



Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2016-2017:2 Friday, October 14, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1st Floor, Senate Chambers

I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at: 3:04pm
- B) Quorum Check:
 - Samuel Smith, Attorney General, Chair
- Voting Members:*
 - Carlos Gomez, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Vice Chair
 - Uriah Sanders, President
 - Gabriel Smith, Vice President
 - Danielle Camarella, Business Senator
 - Steven Zhang, CLASS Senator
 - Vacant, Senator
- Advisors:*
 - Cora M. Culla, ASI Executive Director
 - Dr. Susan Ashe, Director of Student Conduct & Integrity
- Liaison:*
 - Karen Tu, Treasurer

Samuel stated Gabi Sedano is not officially on the committee she is acting as an Ex-Officio member and will only be a voice of consideration. He added she does not have a vote until confirmed in Senate.

- C) Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Gabriel moved to approve the May 27, 2016 and June 3, 2016 minutes, Danielle seconded. Motion carried by Chair.
- D) Agenda Changes
 - 1) Sam proposed rearranging the order of Discussion Items on the agenda to be reflected as Discussion Item A. Government Affairs Committee and Discussion Item B. Elections Code. He explained the rearranging of items is due in the interest of time.
 - a) Samuel moved to approve the Agenda Changes, Gabriel seconded. Motion carried by Chair.
 - 2) Carlos moved to remove Gabi Sedano as a voting member from the agenda, Danielle seconded. Motion carried by Chair.
 - 3) Gabriel moved to approve the minutes as amended to not reflect Gabi Sedano as a voting member, Carlos seconded. Motion carried by Chair.
- E) Introduction of Guests
 - 1) Tara Kwan, ASI, ASI Elections Chair
- F) Open Forum
 - 1) There were no speakers

II. Action Items

- A) There were no action items

III. Discussion Item

- A) Government Affairs Committee
 - 1) Gabriel reviewed the following changes made to the Governmental Affairs Committee Proposal:
 - a) Under Composition the Chair was revised as the Secretary of External Affairs
 - b) One of the positions was removed as it was discussed in the prior meeting that the position was not necessary
 - c) Duties of the Student Volunteers section was added outlining in letters A-E the responsibilities of the Lobby Corps volunteers
 - 2) Gabriel clarified that the Lobby Corps document would have to be repealed if the Government Affairs Committee is passed
 - 3) Cora asked the course of action this committee and Lobby Corps would take:
 - a) Samuel clarified they will try to carry out the proposal of creating this Governmental Affairs Committee, and if when recommended to Senate it does not get passed then the Lobby Corps Committee code will be revised.
 - b) Gabriel added the Lobby Corps Committee code
 - 4) Cora suggested keeping both the Lobby Corps document and the Governmental Affairs document open to allow for changes in the transition of the documents to happen properly.
 - a) Cora also suggested that for the remainder of the year any other policies that are revised should spell out Associates Students, Inc. and then the acronym can be used throughout the document.
 - 5) Dr. Susan Ashe clarified that the Governmental Affairs Committee would replace Lobby Corps. She added that the committee should take into consideration other committees that are already in place and the time commitments voting members already have.
 - a) Dr. Susan Ashe asked if the Secretary of External Affairs can be a voting member -- Cora clarified that if they are not a voting member on the Senate they cannot be a voting member on committees.
 - i. Cora mentioned should would look into this with Mark Bookman as B.E.A.T and Sustainability have voting members.
 - 6) Cora suggested including in the Purpose Statement advocacy in compliance with the CSU policy.
 - 7) Gabriel noted that in regards to the Legislative Affairs Officer and Civic Engagement Officer he included them because other campuses have formed these positions on their committees. He added that these officers are non-scholarship positions on other campuses.
 - 8) Cora suggested a Cover Memo recommending that this proposal is premised on the deletion of the section of Lobby Corps in the ASI By-Laws as a proposed substantive change and that Governmental Affairs document will replace that section.

B) Elections Code

- 1) Samuel explained one of the amendments last year's Rules & Policies Committee suggested for the Elections Code was revising the election procedure for the IHC Senator position and Greek Council.
 - a) Cora mentioned IHC is not an ASI Council and they have their own governance structure. She added that the debate that took place last year in regards to the IHC position is whether the IHC Senator had to be a resident of the village or not.
 - b) Uriah and Dr. Susan Ashe suggested that a sub-committee be formed to make the amendments to the Elections Code.
 - i. Samuel asked the committee members to e-mail him in order to form the sub-committee.
 - c) Cora suggested organizing the sub-groups within the committee based on committee projections. She added that the Chair be the master management manager of all documents but allow the committee to make track changes to the document. Lastly, she added to be respectful of the structure of IHC that they already have in place because they are not a part of ASI.
 - d) Cora suggested the creation of new senators and the committee agreed that there should be additional senators to represent the student's interests.

IV. Information Item

A) Standing Committee Projections

- 1) Sam discusses the projections for this year:
 - a) Audit Committee to be added to the ASI By-Laws
 - b) ASI Elections Committee Code
 - c) New Committees that potentially need to be made
 - d) Possible addition of new Senators or Councils
 - e) Set definitions of how ASI Student Government organizational structure works
 - f) Forming sub-groups for the ASI By-Laws and the Elections Committee Code
- 2) The committee went around the table and discussed what projects they would like to be a part of:

ASI By-Laws

- a) Karen Tu
- b) Gabriel Smith

ASI Elections Code

- a) Danielle Camarella
- b) Steven Zhang
- c) Dr. Susan Ashe
- d) Tara Kwan

New Committees and Research

- a) Cora Culla
- b) Carlos Gomez
- c) Gabriel Smith

New Senators or Councils

- a) Gabi Sedano
- b) Karen Tu
- c) Carlos Gomez

V. Adjournment

- A) Meeting was adjourned at: 5:00pm
- A) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: October 28, 2016 at 3:00-5:00pm, BSC Senate Chambers Conference Room