



Rules and Policies Committee

Minutes

2012-13:9 Friday, March 8th, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1st Floor, Perseus

I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order

- i. Chair of the committee, Devon Graves, called the meeting to order at 3:08 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; **Excused Tardy**
- Cora Culla, ASI Executive Director

Liaison:

- Krikor Ketchedjian, Treasurer; **Excused Absence**

Special Guest:

- Salina Nasir, Assistant Attorney General

C. Approval of Minutes

- i. February 22nd
 - i. Cora pointed out that Barny's name was misspelled.
 - ii. Devon assured Cora that the corrections will be made.
 - iii. Devon approved the minutes as amended.
- ii. February 28th
 - i. No opposition, minutes approved by chair

D. Agenda Changes

- i. No agenda changes

E. Introduction of Guests

- i. No guests

F. Open Forum

- i. No comments made

II. Action Item

A. ASI By-law Revisions

i. BRIC Committee

1. Devon informed the members that the creation of the BRIC Committee will require in additional section in Article XIX of the ASI By-laws. He

introduced the committee to Section IV: Bronco Recreational and Intramural Complex Facilities and Operations Committee.

- a. The committee's discussion regarding this section began with Cora correcting minor typos and grammatical errors:
 - i. She suggested that when addressing "ASI Vice President" we add the term "the" before.
- b. After a discussion ensued regarding the composition of the committee, the committee decided to vote on whether the Facilities and Operations committee should remain one committee or divvy up into two separate committees.
 - i. Devon called the vote by asking those in favor of keeping F&O as one committee to raise their hands.
 - ii. The result was two members voting for F&O to be one committee, three voting against, and one abstaining (2/3/1).
 - iii. Christine mentioned that she wanted Devon to discuss the pros and cons. However, Devon explained that the vote was already called.
 - iv. Instead, Dylan motioned to revote and Christine seconded his motion. The motion to revote passed.
 - v. Next, Christine asked Devon to describe the pros and cons of each option: having two separate committees, or just one.
 - vi. According to Devon, the pros for separating the two committees entail creating more student involvement, and more senator involvement in ASI internal committees and Sub-Senate committees. Also, Devon mentioned that he sees more benefits that would come with having two separate committees.
 - vii. Chris counters this by stating that F&O should remain one sole committee since the agendas for F&O are not that heavy anyways, and there will be an abundance of extra time to discuss matters pertaining to the BRIC.
 - viii. Another discussion ensued regarding this matter, but eventually Christine agreed with Chris's statement and motioned to keep F&O as only one committee.
 1. Chris seconded the motion.
 2. The motion failed 3/4/0.
- c. The committee will remain two separate committees; next, a discussion regarding who should chair the committees began.
 - i. Dylan moved to strike the first reference of "Vice President" and switch it with "Senator Pro-tempore".

1. He explained his thoughts: The Senator pro-tempore should chair both, and the Vice President should vice-chair both.
2. Stephanie seconded the motion
3. Discussion: Devon completely disagreed with Dylan's motion. He stated that having two committees with the same chair and vice-chair would defeat the purpose of having two separate committees.
4. Discussion: Christine asked that if the same individual is chairing and vice-chairing both committees, then perhaps it should all be done at one meeting, with one agenda.
5. Discussion: Chris agreed with Dylan regarding the fact that the Senator Pro-Tempore should chair both committees; however, he also claimed that the best option would be to combine both committees.
6. Discussion: Dylan stated that because the Senate will decide ultimately, the committee should just have the Senate make the decision.
 - a. Devon refused to send this matter to the Senate because it was incomplete.
 - b. Susan reassured Devon by stating that the committee has already voted, so we have a recommendation and it is technically not an incomplete issue.
 - c. Devon thanked Susan for her input, but told the members that he still felt uncomfortable that the Rules and Policies committee is divided, yet they are still sending this to the Senate.
 - d. Christine reassured Devon and the committee by stating that there will always be opposition at the end of the day.
 - e. Susan urged the committee to conclude the discussion, and instead vote on Dylan's motion so that we may send another recommendation to the Senate.
7. The motion passes 5/2/0. The Senator Pro-Tempore will chair both, and the Vice President will vice-chair both committees.

- d. Devon motioned to insert “line items in the BSC annual budget to the Senate” in Section IV (b).
 - i. Tommy seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Tommy moved to insert “Kinesiology Health Promotion” and strike “Athletic” in Section IV (a).
 - i. Stephanie seconded the motion
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Seal and Colors (Article 2)
 - 1. Christine motioned to accept the article as amended, which inserted the term “hunter” before green.
 - a. Mary seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Student Bill or Rights (Article 7)
 - 1. Devon read the proposed amendments to the committee.
 - a. Tommy asked to adopt more timeless wording, rather than having to frequently update the ASI By-laws.
 - b. Tommy shared with the committee an ASI Non-Discrimination Policy that he authored.
 - 2. Chris mentioned that the word “discriminate” is harsh when regarding fraternities and sororities, which chooses members based off of their gender.
 - a. Tommy motioned to strike the term “discriminate” and insert “exclude”.
 - i. Christine seconded the motion.
 - ii. Discussion: Chris asked to amend the motion
 - 1. Cora then suggested the phrase “engage in the practice of exclusion”
 - 2. Devon called the vote and asked those in favor of amending the motion to read what Cora suggested to raise their hands.
 - 3. It passed unanimously.
 - b. As for the main motion, Mary motioned to insert the phrase “may engage in the practice of exclusion,” when referring to fraternities and sororities.
 - i. Dylan seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously 7/0/0.
 - 3. Salina typed up all of the changes as the committee’s discussion ensued.
 - 4. Dylan motioned to approve all of the amendments displayed on the screen.
 - a. Christine seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed unanimously.

- iv. Executive Student Leaders (Article 9)
 - 1. Devon explained that these changes will be made if the BRIC committee were to be finalized.
 - 2. Cora recommended acting on all amendments at the same time.
 - 3. Christine moved to approve all amendments under Article 9.
 - a. Mary seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed 7/0/0.
- v. ASI Senate and Board of Directors (Article 13)
 - 1. Devon explained that this is another change that will have to be made should the BRIC committee be finalized.
 - 2. Christine motioned to approve the language.
 - a. Tommy seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed 7/0/0.
- vi. Organization of ASI Senate Standing Committee (Article 18)
 - 1. Devon explained that this article must be amended to accommodate the potential BRIC committee.
 - 2. Dylan moved to prove this article as amended.
 - a. Tommy seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed 7/0/0.
- vii. Procedures of Committees (Article 21)
 - 1. Devon explained that if the BRIC Committee is approved, then Section VI, which deals with the Annual Budget, must be amended.
 - 2. Devon asked Cora if the language of this section must change to show that the BRIC and BSC will be under one budget.
 - 3. Cora stated that she thinks it should just read "BSC Annual Budget" because it really is just one budget.
 - 4. Tommy moved to make the changes that Cora suggested.
 - a. Stephanie seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed unanimously.
- viii. Student Leader Eligibility (Article 31)
 - 1. Mary motioned to approve the article as amended, and Christine seconded the motion.
 - a. Cora went into discussion with the committee before the vote was called. She suggested to insert "student leader" and strike "officer" in Section 1c.
 - b. Tommy then contributed to the discussion by stating that the By-laws must specifically read "ASI Senator" and "Cabinet" rather than just "student leader".
 - c. Mary motioned to vote, and Dylan seconded.
 - d. The vote passed unanimously 7/0/0.
- ix. Quorum (Article 28)

1. Tommy motioned to accept this article as amended, which now considers Quorum to consist of a majority of the seated voting members.
 - a. Stephanie seconded the vote.
 - b. The vote passed unanimously 7/0/0.
- x. Term of Office (Article 29)
 1. The committee decided to alter the language: rather than reading “if needed”, the proposed change should read “if a Senate meeting has not been called.”
 2. Then, a discussion ensued regarding the fact that perhaps this article should differentiate between an executive and a regular Senate meeting.
 - a. Tommy suggested inserting the term “full” before “Senate meeting” to read “if a full Senate meeting has not been called.”
 - b. Mary stated that if we were to make this change, we would have to define a “full Senate meeting”.
 - c. Cora and Christine then mention that page 14 of the ASI By-laws already point out the distinction that exists between executive and senate meetings.
 3. A motion was made by Christine to accept the proposed changes as amended.
 - a. Mary seconded the motion.
 - b. The motion passed 7/0/0.

III. Discussion Item

- A. There were no discussion items.

IV. Information item

- A. Spring Quarter Committee Schedule
 - i. A handout, which lists the upcoming schedule for the committee, was handed out to the members.
- B. Future Documents
 - i. ASI non-Discrimination Policy
 - ii. BEAT Code
 - iii. Senate Rules

V. Adjournment

- A. Devon adjourned the meeting at 4:59 PM.

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek...”

– Barack Obama