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In a heated conversation, Jayc Izso and Mitch Knudsen discuss the appeals meeting Monday, May 5.

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Candidate's removal from student government throws fairness of presidential election into doubt

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Clackamas Associated Student Government removed one of its own members from the Associated Student Government last week amid accusations of inappropriate behavior and impropriety by student leaders. The removal of Jayc Izso from the position of ASG candidate has since been removed from the ballot.

"Kicking me out of government is just a way of shutting me up and making sure (ASG President) Michael Vu's hand-picked choice gets in," Izso said. "Michael Vu doesn't make waves," Izso said, and student presidential candidate Michael Vu.

Izso filed an appeal, and is currently waiting for a petition to withhold elections until a new candidate can be offered to student government.

On campus, club leaders are expressing unhappiness after a request for an appeals meeting was rebuffed by ASG (see page 3).

Both sides are attempting to adhere to the rules outlined in the Associated Students of Clackamas Community College (ASCCC) Constitution, a lack of precedent in the past is causing the groups to each respond with increasing acrimony.

LEFT: Jayc Izso, Michael Knudsen, and Latisha Knudsen listen to Mitch Knudsen's explanation of the situation during the appeals meeting.

RIGHT: After the appeals meeting, Jayc Izso and Mitch Knudsen wait to discuss the situation at college.

### Initial confrontation

Izso's problems began last week when he was unable to attend a scheduled "Meet and Greet" with students Tuesday. This eventually culminated in his ouster.

The two-day event was created to introduce the candidates and allow students to ask questions, express concerns and present any ideas they wished ASG to consider.

Although the times were to be determined, all deadlines and event days were known by both candidates, because they were printed on the presidential applications each received.

Citing financial obligations, Izso could not be present at the event but did send another student, Matt Ostergren, in his stead to represent him.

However, Jessica Hendrickson, student vice president and member of the Elections Committee, did not permit any non-candidates to answer questions, as the Meet and Greet was an opportunity for only presidential candidates to speak, not their managers or supporters.

"If he had let me know ahead of time he couldn't make it, we could have made other arrangements that were fair to both candidates," Hendrickson said. "Allowing him (Izso) to bring up students wouldn't have been fair to Michael (Vu)."

Izso countered by pointing out that when the Elections Committee met to decide times for the event, he was attending a Campus Development

Committee meeting as part of his assigned duties for ASG and was not able to help settle on a more convenient schedule.

The second day of the Meet and Greet did not turn out better for Izso. Supporters for Vu in attendance outnumbered his own, many of them fellow members of ASG wearing Support Michael Vu buttons or T-shirts.

The event, moderated by Hendrickson, for the most part was orderly and civilized, with students submitting their questions and Hendrickson giving the two candidates equal time.

However, things spun out of control when students from various campus clubs were insistent in pressing their particular questions and seeking answers.

Openly displaying a Support Vu button in his hands, Student Senator Adam

Kidwell got into a shouting match with Izso over his own questions not being addressed because of the focus on student questions being taken out of order.

Kidwell rose up out of his seat, pointing an accusatory finger at Izso, and demanded that someone moderate the meeting, although Hendrickson had been doing so until that point.

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Jayc Izso  
Ousted ASG Senator

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## Clubs' cry silenced in elections dispute

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One day after the Associated Student Government voted to remove member Jayc Izso, making him unqualified to run for ASG president, Democrat Club President Catherine Pike requested an emergency Interclub Council Meeting to address the election issue.

"I told him that it was a coronation, not an election," Pike said. "I don't agree with it. The clubs should have met to discuss what was happening."

Initially, ASG Clubs Senator Javierh Montero said he would allow the meeting, but that he needed to confirm the proper procedure.

"I volunteered to call all the clubs myself," Pike said, "but he said he would do it instead."

Montero asked the clubs to wait temporarily, while he checked the student constitution. He then quoted Section 5, which states that in order for a person to run for ASG president, he or she must first serve at least two terms on Student Leadership.



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