Elections Committee
February 13th, 2015
SG Board Room, Memorial Union
3:00 PM

Minutes

Members
Blake Andert, Chair
Ben Grounds
Alex Schleif
Billy Legeros
Christian Slick
Danny Farris
**Matt Johnson
Mitch Anderson
Rob Reiter
Trevor Reis

Visitors
Andrew Frellich
Sara Kaiser

*Arrived after call to order   **Absent   ***Excused Absence

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Andert called the meeting of the Elections Committee on 2/13/15 to order at 3:11 PM. He announced that Matt Johnson was absent from the meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS
No old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. Election Packets
Chair Andert showed the committee what an elections packet was, and explained its contents. He also explained the different positions running in the elections, and how they are organized on the ballot. He also explained the Senator apportionment.

B. Elections Code
Chair Andert explained how the Elections Code worked. He commented that it was recently updated, and the campaign funding amounts had been changed. He said that an area that will have concerns will be the campaign funding, and discussed how the
committee will need to be vigilant about these issues. Andert also covered how the candidates can be disciplined and for what.

C. Elections Dates

Andert also discussed the pertinent dates of the elections. Election Day will be April 15, and elections packets will be due February 26th by 5 pm. Two candidate workshops will be held in the first week of March. Andert said that he had speakers lined up for the workshops.

The committee agreed that they needed to decide on dates for the workshops. Chair Andert asserted that they should complete them early on so they could have more time to prepare for elections.

The committee loosely decided to hold the workshops on March 2 and 3 at 6pm.

From here, they agreed that they need to determine a location for the workshops. They loosely decided on the Lecture Bowl in the Memorial Union.

Chair Andert suggested the debates be held on the same day of the week so that students will remember when they will be held, and attendance can increase. He commented that the Loading Dock would be a good location for them since they have been successful in the past.

C. Advertising

Chair Andert proposed advertising placement in every dining center, dorm, and “everywhere [they] can.”

W. Oberg said that the dining centers will have to approve the advertisements before they can be posted, so designs need to get in as soon as they can.

A. Frelich said that the budget for advertising was $2,000. Usually that number was split evenly between advertising costs
and operational costs, and operational costs were normally higher.

The committee discussed on how to raise awareness about the debates. They discussed the possibilities of offering extra credit for the debates, reaching out to the different colleges, the dean, and Senate to spread the word, etc.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

No announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Andert adjourned the 2/13/15 meeting at 4:02 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Blake Andert
Chair

Dolly Meyer
Recording Secretary