



STUDENT ASSOCIATION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE

Independent Election Commission Meeting Minutes **February 13, 2024 held via Microsoft Teams**

- I. Call to Order by Ben Minogue – 6:15pm**
- II. Roll Call (P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused)**
 - a. Stephanie Carmichael-P
 - b. Annie Venus-P
 - c. Isaiah Clark-P
 - d. Preston Burdett-P
 - e. Liz Baumgarten-P
 - f. Kayla Premeau-P (meeting recorder)
 - g. Abby Meddaugh-E
 - h. Ex-Officio: Samantha De Forest-Davis, Ben Minogue
- III. Reports - None**
- IV. Open Forum – None**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda as it stands (Isaiah, Stephanie). Discussion was Kayla asking if 4/14/23 meeting minutes should be added to Old Business for today's agenda or include them on the next meeting's agenda.
 - b. Motion to approve the revised agenda with approval of 4/14/23 meeting minutes in Old Business (Kayla, Annie) approved unanimously at 6:19pm
- VI. Special Orders – Election of Head Commissioner & Vice Chair**
 - a. Sam described the position descriptions:
 - i. Head Commissioner is paid hourly position thru the SA budget, preside over IEC meetings, if not present will make sure someone else will, primary responsibility for interpreting IEC bylaws, notify candidates if violation of campaign rules has occurred.
 - ii. Vice Chair would preside over IEC meetings when Head Commissioner is not present, perform any duties assigned.
 - b. Floor open to self-nominations:
 - i. Annie volunteering as Vice-Chair. Motion to elect Annie Venus as Vice Chair of IEC (Isaiah, Kayla) approved unanimously at 6:23pm
 - ii. Isaiah volunteered as Head Commissioner. Motion to appoint Isaiah Clark as the Head Commissioner of IEC (Stephanie, Preston) approved unanimously at 6:25pm
- VII. Old Business**
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from 4/14/23: motion to approve (Kayla , Isaiah) approved unanimously at 6:26pm
- VIII. New Business**
 - a. Discussion on Election Events/Setting Member Responsibilities:
 - i. Per Sam, event spaces for IEC events are not yet requested/reserved for the three events this spring.

- ii. Motion to open discussion of the IEC proposed schedule (Kayla, Stephanie). Per Kayla, in prior years, the debates were in different weeks (early and late in campaign period); the draft schedule as sent by Sam is the last possible date for the events to be in accordance with the Constitution bylaws. Discussion of events being held on weekdays vs weekends; specific days of the week; IEC member conflicts; times of day alternatives; potential of candidate conflicts with scheduled debates.
- iii. Motion to make the first debate Wednesday 4/10/24 (Isaiah, Stephanie)
- iv. Discussion about event duration (varies based on number of candidates; candidate counts known by 3/23/24), time of day alternatives
 - v. Motion to set estimated time frame of first debate on 4/10/24 from 4-8pm (Isaiah, Stephanie)
 - vi. After discussion, Motion to make the second debate 4/25/24 from 4-8pm (Isaiah, Stephanie)
- vii. Discussion of Get Out The Vote (GOTV) dates, times, activities, giveaways, budget (can afford candy, probably can't afford baked goods; idea for stickers). Sam clarified for IEC that GOTV stops the campaign period, so should not be before the last debate.
- viii. Motion to change date/time of the second debate to 4/25/24 4-8pm (Isaiah, Stephanie)
 - ix. Kayla asked for confirmation that GOTV event would occur after second debate on 4/23/24; there was general agreement.
 - x. Motion to set GOTV event on 4/25/24 11-2pm (Kayla, Stephanie)
 - xi. Discussion of number of floating motions made but never voted upon in meeting thus far. Following recommendation by Ben, Motion to approve calendar as discussed (Isaiah, Stephanie) approved unanimously at 7:02pm. Here's what was discussed:
 - 1. First debate: 4/10/24 between 4-8pm
 - 2. Second debate: 4/23/24 between 4-8pm
 - 3. Get Out The Vote: 4/25/24 from 11a-2pm
- xii. Meeting now Chaired by Sam instead of Ben
- b. Reviewing Signature Forms:
 - i. Sam showed example/template from last year.
 - ii. Motion to revise to "Student ID #" in both locations on form (Isaiah, Stephanie)
 - iii. Move to approve Spring 2024 signature form as revised (Preston, Stephanie) approved unanimously at 7:09pm
- c. Setting up next IEC meeting:
 - i. Per Sam, next business items are marketing materials for election, and event planning. Kayla asked about any timeline requirements or limits for the next meeting date; Sam confirmed it could be after 2/25 when signature gathering starts. Discussion of possible dates/times.
 - ii. Motion to hold next IEC meeting on 2/27/24 from 5:30-7:30 (Stephanie, Annie) approved unanimously at 7:15pm. Sam not available; Ben will be present as SAPS staff.

IX. Questions and Concerns - None

X. Adjournment – 7:15pm