



# Rules and Policies Committee

## Minutes

Friday, February 3, 2012, 1:00-3:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pegasus

### I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order **1:14**

B. Quorum Check

Attorney General, Anthony Juarez (Chair) **Present**

Agriculture Senator, Gabriel **Present**

CEIS Senator, Cristina Aceves **Present**

CLASS Senator, Cristina Saca **Present**

Senator Pro-Tempore, Alicia Vajid **Present**

President, Johnathan Jianu excused **Tardy**

Vice President, Matthew Stafford **Present**

Non-Voting Members

Treasurer, Brian Poirrier **Present**

ASI Executive Director Designee, Barny Peake **Present**

University Advisor, Susan Ashe **Present**

Assistant Attorney General, Kiana Farzad **Present**

C. Approval of Minutes- Minutes approved.

D. Agenda Changes- No agenda changes.

E. Introduction of Guests- No guests.

F. Open Forum- N/A

### II. Action Item

N/A

### III. Discussion Item

A. Substantive Changes to the ASI By-Laws-

1. Anthony reiterated the changes to by-laws where secretaries will be transferred into their own Senate Bills, specific to their own position. Once that is done, adjustments could be easily made to their positions. Each would be a separate Senate Bill. Anthony mentioned how it would be

more work in the early stages but later it will be much easier to make changes individually.

2. Anthony also mentioned that John went through the by-laws and gave his input into what should be discussed. One important input was removing Senator Pro-Temp and replacing it with Secretary of Facilities.
3. Susan voiced her concern over the excessive time spent on changes to the By-Laws. Anthony also questioned the responsibility of the committee to address more issues in addition to the substantive changes to the by-laws. Matt asked for the list of responsibilities needed to adequately prioritize what needs to be done. Anthony reiterated the importance mentioned by John of removing the Senator Pro-Temp and replacing it with Sec. of Facilities. Anthony discussed more substantive by-law changes provided by John.
4. Susan reiterated the excessive changes and time needed to complete the substantive by-law changes. The committee agreed that time should be focused on more critical issues such as the Secretary of Facilities change discussed above and the distinction of Secretary Roles transferred into their own bill.
5. Another change discussed by the committee was removing the burden from the Senator Pro-Temp and giving assistants the position as vice-chairs. Both Gabe and Cristina Saca said the committee should be focusing on the elections code since it is a time sensitive manner. However, the committee did reiterate the importance of making the changes related to facilities.
6. John mentioned to the committee to continue the work on changes for the by-laws in this meeting because elections code could not be discussed or worked on at this point in time. Therefore, the committee discussed further the important changes to the by-laws outlined above.

#### **IV. Information item**

N/A

#### **V. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 2:50PM**

- A. Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting Friday, February 17, 2012, 1:00-3:00PM, BSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Orion C