

Minutes of Elections Board Meeting /
Held in the Boca Raton Campus Elections Office
Teleconferenced with the McArthur Campus Elections Office
April 21, 2009

Present: Elections Chair, Maria Rivera
McArthur Commissioner, Sunil Mathews Zachariah
Boca Campus SG Advisor, Rivka Felsher
MacArthur SG Advisor, Heather Bishara
Chief Justice, Michael Burdman
McArthur Campus Governor candidate Jordy Yarnell

The meeting was called to order at 2:15PM to discuss the remand to disqualify Tara Boulos from candidacy based on the decision of the Student Court hearing Friday April 17th at 2:30 PM. This decision was based upon Jardy's Contestation of Tara Using Ed Fulton's name on the flyers.

The Chair of Elections restated the remand made by the Student Court.

Boca Raton Campus SG Advisor suggested and clarified that with the remand, though recommended by the Student Court to disqualify Tara, is an opportunity for the Elections Board to reconsider previous decisions.

McArthur Elections Commissioner strongly decided that in all fairness, having a run-off election would be the most democratic and unilateral decision.

Chief Justice restated the remand and that the Student Court's recommendation would be to disqualify Tara Boulos.

McArthur Elections Commissioner acknowledged the Student Court's recommendation but asserted that since the violation occurred by an error made by the Elections Board and Student Affairs. Being that the Elections Board must remain neutral throughout the entire elections, having 2 people decide an election would be unfair.

Boca Raton SG Advisor suggested that a Run-Off Elections should then be made.

Chair of Elections agreed to have a Run-Off Elections, in light of the previous suggestion, due to that it would be the most fair and unbiased decision and moved on to determine possible dates.

Boca SG Advisor, and McArthur SG Advisor suggested that they must be held during class time, possibly the first week of the summer term which would be the week of May 11, 2009.

McArthur Governor candidate, also being the campus Speaker of the House brought to attention the possibility of an order of succession with the absence, resignation, or removal of a Campus Governor: In case of permanent absence, resignation or removal of a campus Governor, the campus Speaker of the House will move into the position of campus Governor.

Boca SG Advisor, and McArthur SG Advisor cancelled the idea due to that no student shall be sworn into office whose election is being contested in the Election Board and/or Student Court.

McArthur Govenor candidate notified that he would not be present during that time. He furtherly added that Tara Boulo's action is considered a major violation, in which, it would still impact the outcome of the next run-off elections.

Chair of Elections stated that Tara Boulo's action was not completely under her responsibility due to that the Elections Board made an error while accepting her flyer, and that Tara should not be held accountable of that error.

McArthur Governor candidate pointed that it should have been Tara's responsibility to make a better decision, and that at the Student Court she had taken some of the responsibility for her actions.

Boca SG Advisor and McArthur SG Advisor suggested that since this violation occurred with the combination of Tara's actions and the Elections Board's error that a Run-Off Election would be the fair procedure.

Chair of Elections concluded by confirming a Run-Off Election would take place and that candidates would be contacted to setup the official dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02PM