



# Rules and Policies Committee

## Minutes

*Friday, October 7, 2011, 2:00 – 4:00PM, BSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vela Major*

### I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order

B. Quorum Check

#### Voting Members

- Attorney General, Anthony Juarez (Chair), Present
- Agriculture Senator, Gabriel Barrios, Present
- CEIS Senator, Cristina Aceves, Present
- CLASS Senator, Cristina Saca, Present
- Senator Pro-Temp., Alicia Vajid, Excused Absent
- President, Johnathan Jianu, Excused Absent
- Vice President, Matthew Stafford, Excused Absent

#### Non-Voting Members

- Treasurer, Brian Poirrier, Excused Absent
- ASI Executive Director, Cora Culla, Present
- University Advisor, Susan Ashe, Present

C. Approval of Minutes

1. There were no minutes to approve considering that the previous Attorney General, Heena Mehra, did not complete the minutes. Anthony stated that he will have the minutes by the next Rules and Policies meeting.

D. Agenda Changes

1. “EIC name change” was added as Discussion Item B by consensus.

E. Introduction of Guests

1. No Guests

F. Open Forum

1. N/A

### II. Action Item

A. N/A

### III. Discussion Item

#### A. Elections Code

- Anthony mentioned that before the decision to go into online voting could be made a meeting with the University CIO, John McGuthry, would be necessary to see if online voting would be done internally, by I&IT, or externally, by a yet to be determined consultant.
  - i. Revision goals and ideas for changes
    - Cristina Aceves brought up the issue of students with minors and double majors and how they will be dealt with in regards to gathering signatures in the pre-election process.
    - Online voting
      - Susan made the distinction between online voting and electronic polling stations. Gabe mentioned that by switching to online voting we would garner more student votes.
      - The group decided that it would break into the following subgroups in tackling the evaluation and updating of the Elections Code:
        - A group dealing with the pre-election issues and campaigning: sections 6-9 and 12-15 in the Elections Code.
        - A group dealing with how online voting would impact the process of voting: sections 10 and 11 in the Elections Code.
        - A group dealing with the regulations and disciplinary issues associated with violating the regulations: sections 16-20 in the Elections Code.
      - The group also decided that looking at other CSU campuses already enacting the online voting practices.
        - Cora said she could send an e-mail to her counterparts at the 22 other CSUs and Johnathan could also send an e-mail to CSSA members. The questions would be:
          - Do you use online voting for your elections?
          - What system do you use?
          - Who is the contact person?
          - Are you willing to share your elections code?
      - How to solicit feedback from the community?
        - The group decided to let this aspect of the revising process stay with the Elections Chair, Amanda

Quintero.

**B. EIC Name Change**

- i. The council would like to change their name because its club composition no longer accurately reflects its name.
  1. Will this constitute a substantive by-law change because the at-large councils are mentioned by name? This was decided to be a question to ask Mark Bookman, ASI Legal Counsel.
  2. This may require a student vote (because of the by-law change).
  3. To change their name a council would have to:
    - a. Gauge their constituency's support for the change.
    - b. Present to the R&P Committee.
    - c. Present to the Senate for Final Vote.
  4. The group also discussed the viability of adding a new at-large council to deal with the varied composition of EIC, but this was decided to be a conversation for another time.
    - a. This is a relevant issue, however, because EIC is getting a lot of the "left over" clubs that don't neatly fit into any other council. Would adding a new council fix this issue? This was an area to explore in the future.

**IV. Information item**

- A. Rules and Policies Committee goals for Fall quarter
  - i. Elections code revamp and Standing Committee codes will be the priority for Fall, as well as the BEAT Code. The Elections code is the most pressing issue.
  - ii. Discipline with regards to setting timelines and document control to avoid the problems of the past. The timeline should be coordinated with the Senate meeting dates for maximum efficiency. Also dating every document we work with will keep the problems of last year from reoccurring.
- B. Changing meeting dates for November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1-3PM
  - i. Cristina Aceves and Gabriel had conflicts. The change was not adopted and the standing schedule will remain the same.

**V. Adjournment**

- A. Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: Friday, October 21, 2011, 2:00-4:00PM, BSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Orion C