



Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2016-2017:1 Friday, September 30, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1st Floor, Senate Chambers

I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at: 3:03pm
- B) Quorum Check:
 - Samuel Smith, Attorney General, Chair
 - Voting Members:*
 - Carlos Gomez, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Vice Chair
 - Uriah Sanders, President
 - Gabriel Smith, Vice President
 - Joshua Klockmann, Agriculture Senator **Excused Absence**
 - Danielle Camarella, Business Senator
 - Steven Zhang, CLASS Senator
 - Advisors:*
 - Cora M. Culla, ASI Executive Director **Excused Absence**
 - Carol Lee, Designee for ASI Executive Director
 - Dr. Susan Ashe, Director of Student Conduct & Integrity
 - Liaison:*
 - Karen Tu, Treasurer
- C) Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Carlos moved to table the minutes for the next Rules & Policies meeting, Gabriel seconded. Motion carried by Chair.
- D) Agenda Changes
 - 1) Danielle noted her ASI title was incorrect and be changed from Science Senator to Business Senator.
 - 2) Steven noted his last name was incorrect and should be changed from Zheng to Zhang.
 - 3) Gabriel moved to approve the agenda, Danielle seconded. Motion carried by Chair.
- E) Introduction of Guests
 - 1) There were no guests
- F) Open Forum
 - 1) All committee members and advisors briefly introduced themselves.

II. Orientation

- A) Overview
 - 1) Samuel provided an overview of his expectations he has for this year he shared the following:
 - a) Expects a lot of reading to take place as a requirement for all of the work they have set out to take on this year
 - b) ASI Elections Code will be the first to be revised
 - c) By-Law changes
 - d) Proposals that are possibly brought to himself or the ASI Senators
- B) ASI Rules and Policies Committee Code
 - 1) Samuel read and reviewed the Rules and Policies Committee Code with the committee.

III. Action Item

- A) There were no action items

IV. Discussion Item

A) Elections Code

- 1) Samuel addressed that the goal for the Elections Code is to potentially change the following:
 - a) Possibility of slates
 - b) Changes to violations and the codes
 - c) Campaign staff
 - d) Amount of power that should be given to the Elections Chair
 - e) Reporting abuse
 - f) Constituencies
 - g) Endorsements
 - h) Liability
 - i) Samuel noted he would like to primarily address violations, reporting abuse, and liability.
 - ii) Uriah suggested adding campaign length to the list and addressing language regulations within reporting abuse or liability.
 - i) Election length
- 2) Samuel explained each potential change the following was discussed:
 - a) **Possibility of slates** – Samuel reviewed the ASI Elections Code Section VI. Eligibility of Candidates for ASI General Elections. He stated that the purpose of adding slates here is to allow students to support each other and share ideas. Samuel added that a slate is a group of people that can run together and in essence help each other during the election. He shared that at this point they are exploring the option if this is even possible.
 - i) Steven suggested not having slates because it would not allow the President and Vice President to be the face of their election. When in reality they will have to become accustomed to being the face and voice of the campus. He added it creates a conflict with voting and it becoming a popularity contest.
 - ii) Gabriel asked the committee to reconsider slates and emphasized this would be a fair system not exclusive to one specific group.
 - iii) The committee continued discussion on whether or not they should incorporate slates to the ASI Elections Code.
 - iv) Susan asked Gabriel if he could provide some information from the different campuses he has been in contact with.
 - v) Gabriel responded he has been in contact with three different Universities including:
 1. Sacramento State which has the highest voter turnout rate. He mentioned they moved over from the current system at Cal Poly Pomona to slates. He mentioned their hesitations and concerns at the beginning were that it would simply become a popularity vote.
 2. CSU Stanislaus implemented slates two years ago overall there concern has been that they have not had any competition.
 3. Cal State LA does not have slates and most of their candidates usually run unopposed.
 - vi) Susan added her input on what she has seen during her time here in regards to slates.

- vii) The committee discussed the timeline of the implementation of the ASI Elections Code.
 - b) **Changes to violations and the codes** - Samuel commented that the way the violations were addressed specifically last year were not fair. He added violations are being used in a targeted fashion, and it has been discussed to instate a fee for petty violations. The amount, time, and frequency of violations will play a big role in this fee that does not necessarily have to be monetary.
 - i) The committee discussed violations and consequences that should be put in place.
 - c) Susan suggested forming a small group that reviews and edits the ASI Elections Code.
 - d) Samuel recommended moving on to the next discussion item as they covered the other points within the topics already discussed.
- B) Government Affairs Committee
- 1) Samuel provided a copy for every one of the Bylaws proposal for Governmental Affairs Board and subcommittee Lobby Corps. Structured under the ASI Board of Directors. Position description for Lobby Corps. He added the proposal would be presented by Gabriel.
 - 2) Gabriel explained the purpose of this proposal is to create an ASI Standing Committee focused on governmental affairs.
 - a) This committee shall serve the government relations needs of the Associated Students and coordinate the research of issues affecting students at Cal Polytechnic University, Pomona and the development of appropriate action plans or policy positions. In addition, this board shall collaborate with any other entities focusing on community relations.
 - b) This will also provide support for the Secretary of External Affairs
 - c) The rationale is to create a sustainable system to inform the students of Cal Poly Pomona about different political issues that affect both them and their state related to higher-education. As well as lobby the state legislature on the behalf of the students and ASI Board of Directors.
 - d) Gabriel discussed the composition of the committee and added there would be three new positions including: Legislative Affairs Coordinator, Civic Engagement Coordinator, and Marketing Communications Coordinator.
 - 3) The committee discussed issues such as if the ASI Secretary of External Affairs should become the chair, if this committee should replace Lobby Corps, time commitments, and biases.
 - 4) Gabriel asked the committee to review the document and provide him with feedback to move forward.

V. Information Item

- A) No information items

VI. Adjournment

- A) Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm
- B) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: October 14, 2016 at 3:00-5:00pm, BSC Senate Chambers Conference Room