

Accusations fill meeting

What started Tuesday noon as a meeting to discuss the status of ASUO elections with the candidates, ended in shouting, laughing, confusion and accusations, many of them aimed at ASUO vice president and chief elections officer Fred Loveys.

At the meeting's end, after many of the candidates had walked out, only a few things remained clear. Among them are the following:

—If the elections board denies two appeals which have been made, then the ASUO primary held last week will stand invalid and another primary will be held this Thursday and Friday.

—In any case, the General Election will be held Wednesday and Thursday next week.

—If another primary is required, only ASUO president-vice presidents tickets will be voted on, and voters will be

allowed to vote for only one ticket.

"If we need to hold a primary election again, the whole process needs to be replicated," said Loveys. A few candidates asked if the election dates were fair, considering the lack of time for campaigning.

"The dates will stand," Loveys answered. "Candidates have been given one opportunity to campaign...they still have two days to campaign."

A number of questions were raised, most of them remaining unanswered for the time being. Loveys said the roving ballot boxes would remain in use with the exception of the Westmoreland location, where no votes were cast in last week's primary. Several candidates questioned the fairness of the roving boxes, which visit fraternities and sororities. A meeting will be held at 10 a.m. today in Loveys' office to discuss the issue.

Loveys also said at the meeting that the Emerald would not print any election letters this week.

Candidate Tim Travis told Loveys he (Loveys) could not guarantee a fair election and asked him to resign in the interest of improving the integrity of the ASUO elections. Loveys answered "I believe my resignation at this stage would serve to enhance the lack of credibility of the election."

Loveys added that the "elections are a process and should not be an issue."

Loveys said a request that candidates be reimbursed for campaign expenses in an invalid election could be considered by the elections board.

Another question concerned the conflict of interest arising if Loveys administers a general election in which his own recall is on the ballot. Loveys had no answer. The lack of power to collect elections fines was also pointed out.



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Confusion infiltrates 'elections'

The confusion concerning the validity of last week's primary election has now infiltrated the ranks of the ASUO Elections Court.

The court has not yet met to hear various complaints of election rules violations that were filed last week.

However, if the ASUO Constitution Committee finalizes its ruling to invalidate the primary, complaints concerning that election could be nullified, according to ASUO President Bill Wyatt.

If the committee decides the election was valid, the elections court will have to hear the complaints.

Doug Marshall, Cathy Fitzpatrick and their counsel, David Gwyther, have submitted a request that the complaints be

dismissed anyway because the court waited too long to hear them.

The election rules state that any alleged violation shall be considered by the ASUO Elections Court within two working days after the complaint was filed.

Complaints were filed against three executive tickets Holcomb-Aiken, Marshall-Fitzpatrick and Shilts-Gonzalez, after Post Office officials reported that they were putting campaign materials in private mail boxes.

This constitutes a breach of federal law, punishable by a \$300 fine. If the ASUO complaints are dropped, the issue still will have to be taken up with the individual candidates by the Post Office.

Two other complaints were filed against the Marshall-Fitzpatrick ticket. One stated that a truck carrying a campaign banner drove past the polling booth at the Co-op several times on election days.

The other reported that a person was seen distributing campaign fliers at the EMU terrace polling booth on an election day.

The election rules state that there is to be no campaigning on the days of an election.

Two complaints were filed against the Leo-Barnett ticket. Both stated that campaign materials were illegally posted on University property in the dormitories and at the EMU.

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