Elections Committee
February 20th, 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
Sara Kaiser

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

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Andert called the meeting of the Elections Committee on 2/20/15 to order at 3:01 PM.

II. REPORTS

Chair
Chair Andert announced that Kristy Oakerland, advisor to the Student Ambassador program, wanted the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to speak at an event on March 11. He reminded the committee that packets are due February 26 by 5 pm. Once they receive the packets, the committee will verify the signatures. This, he explained, is accomplished by calling signees randomly. Andert also announced that the coffee sleeves as well as the logo have been approved. Additionally, the dining center had to be changed but it was the same logo.

Other
The letter to the Senators was drafted and read to the committee. Additionally, the Lecture Bowl had been reserved on March 2
starting at 5pm for the candidate workshops. The committee agreed that the workshops would be held March 2 and 3.

III. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Debates

The committee discussed alternative locations for the debates. They sought open areas where students would feel comfortable. The general consensus was the Loading Dock.

The Senators would have an hour block from 4:30 to 5:30, and then the executives would debate from 5:30 to 6:30. The committee decided to hold the event from 4:30 to 7:30 to provide for set up and take down. Possible moderators were also discussed. Questions for the candidates could be determined in committee, and passed on to the moderators for the debates. Additionally, the committee brainstormed the different equipment they would need for the debates.

Possible debate dates were March 12, 26, and 31, and April 7. Debates would definitely be held the two weeks before elections, with the last debate held on April 7. The last debate would be held at the Gorecki Alumni Center. The committee wanted to keep the debates on Thursdays because they felt more students would attend on Thursdays.

B. Advertising

The committee discussed ways to increase attendance. Chair Andert commented that campaigns produced good turnout. The committee also discussed other options,
including gift card giveaways, free refreshments, discount card giveaways, and other ideas. Chair Andert reminded the committee that they would have to double check the rules before implementing that idea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

No announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Andert adjourned the 2/20/15 meeting at 3:55 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Blake Andert
Chair

Dolly Meyer
Recording Secretary