



# Rules and Policies Committee

## Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, Senate Chambers, Senate Conference Room

### I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order at 3:06pm

B. Quorum Check

*Voting Members:*

Johndaniel Morales, Attorney General (Chair)

Jared Tolbert, Senate President Pro-Tempore (Vice Chair)

Christine Hall, President

Joe Shashaty, Vice President

Nailah Zoi Givens, Greek Senator-At-Large

Raquel Mercado, CLASS Senator

Jai Oni Sly, CEIS Senator

*Advisors:*

Cora Culla, ASI Executive Director (ASI Advisor) Designee: Powell Velasco

Susan Ashe, Director of Judicial Affairs (University Advisor)

*Liaison:*

Alec Jaltorossian, Treasurer

C. Approval of Minutes

1. There were no minutes to approve

D. Agenda Changes

1. There were no agenda changes

E. Introduction of Guests

1. Michael Adams – Secretary of Sustainability for Sustainability Board Code

F. Open Forum

1. There were no speakers for open forum

### II. Action Item

A. There were no action items

### III. Discussion Items

A. Sustainability Board Code

1. Purpose

a. No feedback on Purpose

2. Financial Authority

a. Powell asked if there is a stipulation in the Finance Committee Code that organizations cannot go to different/multiple ASI

committees for money. It was put in the code that if money is granted from Sustainability Board, then they cannot also go to Finance committee.

- b. James asked what constitutes a sustainable/environmental cause
  - i. Michael read the supporting document to the Sustainability Board Code that he was currently working on which further explains the requirements that clubs must meet to be eligible for funds from the ASI Sustainability Board
- c. Susan asked if the Sustainability Board supports only students and staff, or if it also includes the faculty and community. Christine explained that this came directly from the By-Laws and the Purpose at this point will remain the same and can be changed as necessary with referendum to the By-Laws.

### 3. Composition

- a. "One university sustainability official" – this is also stated in the By-Laws however, there is no longer someone with that position on the campus and the title doesn't exist. It is something to be noted so that the next time the By-Laws are changed this can be taken out. Johndaniel asked for feedback from the board on if they feel it is necessary to omit this from the code
- b. Michael expressed that he did want representation from the university side
- c. Zoi and Christine agreed that it should say "sustainability representative" to have presence from the university side and someone who is involved in sustainability to be on the board
- d. Jared asked why senators are switched out every quarter on Finance Committee and because Sustainability Board deals with funding, if it should also have that policy. Or if they should have senators who serve the full academic year.
- e. Christine explained that Sustainability isn't only going to deal with funding requests they will also going to be working on projects and events; it might not be good to have that kind of turnover from quarter to quarter.
- f. Jared suggested have multiple senators, some who commit to the full academic year, and some who change from quarter to quarter, like Finance Committee

- g. Johndaniel would talk to Cora and find out if that is a policy she wants to put in place
- 4. Duties of the Board Chair
  - a. Secretary of Sustainability would attend Senate meetings when there is business related to Sustainability Board
- 5. Budget Requests
  - a. Budget request must be submitted at least 30 days prior – discussion over if that is going to be practiced because Finance committee doesn't follow this policy. There would be further discussion on enforcing this policy.
- 6. Budget Request Presentations
- 7. Secretary of Sustainability must inform all necessary parties of the action taken
- 8. Meetings/Quorum
- 9. Voting Procedures
- 10. Amendments

**B. ASI Inter-Council Code**

- 1. Only remaining issue is over the composition and the advisors
  - a. Per discussion with Dr. Keeton – advisors will be omitted from the document and can be invited
  - b. Susan gave a recommendation on the wording to say (optional) after liaison, Christine gave her opinion on the pros/cons of that suggestion
  - c. Further wording suggestions, discussion over James idea of “special guests”, Susan and Powell both felt the word “advisor” should be included
  - d. Johndaniel thought that if someone is going to be an advisor they should be at all meetings, therefore they should be included under liaisons
  - e. Continued discussion over where and how they should be classified, there was a verbal consensus that Susan's suggestion was best

**IV. Information item**

- A. There were no information items

**V. Adjournment**

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm

- B. Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting:  
**April 25th, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the Senate Chambers Conference Room.**