



**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE ELECTION 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 special meeting of the ASI Election Council will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 3:15 – 4:30pm pursuant to Education Code Section 89921 et seq., at California State University Channel Islands, via Zoom: <https://csuci.zoom.us/j/87264064265?from=addon> to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 3:19 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call:
  - a. Members Present: Larry Garcia, Sergio Mercado, Griffin Giboney, Kem French
  - b. Members of the Public: Annie Block-Weiss (Advisor)
- 3) Approval of Agenda:
  - I. **M/S/P (K. French/S. Mercado) Motion passed 4-0-0**
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Meeting Minutes March 30, 2022
    - II. **M/S/P (G. Giboney/K. French) Motion passed 4-0-0**
- 5) Public Forum: *None*
- 6) Outstanding Business:
  - a. DISCUSSION ITEM: Channel Your Vote Marketing Plan/Prep (L. Garcia)
    - i. Voting Giveaway
      1. Griffin Giboney will be in charge of the giveaways over the two days of voting
      2. 2 winners each time slot:
        - a. Tuesday at noon and 5pm
        - b. Wednesday at noon and 5pm
      3. \$25 and under for the giveaways
        - a. Sergio Mercado will find the giveaways
    - ii. Marketing
      1. A-frames and posters are out
      2. Postcards are ready for distribution
      3. The Council will be continuing with the social media promotion
- 7) New Business:
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Complaint #1 (L. Garcia)
    - i. Sergio Mercado: I move to dismiss complaint #1 brought forth by Aram Pogolian
    - ii. Griffin Giboney seconded.
    - iii. Discussion:
      1. The Council believes that per the ASI Election Code the screenshot in question is not considered campaigning due to its nature of not promoting voting for Javier Garnica. Additionally, the candidate at this time was not an official candidate per the ASI Election Code.
        - III. **M/S/P (S. Mercado/G. Giboney) Motion passed 4-0-0**
  - b. ACTION ITEM: Complaint #2 (L. Garcia)
    - i. Griffin Giboney: I move to dismiss complaint #2 brought forth by Aram Pogolian
    - ii. Sergio Mercado seconded.
    - iii. Discussion:

1. The Council looked and Christopher Ringor is not a part of the Tolteca/Garnica campaign team. Additionally, the phrasing of “Did you know that Javier Garnica is running to be Vice President?” is determined to not be campaigning as it is just word of mouth. Finally, at this time Javier Garnica would still be considered an applicant at the time of this incident. Per the ASI Election Code, those not listed on a campaign list are not held to the ASI Election Code.

**IV. M/S/P (G. Giboney/S. Mercado) Motion passed 4-0-0**

- c. DISCUSSION ITEM: Questions Received in the ASI Election Council Email (L. Garcia)
  - i. Access to University Digital Screens
    1. The ASI Elections and the Channel Your Vote events will be promoted on the University screens and that candidates are not allowed to use those screens
  - ii. Rallies
    1. Gave the information about the Time, Place, and Manner Policy per the University and shared the guidelines for campaign expenses per the ASI Election Code.
- d. DISCUSSION ITEM: Candidate Forum Details (A. Block-Weiss)
  - i. ASI Student Government will host Presidential Candidate Forum on Monday, April 11 from 9:30-10am on Instagram Live.
  - ii. The ASI Election Council will reshare the marketing and the LIVE afterward.
- e. DISCUSSION ITEM: Channel Your Vote Events (L. Garcia)
  - i. April 12
    1. Set-up
      - a. Griffin
        - i. Lead
      - b. Kem will send a proxy
    2. Event
      - a. Griffin
        - i. Lead: 11:30am-12:30pm
      - b. Kem
      - c. Sergio at noon
        - i. Lead: 12:30-1:30pm
    3. Clean-up
      - a. Griffin
      - b. Sergio
      - c. Larry
        - i. Lead
  - ii. April 13
    1. Set-up
      - a. Larry
      - b. Sergio
        - i. Lead
    2. Event
      - a. Larry
        - i. Lead: 11:30am-12:30pm
      - b. Griffin at 12:15pm
        - i. Lead: 12:30-1:30pm
    3. Clean-up
      - a. Larry
        - i. Lead
      - b. Griffin
- f. DISCUSSION ITEM: Voting on CISync (L. Garcia)
  - i. Begins at 8am on Tuesday, April 12 and ends at 5pm on Wednesday, April 13.
  - ii. All ASI Fee Paying students will receive an email with a link to the ballot or students can go directly to CISync and when they login they will see a banner telling them it is time to vote.

g. DISCUSSION ITEM: Ballot Review (A. Block-Weiss)

i. The Council reviewed the ballot for the Election.

8) Closing Comments: *None*

9) Adjournment: 4:32 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Annie Block-Weiss, ASI Student Programs Coordinator

**From:** [ASI Election council](#)  
**To:** [Aram Pogosian](#)  
**Cc:** [ASI Election council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Official Hearing Request / Possible Violation  
**Date:** Thursday, April 7, 2022 12:06:49 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Greetings Candidate Pogosian,

After careful examination of the two complaints you submitted, the ASI Election Council has concluded the following:

### **Complaint #1**

It was stated in complaint #1 that candidate Garnica was spreading the news of his candidacy via Instagram weeks prior to March 28. The focus of the ASI Election Council was to determine whether this was campaigning or not. After reviewing the screenshot, it was visible that candidate Garnica posted the first page of the application. Candidate Garnica at that time was considered an applicant. Applicants have no guarantee of being eligible to run for office. This is because, per the ASI Election Code, an applicant must complete the application, be checked for eligibility, and attend a mandatory workshop, to become an official candidate. Additionally, the ASI Election Council does not consider this campaigning since candidate Garnica did not state anything along the lines of encouraging others to vote for them. To add, Advisor Block-Weiss was notified of this incident via yourself, in which case Advisor Block-Weiss then contacted Javier Garnica to let them know it had been reported, but at that time, Javier already deleted the post.

Due to the above, the ASI Election Council voted on April 6 to dismiss complaint #1 and not proceed to a hearing.

### **Complaint #2**

It was stated in complaint #2 that on March 11 during the SPB night market that the opposing candidates were already spreading the word about their candidacy. The ASI Election Council focused on two things regarding this complaint. First, was Christopher Ringor part of the campaign team? And second, was what was said considered campaigning. When it comes to Christopher Ringor, the ASI Election Council looked at the Tolteca/Garnica campaign team list and Christopher Ringor is not part of their campaign team. Per the ASI Election Code, those not listed on the candidate's campaign team are not subject to the code. In the complaint sent to us, the words from Ringor when speaking about the opposing candidates were "if you knew that Javier Garnica was running for Vice President". The ASI Election Council does not consider this phrasing a violation as it has been deemed not campaigning as it is word of mouth. If the language was specific to voting for, trying to get your vote, or presenting any campaign material that would potentially be a violation. But since Ringor is not on the campaign team this does not apply. Finally, as ruled in complaint #1, Javier Garnica was not considered a candidate at this time, but an applicant.

Due to the above, the ASI Election Council voted on April 6 to dismiss complaint #2 and not proceed to a hearing.

## Larry Garcia

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(On behalf of the ASI Election Council)

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**From:** Aram Pogosian <aram.pogosian039@myci.csuci.edu>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:49 PM

**To:** ASI Election council <ASIElectionCouncil@csuci.edu>

**Subject:** Official Hearing Request / Possible Violation

Hello and good morning,

This is Aram Pogosian, current Senator of Veterans and Nontraditional students and candidate for Vice President alongside Presidential Candidate Christian Franco.

I would like to bring up two separate occasions that I believe violated the same elections code, **VI.B**. This section covers campaigning and how candidates are not allowed to publicize their campaign until the deadline, **March 28**, which was yesterday. I come forth with an issue from a few weeks ago, really. Our team has been hesitant towards filing a complaint, as we do not want to come off as aggressive or sore or anything of that sort. At the end of the day, the result of the elections is chosen by the student, for the student. However, we believe that a fair election is absolutely necessary, important above all, and must be enforced. That being said, I would like an investigation regarding two separate incidents. Firstly, it had come to our attention that our opposing Vice Presidential candidate, Javier Garnica, may have been spreading the news of his candidacy **weeks** prior to the March 28th deadline. To begin, he had posted his application to his Instagram story, which I first saw personally on his public story on March 11th. After speaking with Annie Block-Weiss, she offered two options: either to give him a friendly reminder about how he is not permitted to do that or to request a formal hearing. After realizing he'd divulged not only his application but his phone number as well, he decided to delete it, so we decided not to pursue it further. However, later that evening on March 11th during the SPB Nightmarket event, it seemed that our opposing candidates already had a recruitment team out there spreading the word. While I was tabling with Student Government on Friday, March 11th for the night market event, I was approached by someone who asked if I knew that Javier Garnica was running for Vice President. Mirka Vargas, currently an intern for Student Government, was right beside me and can testify. After speaking to mutuals who might know that person, I believe this person was Christopher Ringor. Of course, when your opposing candidate has people advertising their candidacy two weeks before they are allowed to, it makes our campaign team and I feel like there is an unfair advantage. Especially after Christian and I have made it absolutely clear to our group not to divulge any sort of information, to not say a single word about our candidacy until the deadline, **March 28th**. Again, if needed, I will provide evidence of the screenshot that shows Vice Pres-Candidate Javier sharing his application. As for the night market dilemma, Mirka Vargas, an intern at Student Government and a member of our campaign team can attest as well.

Thank you very much,

Franco / Pogolian 2022