



## Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2015-2016:6 Friday, January 29, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers

### I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at 3:02pm
- B) Quorum Check

\_X\_ David Lee, Attorney General, Chair

#### *Voting Members:*

- \_X\_ Joshua Ebner, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Vice Chair
- \_X\_ Julian Herrera, President
- \_\_ Diana Ascencio, Vice President **Excused Absence**
- \_X\_ Brandon Whalen, ENV Senator
- \_X\_ Greg Kommel, Science Senator
- \_X\_ Reeza Demonteverde, Engineering Senator

#### *Advisors:*

- \_X\_ Cora M. Culla, ASI Executive Director
- \_X\_ Dr. Susan Ashe, Director of Student Conduct & Integrity

#### *Liaison:*

- \_X\_ Chonlawan Khaothiemsang, Treasurer

- C) Approval of Minutes
  - 1) Minutes from January 15, 2016 were approved as written by David, as chair
- D) Agenda Changes
  - 1) There were no agenda changes
- E) Introduction of Guests
  - 1) Cassandra Rivera – ASI Elections Chair
- F) Open Forum
  - 1) There were no speakers

### II. Information Item

- A) No information items

### III. Action Item

- A) ASI By-Laws
  - 1) David shared the following changes to the ASI By-Laws:
    - a) Article XIII, Section III Prima Facie Evidence was deleted.
    - b) Article XXIII Associated Students, Inc. By-laws and Policies was moved to Article V, and the remaining articles were renumbered accordingly.
  - 2) Greg moved to approve the ASI By-Laws as amended, Brandon seconded. Vote, 5:0:0, motion passed.

### IV. Discussion Item

- A) ASI Elections Code
  - 1) Discussion took place in regard to IHC and the residency requirement for its at-large senator.
    - a) Brandon shared information he obtained from IHC regarding the residency requirement.
  - 2) Discussion continued in regard to the IHC residency requirement.

- 3) Cora noted that from a historical stand point, IHC has always required that its elected Senator-at-Large be a resident on campus.
- 4) David clarified that the question on the table is whether or not Senators-at-Large should meet certain qualifications to ensure they adequately represent their constituents.
- 5) David shared a summary of the arguments presented for and against a residency requirement for the IHC Senator At-Large:
  - a) Pro: Current residents can best represent the housing community, IHC is a unique at-large council in terms of funding and governing procedures, IHC already has the power to endorse at-large candidates, and a residency requirement will prevent any inconsistency between ASI and IHC.
  - b) Con: A requirement may cause instability due to financial issues the IHC Senator may encounter, the entire student body votes for at-large senators, and specific requirements may be unenforceable for other at-large councils.
- 6) Cora suggested to use non-specific language in the ASI Elections Code by simply stating that Senators-at-Large must meet the qualifications of their position as stated in the by-laws of the councils they represent.
- 7) The committee discussed having IHC change their by-laws to *prefer* rather than *require* that the IHC Senator At-Large be a resident on campus.
  - a) David stated that he will speak to the IHC president regarding the implementation of this change.
- 8) Julian noted that under Article IX, D, "in" could be removed.
- 9) Susan suggested, under Article VII, C, 4, to remove the bold and italicized formatting and to correct the font of the page numbers.

#### **V. Adjournment**

- A) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: Friday, February 19, 2016 at 3:00-5:00pm, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers
- B) Meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm