GSA Elections Board Meeting

Week 2—1/17/18

Call to order—5:35pm

- Major task today is approving an election schedule
- Once approved by Elections Board, election schedule will need to be approved by GSA forum

Key points from PowerPoint

- We are an independent body with an overall goal of making graduate elections successful
  - Want to get more voters out, more candidates running
  - Turnout was low last year (all positions were uncontested)
- Election will include 4 GSA positions as well as referenda (potentially some financial and one regarding the Writing Center)
- Board members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Elections Code
  - Campaigning regulations
  - Election results approval process
- Elections will fall during the Spring quarter; specific dates TBD by Board
- Board’s budget is ~$5000
  - ~2600 for MyUCLA logistics
  - Meeting food
  - GradBar
- Elections processes at other UCs
- Considerations for international students

Motion to discuss elections schedule→Seconded

Motion for a 1-week elections period→Seconded

- 7 calendar days from Wednesday 4/11 noon—Tuesday 4/17 noon
- GradBar would then be 4/12 (earlier is better for law students)
- Special meeting would then be 4/18 (after 24 hour window)

Motion to vote→Seconded

- Motion passes

Motion to discuss Week 4 Elections Board meeting→Seconded

Motion to vote to cancel Week 4 meeting→Seconded

- Motion passes

Motion to have applications available and sent out Week 5 (deadline being Week 10)→Seconded

Motion to vote to have applications out end of Week 3→Seconded

- Motion passes
End of Agenda

Other discussion

- Can students have an opportunity to learn about the positions from current office holders?
  - FAQ PPoint
  - “Office hours” with current officials
  - Potentially a special council to get this done by Week 6 ish
- Gift cards or other incentives for people to vote
  - Discuss at next meeting
- Put burden of outreach on Election Board members

Adjourned—6:34pm
13 academic councils:

- E. C. - SBA
- Catharine Kreps - Biological Sciences
- Phillip Shaverdian - Special Interest Board
- Chinnayi Anasayajija - Medicine
- Cindy Beard - Public Health
- Brett McCully - Social Sciences
- Damani Lewis - Education
- Oxford Ermooro - Anderson
- Pranali Singh - War School of Arts & Architecture
- Justin Getzien - Camini Team

Student Interest Board:

Other: Mike Chen - Adena Rep. Sal