



# Rules and Policies Committee

## Minutes

2012-13:7 Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Perseus

### I. Preliminaries

#### A. Call to Order

- i. Chair of the committee, Devon Graves, designated Salina Nasir, ASI Assistant Attorney General to call the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

#### B. Quorum Check

Voting members:

- Devon Graves, Attorney General-Chair
- Mary Haynes, Senate President Pro-Tempore-Vice Chair
- Chris Osuala, President
- Christine Hall, Vice President
- Dylan Devlin, CCHM Senator
- Stephanie Ferreira, Agriculture Senator
- Tommy Ward, MCC Senator

Advisors:

- Susan Ashe, University Advisor
- Cora Culla, ASI Executive Director; **Designee:** Barny Peak, ASI Advisor

Liaison:

- Krikor Ketchedjian, Treasurer

Special Guest:

- Salina Nasir, Assistant Attorney General

#### C. Approval of Minutes

- i. Salina announced that there would be no approval of minutes because they were not ready, and that the minutes will be approved when the committee reconvenes on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

#### D. Agenda Changes

- i. There were no agenda changes that were to be made.

#### E. Introduction of Guests

- i. Aisha Razzak, Secretary of Programs and Services

#### F. Open Forum

- i. No comments made

Devon chaired the meeting from Preliminaries until the adjournment of the meeting.

### II. Action Item

#### A. ASI BEAT Code

- i. Barny began by reading off the proposed changes to the BEAT Code.
- ii. Barny commented that many of the revisions were necessary because the structure of ASI has changed over time as well.

1. For instance, many titles have been altered within ASI. Barny offered an important example: "Susan's former title no longer exists."
- iii. Barny also informed the committee that many of the revisions were made in an effort to clean up the document, and make it more consistent with the ASI By-laws.
- iv. Devon suggested that perhaps it would be beneficial to strike out any exact reference to articles in the by-laws, and instead replace them with a more general term such as "ASI by-laws."
  1. Tommy agreed with Devon, stating that this revision could potentially eliminate any future conflicts.
- v. Devon asked Barny if the Director of the BSC will still have a "strong hand" when it comes to coordinating BEAT.
  1. Barny was unsure of the future responsibilities for the Director of the BSC; however, he mentioned that it may be "strange" for the Director of the BSC to advise BEAT in their programs.
- vi. Barny explained that Article III, Section 3 is now geared towards the expectations of BEAT members. Before, the section simply explained consequences of the members missing meetings.
- vii. Barny then begins discussing the "procedural part" of the Code, which addresses how BEAT approves program proposals, and how BEAT executes programs.
  1. Barny explains to the committee that this part of the document required a lot of "clean up."
  2. Barny also informed the committee that BEAT had decided to strike out the entire section regarding vetoes because it was no longer in the by-laws.
- viii. After Barny had finished reading over the proposed changes, Devon stated that because there were so many changes that were made, he does not feel comfortable enough to take action on the item until he is given the opportunity to look over the document a few more times.
- ix. Tommy asked a question regarding the OSL Representative's position being removed from the BEAT Code, which was first discussed at the previous meeting.
  1. He asked whether or not the BEAT Committee "retained" the removal that was mentioned two weeks prior.
  2. Barny answered that the OSL Rep. was removed from the BEAT Code.

3. Devon stated that he doesn't understand why BEAT decided to omit the representative, as all of the other committees and boards have a university representative.
4. Devon mentioned that having a representative would provide a good support system.
5. Barny replied that the main reason they decided to strikeout the OSL Rep. is simply because in the past no one ever attended.
  - a. He mentioned that before asking to add the OSL Rep. back into the BEAT Code, one must:
    - i. Consult with OSL
    - ii. Talk to the Rep. about his/her availability (Must be available 2 hours a week).
- x. A discussion then ensued regarding the section for removal, and how to remove a person that is holding the position of Secretary of Programs and Services.
- xi. Lastly, Tommy pointed out that there was an issue regarding consistency throughout the document when addressing the BEAT Committee.
  1. BEAT vs. The ASI BEAT vs. ASI BEAT
  2. Devon concluded stating that he would check to see which format is used in the ASI By-laws for the sake of consistency.

#### B. ASI Senate Rules

- i. Firstly, Devon motioned to change all references to "non-voting members" to "liaison"
  1. Dylan second the motion
  2. The motion passed 6/1/0
- ii. Secondly, discussion took place regarding the "Approval of the Minutes". (Rule I, Section 1a.)
  1. First, Tommy motioned to delete everything after the first sentence.
    - a. Stephanie second the motion.
    - b. The motion failed 3/4/0.
  2. Then, Christine motioned to strike out "by the chair in this way to"
    - a. Tommy second the motion.
    - b. The motion passed 4/0/0.
- iii. Moving on, the committee began to discuss the section about "Members". (Rule II, Section 1a.)

1. Initially, Christine motioned to pull the language from the By-laws to replace Rule II, Section 1a.
  - a. Mary second the motion.
  - b. The motion failed unanimously.
2. After the motion failed, a discussion ensued regarding the potential of striking out the entire section of “members” (Rule II, Section 1a.).
3. Then Mary motioned to remove Rule II, III, and IV because they are already all stated in the By-laws.
  - a. Christine second the motion.
  - b. Discussion: Devon stated that “voting” (Rule III, Section 1) is not mentioned in By-laws.
  - c. Discussion: Tommy stated that if voting is not in by-laws, then keep it. However, strike out all of the other rules that are already in By-laws.
  - d. Discussion: Barny stated that attendance (Rule IV) is necessary to include in the Senate Rules.
  - e. Mary then amended the motion: Remove just Rule II.
  - f. The motion passes 6/0/1.
- iv. In Rule III (now technically, Rule II), Mary motioned to change the title to “voting,” and the title of section 1 to “members”.
  1. Tommy second the motion.
  2. The motion passed unanimously.
- v. The ASI Senate Rules were suspended and transferred to the next meeting because there was not enough time to take action on it.

### **III. Discussion Item**

- A. There were no discussion items.

### **IV. Information item**

- A. Spring Quarter Committee Schedule
  - i. This was not addressed and postponed until next meeting.

### **V. Adjournment**

- A. Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 3:00-5:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Perseus
  - i. After Devon informed the Rules and Policies Committee of the next meeting, he adjourned the meeting at 4:57 PM.

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