



Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2016-2017:11 Friday, April 14, 2017, 3:00PM – 5:00PM, BSC, Senate Chambers

I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at: 3:07pm
- B) Quorum Check:

Brandon Whalen, Attorney General, Chair

Voting Members:

- Carlos Gomez, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Vice Chair
- Uriah Sanders, President
- Gabriel Smith, Vice President **Unexcused Absence**
- Gabi Sedano, CEIS Senator **Excused Absence**
- Danielle Camarella, Business Senator **Excused Absence**
- Steven Zhang, CLASS Senator

Advisors:

- Cora Culla, ASI Executive Director **Excused Tardy**
- Dr. Susan Ashe, Director of Student Conduct & Integrity **Excused Tardy**

Liaison:

- Karen Tu, Treasurer

- C) Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Minutes were not approved because quorum was not met.
- D) Agenda Changes
 - 1) There were no agenda changes
- E) Introduction of Guests
 - 1) Ayham Dahlan, ASI, Asst. Atty. General
- F) Open Forum
 - 1) Brandon Whalen
 - a) Shared with the committee attendance concerns and shared he would like to add a statement to Article XVII Fiduciary Duties Section II- Duty of Care subsection (c) Duty to Attend Meetings and Mandatory Training. Brandon's suggested the following addition, *Failure to attend the whole of two unexcused Senate or Cabinet meetings within one academic term including all sub-senate committees without standing due cause will be considered a violation of trust.* He noted this will provide accountability for all members and allow chairs to conduct their business appropriately.
 - b) The committee discussed the process of removing Senators and the concerns that arise from removing Senators.

II. Information Item

- A) SB 2015-2016: 17 Protocol for Senate Bills and Senate Resolutions
 - 1) Brandon shared this policy provides a background of what Senate Bills and Senate Resolutions do. He noted that he wanted to share this policy with the committee so they are familiar with how each bill and resolution works.

- B) SB 2015-2016: 23 ASI Senate Bill Guidelines and Procedures
 - 1) Brandon shared the ASI Senate Bill Guidelines and Procedures as reference for the committee.

III. Discussion Item

- A) Amendments to SB 2015-2016: 03 Guidelines for Submitting Agenda Items to ASI Senate/Cabinet
 - 1) Brandon shared the following recommendation will give the ASI Senate chair the discretion to put items from the sub-senate committees directly to action within the Senate. He noted there are checks in place created for this guideline in order to prevent the chair from abusing this power.
 - 2) Brandon shared the following section within the guidelines that prevent the chair from abusing their power of allowing items to go directly to action:
An action item shall be added to the agenda only if the item:
 - a. *Has been discussed at a previous Senate meeting as a discussion item, OR*
 - b. *Is related to action taken by an ASI committee, OR*
 - c. *Is an officer confirmation, OR*
 - d. *Is the election of Senators to a committee, OR*
 - e. *Is allowed by the California State Open Meeting Law.*
 - 3) Brandon shared the following three suggestions that he would like the committee to consider:
 - a. Brandon stated the first consideration, is amending this bill to require a unanimous vote by the present sub-Senate committee for Senate action.
 - b. He added another potential amendment would be to subsection 5b the requirement of a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the seated sub-Senate committee.
 - c. Lastly, Brandon shared an amendment to SB 2015-2016: 03 would give the Senate Chair the discretion to decide whether or not to bring an item to action based off of; a. importance, b. urgency
 - 4) The committee discussed the importance of these changes and trying to make these amendments to ensure an efficient meeting within the Senate.
 - 5) The committee discussed all three suggestions there were two preferences for an amendment to SB 2015-16:03 that would give the Senate Chair the discretion to decide whether or not bring an item to action based off importance and urgency.
 - 6) Brandon shared an additional recommendation to Section 5 and amending letter b. to state *Is related to action taken by an ASI committee, AND OR the item is time sensitive*
- B) Student Government Meeting Space Priority within the Bronco Student Center
 - 1) Ayaham shared the concern of find meeting room availability within the BSC. He shared he drafted a memo that would prioritize Student Government room locations for meetings. Brandon voiced his concern for the sub-committee chairs and their difficulty with finding rooms for their meetings.
 - 2) Brandon reviewed the Facilities Use Manual and shared with the committee that Student Government already has priority. He added that he would like to make this clearer so that it is known that this is an option by working with C&E.
 - 3) Brandon would like to brainstorm with the committee this constraint. Cora noted that this manual is available and this statement is already there. She also

noted that coordinating schedules ahead of time is also a possibility. She added that because there is also a finite amount of meeting rooms, their needs to be a sensitivity to student groups and ensuring they don't feel displaced. She finally noted that the responsibility of planning ahead is very important.

- 4) The committee shared they would not want to completely take a meeting room offline, but possibly holding Fridays until the committees have reserved their meetings then making the rooms available afterward.
- 5) Cora suggested she could generate a memo that would go to Conference & Events, as long as the committee provides her with a framework of what they want.

IV. Adjournment

- A) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: Friday, April 28, 2017 at 3:00pm-5:00pm, BSC Senate Chambers
- B) Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm