



# Rules and Policies Committee

## Minutes

Friday, February 24, 2012, 1:00-3:00PM, BSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Andromeda C

### I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order **1:06**

B. Quorum Check

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

Agriculture Senator, Gabriel **Present**

CEIS Senator, Cristina Aceves **Present**

CLASS Senator, Cristina Saca **Absent**

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

President, Johnathan Jianu excused **Tardy**

Vice President, Matthew Stafford excused **Absent**

Non-Voting Members

Treasurer, Brian Poirrier **Absent**

ASI Executive Director Designee, Barny Peake excused **Tardy**

University Advisor, Susan Ashe **Present**

Assistant Attorney General, Kiana Farzad **Present**

C. Approval of Minutes- Minutes to be approved at next meeting.

D. Agenda Changes- Add elections code to discussion item A.

E. Introduction of Guests- Julie Park from the Elections Committee. Senators Evin Coukos, Pulkit Jain, and Alicia Martin.

F. Open Forum- N/A

### II. Action Item

N/A

### III. Discussion Item

A. Elections Code

i. Discussions continued regarding the elections code draft.

1. XII. Campaign Expenses: A(2) was changed to 300\$. Also, extra information was added to section B regarding the documentation of donations received during the campaign. The committee wrote that documentation deadlines will be determined by the Elections Committee. The committee discussed the pros and cons of a

proposed expense report. The committee found it important to discuss spending violations. Some changes were made in regards to wording in section B.

2. XIV. Campaign Endorsements: discussion surfaced regarding the pros and cons regarding campaign endorsements for an individual candidate. The committee recommended more debates as a way to increase voter and candidate relationships, if we do not allow endorsements. However, Susan voiced concern over debates actually drawing in a sufficient crowd. The committee agreed to get rid of individual endorsements but keep in place organizational endorsements. Julie recommended restrictions be placed on candidates; where they can only get endorsements from a council or college they are associated with. Therefore, random endorsements would not be allowed. Barny suggested that the elections code must specify the definition of endorsements. The committee fails to meet quorum to vote on this issue, as to leaving or taking out endorsements. This question is to be determined at a later time.
3. XV. Election Regulations: Agreed with substance. However, the placement is questionable.
4. XVI. Responsibility of Candidates: Section A- Susan suggested including elections packets as part of the statements. Also, a section C was added: stating that any candidate failing to submit an expense report by the designated deadline shall be held accountable.
5. XVII. Violations: In regards to hearing all cases of alleged violations, the committee agreed to change section A stating- The Elections Chair shall review all cases of alleged violations of this code. Also discussed was the best place to turn things will be turned in by candidates in a consistent manner. The committee agreed to allow the elections committee decide the headquarters. More changes were made to section A(1).

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

N/A

#### **V. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 2:54PM**

- A. Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting Friday, March 2nd, 2012, 1:00-3:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pegasus.