**Texas State University**

**Student Government Election Board**

**Memo**

**To:**Dr. Vincent Morton, Dean Kathryn Weiser, Student Body President,

 Student Body Vice President, Chief Justice William Frank Cadoree

**From:** Nicholas Scholz, Election Board Chair

**Date:**        February 23, 2021

**Subject:**   Election Voting Period

First and foremost, I want to thank Dean of Students, Dr. Vincent Morton and Dean Kathryn Weiser for meeting and discussing with the Election Board today about the matter at hand.

With the guidance of Dr. Morton and Dean Weiser and a long deliberation, the Election Board has come to a decision about the recent hiccup in the voting period. The Election Board has decided, as a majority, to move forward and implement an extra one day voting period.

The Election Board came to this decision due to the fact that many students were unable to have access to internet which is the sole way to vote in this COVID-19 election. Students lost their power throughout the day on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 through Friday, February 19, 2021. This caused a major decrease in voter turnout.

Our goal for implementing this extra day of voting is that it gives students the opportunity to allow their voices to be heard, since many were not able to.

The extra day of voting will take place on Friday, March 5, 2021. The Election Board chose this day for one reason; it is the earliest day available. This time frame allows for the production of more advertisement and allows for the candidates and students to have the results of this prolonged election as soon as possible. Voting will start at 8 in the morning and end at 5 in the evening on Friday, March 5, 2021.

If you have already casted your vote, there will be no need to revote as we have already counted your vote.

There will be one more Financial Disclosure form due. This due date will be at 5 in the evening on Friday, March 5, 2021

The announcement of election results will take place at 6:30 in the evening on Friday, March 5, 2021.

Once again, the Election Board wants to thank Dr. Morton and Dean Weiser for taking their time to advise the us through this process.