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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE ELECTIONS COUNCIL OF
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS, INC.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the general public and to all of the Board of Directors of Associated Students of CSU Channel Islands, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, that:

A meeting of the ASI Elections Council will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to Education Code Section 89921 et seq., at California State University Channel Islands, Student Union, Coville Conference Room, located at One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012, to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 4:02 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call:
 - a. Council Members: Allen Monge, Katherine Barillas, Stacey Ayer, Venus Tamayo
 - b. Members of the Public: Annie Block-Weiss (Advisor to the Council), Emily Conde (Complainant), Andrew Fox (Complainant), Quinn Hodge (Respondent), Jasey Cano, Pearce Harris, Rocio Banda, Isaac Cisneros, Maya Vargas, Anthony Alcantara, Kaeli Beschroner, Grace May, Summer Dale, Brooke Winters, Ingrid Corleto, Chaitali Vadgama, Stacey Ryan
- 3) Formal Elections Council Hearing:
 - a. A. Monge made a statement on how the hearing would proceed:
 - i. The case will be heard in the order they were received in full, from each of the two complainants. First will be Emily Conde and second will be Andrew Fox. When called, each complainant will have five minutes to make their case. After each, the Council will be allowed to ask questions of each complainant. After which, the Council will ask if there are any witnesses that can lend additional information relevant to the complaint. Witnesses will have a sum total of ten minutes to present their testimony. Then the Council will hear from the respondent, Quinn Hodge, who will have up to five minutes to respond to the charges presented against them. After, the Council can ask question of the respondent. After which, the Council will ask if there are any witnesses that can share any additional information relevant to the respondent's testimony. Witnesses again will have a total sum of ten minutes. At any time, the Council reserves the right to ask any follow up questions of any of the complainants, respondent, or witnesses at any time. Then the Council will move to deliberations, where this portion is closed for comment by the public, unless a complainant, respondent, or witness is specifically addressed by a member of the Council. Anyone can remain in the room but must remain quiet. Then the Council will review all the testimony and determine if there has been a violation to the ASI Election code. Then the Council has four different remedies: 1) Dismiss the complaint, 2) Refer the complaint to the Dean of Students for potential violation of the Student Code of Conduct, 3) Provide a written warning, 4) Remove candidate for the elections, 5) Call for a new election. After a remedy has been determined, then the hearing will be concluded. Lastly, please note that this hearing is being audio recorded.
 - b. Case 1: Alleged violations by the Hodge campaign.
 - i. Complaint 1:
 1. Complainant: Emily Conde
 - a. Shared the attached complaint at the bottom of these minutes.
 - b. Stickers were the first week of March.
 - i. Questions:
 1. A. Monge: Do you have proof of the dates mentioned in the complaint?
 - a. E. Conde: Submitted into evidence the physical campaign sticker to the Council.
 - ii. Complaint 2:

1. Complainant: Andrew Fox
 - a. Shared the attached complaint at the bottom of these minutes.
 - i. Clarified that the showing of campaign materials during the Model UN class, that one of the students was on the Hodge/Ryan campaign team but not clear who the other students were.
 - ii. Shared that they did not want to have to make this complaint due to the personal relationship with the respondent, but felt it was needed as a member of the Council.
 - iii. Questions:
 1. A. Monge: On March 14, what was being said that made you feel it was pre-campaigning?
 - a. A. Fox: Content of the conversation seemed more than just sharing about just applying to run for office, and gave the impression that the Quinn Hodge was pre-campaigning, which then was immediately reported to ASI supervisors to ask what to do.
- iii. Witnesses for Complaints 1 & 2:
 1. Summer Dale
 - a. On March 12 at 7am, had the weekly housing staff meetings, is a desk assistant, Quinn Hodge gave a presentation which included running for president, which made it seem like the campaign had already started and that students could vote now, but then found out after texting a friend that the voting wasn't open yet, which was confusing. The slide deck had points of why to vote for Quinn Hodge.
 2. Rocio Banda
 - a. During the beginning of March, started hearing co-workers saying they had gotten campaign stickers from Quinn Hodge and that others had been told to vote for them as well. A sticker was shared with Rocio Banda by her supervisor.
 - i. V. Tamayo: Where do you work?
 1. R. Banda: Housing, specifically with RA's and desk assistants.
- iv. Respondent: Quinn Hodge
 1. Testimony: As a veteran of mock trial and an ex-girl scout, shared that they respect this process. Started by stating that all this has been a game of telephone, and believes the evidence is hearsay. Also shared that CA rule states that of the burden of proof definition will be important here. The proceeded to rebuttal the follow accusations:
 - a. Meeting in the workplace: The slideshow said "potentially" running for office.
 - b. Social media evidence: A witness will talk about the comments on the post. And stated that none of the comments had anything to do with candidacy in the ASI Elections.
 - c. Housing: There are housing student assistants on their campaign team.
 - d. CHES filming: Stated that that video has not been shared publicly.
 - e. Students being under the impression that I am running is out of my control and I cannot control them.
 - f. Questions:
 - i. A. Monge: Asked to see the evidence that Quinn Hodge had shown during their testimony.
 1. Q. Hodge: Showed the time stamp March 12 at 7:18am, for the PowerPoint, where the first slide said: "The process of *potentially* running for CSUCI student government president".

- ii. The Council asked Andrew Fox if he heard anything about artists in the Model UN class, and Andrew said No.
- iii. The Council asked Maya Vargas about what was being said about the pop stars being referenced in the Model UN class. Maya clarified that they were looking at the new album cover and photos. Andrew was then asked if that was what he heard, and he said no.
- iv. The Council asked Andrew to further clarify about the conversation that was the second time he brought Quinn the information that she cannot pre-campaign, and he stated that she asked if she might be in trouble. The Council then asked Quinn what the conversation was like, Quinn said that she used the words potentially running with Andrew. Quinn was also asked by the Council if she admitted guilt in that conversation, she said she said, "will I be ok". Noted for the Council that at that time of this conversation was in a distressed state of mind. The Council asked additionally if Quinn asked the ASI staff or ASI Election Council how to proceed with campaigning at all, since the code states this, if any clarity is needed. Quinn explained that they did ask Andrew if he had any advice for running, and shared they were thinking about it, but did not ask any ASI staff or the ASI Election Council as noted in the code.
 - b. The Council believes that a lot of the evidence is circumstantial and not concrete enough, except for classroom presentation, which the Council believes was direct campaigning, regardless of the word "potentially".
- vii. Vote: The Council voted 4-0 to provide the respondent with a written warning. The warning will include clarity to the candidate that their actions of making the PowerPoint presentation in housing was direct campaigning and as such the warning will include the consequence of not allow to Hodge/Ryan campaign and campaign team to campaign again until April 10, 2025. This means that all campaigning must stop today, which includes anything that has already been put up must be taken down. No posters, chalking, social media, stickers, or word of mouth may occur by the candidates or their campaign team prior to April 10, 2025. Lastly, if any questions or uncertainty occur on what is allowed for campaigning, please reference the Interpretation of the Code section of the ASI Election Code.

4) Adjournment: 5:22 p.m.

Any interested person may submit documents in support of, opposition to, or otherwise related to complaints to the ASI Elections Council Chair prior to the hearing. No new evidence will be considered for cases that have already been heard. Documents submitted should bear the title and name of the submitter and a brief statement of the submitter's connection with or interest in the complaint. These documents will be distributed to the individual with the alleged accusation. Submissions may be directed to asielectionscouncil@csuci.edu and must be received prior to the public hearing.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Annie Block-Weiss, ASI Assistant Director.