



Rules and Policies Committee

Minutes

Friday, March 14, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, Senate Chambers, Senate Conference Room

I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order at 3:02pm

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 – **Excused Absent**

Jai Oni Sly, CEIS Senator

Advisors:

Cora Culla, ASI Executive Director

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. Moving action item A - ASI Inter-Council Code to Discussion Item B

E. Introduction of Guests

1. James Cox – Secretary of Internal Affairs
2. Alexandra Retana – Graduate assistant shadowing Susan Ashe

F. Open Forum

1. “Good luck on finals” - Christine
2. “Shout Out” to Nailah for performance in Vagina Monologues

II. Action Item

A. Payment Card Acceptance Policy

1. Changes discussed at last meeting (February 28th, 2014) were completed
2. Christine moved to approve Payment Card Acceptance Policy, Nailah seconded
3. Vote, 4:0:1, motion passed

III. Discussion Items

A. Sustainability Board Code

i. Purpose

1. Cora wanted clarification on whether or not ASI operations would be included in the groups that the sustainability focused funds could be allocated to. Christine explained that the funds are for student run organizations and clubs, not for ASI operations. Cora recommended JD's in the Purpose.
2. Christine clarified that this board could approve anything up to \$2500, anything more than that up to the \$5500 limit had to go to the ASI Senate
3. Discussion over if clubs can go to both the Sustainability Board and the Finance Committee. Cora recommended that the same club shouldn't get funding twice for the **same event**.
4. There was consensus that questions should be directed at Powell and Michael because they have the most knowledge of this board.
5. Discussion over how clubs should know which committee/board they should go to for funding when it is concerning sustainability
6. Christine explained the thought process behind creating a separate reserve account just for sustainability
7. Christine and Cora both advised against allowing funds to go towards individual students or professors. It should be for student organizations only.
8. Susan and other committee members agreed that the Purpose section and the information in it were misplaced. Cora suggested that there be a new Purpose written and include the information in the Purpose currently be put elsewhere/in its own section
9. Cora also pointed out that she didn't understand the purpose of having an Annual Budget request section
10. Powell felt the Purpose should come more directly from the By-Laws
11. Cora questioned whether or not the last sentence opens up the funds to campus departments, faculty, or community language. Something needs to be added to clarify that it is for students only. Cora suggested wording to help provide clarification.
12. Christine asked if the revised purpose was verbatim from the By-Laws

13. Cora suggested that all questions and concerns be written down so that Johndaniel and Powell can discuss them with Michael to make the appropriate changes.

ii. Composition

1. Powell countered that the composition be straight from the By-Laws
2. Susan raised a concern about the appointment of committee member and how the language can reflect that committee. Christine suggested is same something similar to “members are appointed by the President with consultation of the Secretary of Sustainability”.
3. Cora asked Susan if there was someone on the University side that fits the description given. Powell explained that as of this meeting, no one has been chosen to sit on the board
4. Suggestion that in the next referendum, the Attorney General changes the term “University Sustainability Official” in the By-Laws for the Sustainability Board

iii. Duties of the Board Chair

1. Susan recommended using a more generic title in case it is changed

iv. Budget Requests

1. Straight out of the By-Laws - will be changed by Michael to more accurately reflect Sustainability Board

v. Meetings

1. Straight out of the By-Laws
2. Quorum will be fixed since it is verbatim from the Finance Code and not totally accurate for Sustainability Board
3. Senators will be responsible for updating the Secretary of Sustainability what happens at the Sub-Senate meetings that pertains to Sustainability
4. Christine recommends disclosing to future secretaries that they still need to be available to speak at Senate meetings if a club goes through Sustainability Board for a funding request and then are recommended to go to Senate to receive more than \$2,500

B. ASI Inter-Council Code

- i. All changes requested at the February 28th, 2014 meeting were made
- ii. Cora noted a grammatical error
- iii. Christine questioned whether or not there will always be twelve councils. Christine, Susan, and Cora agreed that it should write “among the ASI councils” in case some are added in the future
- iv. Composition
 1. Liaisons
 - a. There will be a BEAT representative
 - b. Dr. Rebecca Keaton wanted to discuss with her staff if there would be a University staff advisor that could be available regularly for the meetings and if there is she preferred they be listed under liaisons
 - v. Susan wanted consistency on whether it was written ASI BEAT, BEAT, or B.E.AT.
 - vi. James asked if it would be possible to have the Secretary of Internal Affairs advisor can also be the Inter-Council Liaison. Christine felt that although it limits the chances of having the liaison available all the time, it makes the most sense to have Internal Affairs advisor also be Inter-Council Liaison.
 - vii. Christine had a concern about the ASI liaison - not having one could cause issues when planning events such as the banquet
 1. Cora suggested that if that is what they want to do, it should be written as ASI Executive Director/Designee to account for possible future changes in the structure of the departments
 - viii. For certain positions or staff members, they can be invited to the Inter-Council meetings as necessary when concerning particular events and times of the year
 - ix. Cora suggested changing the language on the last phrase on second sentence of Purpose to “facilitate student engagement, provide for advocacy of students interest, and support campus-wide unity” or something more descriptive and inclusive of the true purpose

IV. Information item

V. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

- B. Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting:
April 11th, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the Senate Chambers Conference Room.