

Dear Student Body,

In light of the recent findings through the ongoing Audit and Advisory Services investigation, the A.S. Elections Board would like to issue an official apology to the Interfraternity Council (IFC), and to the President of IFC Brendan Gonzalez in regards to our accusation of bribery. When this complaint was brought to The Elections Board's attention, we were sincerely concerned that IFC's decision to provide grants to chapters with high turnout influenced the results of the election, and we stand by our decision to bring this issue to the public. However, in our attempt to inform the student body of our concerns in this unprecedented situation, we chose to classify these actions as "bribery", which we realize now was the wrong word to use and a bold accusation to make. We are genuinely sorry for any damage we did to the reputations of any organizations or fellow students. The intention of our letter was not to vilify any student or group, but rather to inform the student body of our concerns.

The A.S Elections Board is a group of students who work to hold the best interests of the student body in mind and strive to ensure that the election process is fair and equal for every single student on this campus. In attempting to achieve this goal, we unintentionally hurt a fellow student and his reputation, which is the last thing we wanted to do. Every member of Elections Board knows how difficult it is to be a student, so we apologize for the added pressure, scrutiny and unwanted attention our accusation has brought Brendan. The mental health of every student on this campus is incredibly important to the members of this board and we're deeply sorry our actions have added stress to one of our fellow students.

Thank you to everyone for their patience during this unique situation. We have all been waiting for answers and continue to patiently wait for Audit and Advisory Services to complete their thorough investigation. They are continuing to look into whether the IFC grant program resulted in a serious voting irregularity as a result of undue influence on student voting and if it violated any current Associated Students Elections Code, Campus Elections Commission Guidelines or Campus Regulations. In addition to apologizing to Brendan Gonzales and members of IFC, we would like to stress that we acted in a way we thought would be best and commend A.S. Senate for appropriately forwarding this issue to an outside investigative body.

Good luck with finals everyone!

Sincerely,
Elections Board