



# Rules and Policies Committee

## Minutes

2012-13:13 Friday, May 23rd, 2013, 1:15 – 2:45PM, BSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, England Evans

### I. Preliminaries

#### A. Call to Order

1. Chair of the committee, Devon Graves, called the meeting to order at 1:17 P.M.

#### B. Quorum Check

Voting members:

- Devon Graves, Attorney General-Chair
- Mary Haynes, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Vice Chair
- Chris Osuala, President **Excused Absence**
- Christine Hall, Vice President
- Dylan Devlin, CCHM Senator; **Excused Absence**
- Stephanie Ferreira, Agriculture Senator
- Tommy Ward, MCC Senator

Advisors:

- Susan Ashe, University Advisor
- Cora Culla, ASI Executive Director; **Designee:** Powell Velasco

Liaison:

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

#### 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. There were no guests

#### F. Open Forum

1. Night of Color announced by Tommy
2. "Happy Thursday" from Christine
3. Committee and Devon congratulated Christine for being President Elect

### II. Action Item

#### A. ASI Senate Rules

- i. Will be on the agenda at the next meeting

#### B. ASI Beat Code

- i. Will be on the agenda at the next meeting

#### C. Rules and Policies Committee Code

- i. Devon explained that the only change is to the advisors and the quorum
- ii. Devon also informed the committee that the treasurer and attorney general are not voting members

- iii. Code can be approved in the committee and when it goes to Senate as an action item, the structure will be corrected to reflect that Treasurer and Attorney General are non-voting
  - iv. Discussion over voting and non-voting members and how ties would be dealt with
  - v. Grammatical change
  - vi. Further discussion over the structure of the committee chair and liaisons
  - vii. Tommy moved to approve and recommend the Rules and Policies Committee Code to Senate with the exception of 2A, Stephanie seconded
  - viii. Vote, 5:0:0, motion passed
- D. Facilities and Operations Committee Code
- i. Devon explained the only change is to the composition of the committee and quorum (sections 2A, 2B, 2C, 5)
  - ii. Tommy moved to approve and recommend the Facilities and Operations code to Senate, Christine seconded
  - iii. Vote, 5:0:0, motion passed
- E. Finance Committee Code
- i. Devon explained that major changes may have to be made due to the voting structure and procedures
  - ii. Current changes are to the advisor, mid-year budget request, and addition of the documents that need to be referenced
  - iii. Tommy questioned having it approved considering the amount of changes that need to be made when factoring in the Financial Guidelines and Stipulations document
  - iv. Tommy moved to strike Section 4, Stephanie seconded
  - v. Further discussion, concerns over striking the entire section
  - vi. Christine and Mary agreed that the information in section 4 is valuable and informative for incoming Finance committee members, Treasurer, other student leaders, and students at-large
  - vii. Tommy proposed striking Section 4 and including a sentence that will reference the Financial Guidelines and Stipulations and By-Laws
  - viii. Devon recommended not recommending the Finance Committee Code and table it pending the review of the Financial Guidelines and Stipulations at the Senate
  - ix. Tommy retracted his motion following discussion
  - x. Another issue raised on continuity between the Finance Committee Code and the Financial Guidelines and Stipulations
- F. ASI Non-Discrimination Policy
- i. Tommy shared that the changes from the previous meeting were made and brought up adding a clause that says that the Non-Discrimination Policy is an extension of the By-Laws. Devon confirmed that it is already noted in the By-Laws.
  - ii. Mary explained that she finds the one sentence of the Purpose section regarding the By-Laws being changed by referendum is confusing. Tommy

proposed a different way of wording it to provide more clarity. There was further discussion over the purpose of the sentence and how it should be best changed or if it is necessary. The decision was to keep the sentence and make alterations to the wording.

- iii. Mary brought up a couple more wording and language concerns in the document. No changes were deemed necessary.
- iv. Continued discussion of wording in the policy and clarification.
- v. Powell raised the idea of moving some items to different sections
- vi. Sentence under the Purpose section was changed and moved to area B of Purpose
- vii. Stephanie moved to approve and recommend the Non-Discrimination Policy to Senate, Christine seconded
- viii. Vote, 5:0:0, motion passed

### **III. Discussion Item**

#### **A. Other Documents**

- i. No other documents for Rules and Policies at the time
- ii. Some may come up depending on what happens with Senate and Elections Code
- iii. Tommy wanted to see any recommendations for Elections Code go through the committee
- iv. Any suggestions or changes from Rules and Policies Committee for Elections Code can be made through Rules and Policies Committee, they do not have to go through Elections Committee

### **IV. Information Item**

#### **A. ASI By-Laws**

- i. ASI By-Laws passed in the referendum
- ii. Cora and Devon will finalize them to send to Chris for approval. They will then go the University and finally the Chancellors office.

#### **B. Articles of Incorporation**

- i. No current updates

### **V. Adjournment**

#### **A. Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting is to be determined**

- i. Devon adjourned the meeting at 2:08PM.

*"I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy."*

-John Adams