. Discussion and Approval of action of complaint #8 vs 2024 Executive Election

Associate Director Vila-Barrios requests time for the discussion and approval of action related to complaint #8 vs. 2024 Executive Election.

#### Opened 7:21 PM

Commissioner Kevin Leon-Martinez moved to table agenda item 4P, discussing approval of action for **Complaint** #8. Commissioner Makayla Franklin seconded the motion. Director Casanova went into a period of voting:

- G'aelyn Buchanan: Yea

- Makayla Franklin: Yea

- Kevin Leon-Martinez: Yea

- Jaiya Gillett: Yea

- Shania Vickers: Yea

Director Casanova closes the discussion and approval for Complaint #8 vs 2024 Executive Election with a vote of 5-0-0.

Closed 7:47 PM

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY

Opened 7:48 PM

• Corey Gerwaski made a public comment

Closed 7:49 PM

# 6. ADJOURN

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