



Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2016-2017:8 Friday, February 17, 2017, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1st Floor, Senate Chambers

I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at: 3:05pm
- 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 **Excused Tardy**
- Gabi Sedano, CEIS Senator
- Danielle Camarella, Business Senator
- Steven Zhang, CLASS Senator

Advisors:

- Powell Velasco, Designee for ASI Executive Director
- Dr. Susan Ashe, Director of Student Conduct & Integrity

Liaison:

Karen Tu, 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) Zane Landin
 - 2) Ayham Dahlan, Student Govt., Asst. Atty. General
- F) Open Forum
 - 1) Carlos shared the Elections Code was approved at the February 16th Senate Meeting.
 - a) Susan recommended having a clean copy of the Elections Code and making somebody responsible of the new and old version.
 - b) The committee agreed on discussing which member's would be responsible of the Elections Code at the end of the meeting.

II. Information Items

- A) Introductions
 - 1) Brandon Whalen shared a brief introduction of himself, and the entire committee shared a brief introduction of themselves.
- B) 1:1 Meetings
 - 1) Brandon shared he sent an e-mail out to all of the committee members and would like to have a one on one meeting with each of them. He explained the purpose of these meetings are to obtain additional feedback and comments from the members.

III. Discussion Items

A) Committee Goals & Timeline

- 1) Brandon distributed a timeline to the committee members in order to outline each meeting and emphasize the items that need prioritizing.
- 2) He asked all committee members to share what they would like to accomplish from these meetings besides bylaws.
 - a) Gabriel shared he would like to review specific committee and regulatory codes. He added he would also like to ensure that all codes are up to date.
 - b) Gabriel also shared he would like the committee to determine which Senate Bills are relevant and usable.

B) Bylaw Revision

- 1) Gabriel shared that at this point the status of the bylaws are everything discussed at the previous meeting has been added or struck out. He noted that he has also begun to include language regarding the Governmental Affairs Committee. He has also begun to add the Audit Committee within the bylaws for the committee's review. He stated he has not added the Sports and Recreation Facilities Enhancement Committee and would like the input of the committee.
- 2) Gabriel referred everyone to page 11 where he incorporated the two new student leader positions Secretary of Legislative Affairs and Secretary of Civic Engagement. He noted these positions were passed in Senate via the Governmental Affairs Committee Code.
 - a) Uriah noted these positions are assistants to the Secretary of External Affairs, and should not have their own section but be subsections under the External Affairs position.
 - b) Susan noted making an emphasis that these two positions are assistants to the Secretary of the External Affairs.
 - c) Powell suggested including that the Secretary of External Affairs has oversight responsibility of Legislative Affairs and Civic Engagement.
 - d) The committee provided additional suggestions on how to reflect the position names.
- 3) Gabriel referred everyone to Page 18 Section 4 he noted this is where he included the Governmental Affairs Committee and their composition.
 - a) The committee provided grammatical changes
- 4) On page 18 Gabriel reviewed the amendments made to Section 5 regarding the Audit Committee.
- 5) Gabriel asked the committee where they believed the Sports and Recreation Facilities Enhancement Committee should be incorporated within the bylaws.
 - a) The committee discussed where the incorporation of the special committee would be.
- 6) The committee reviewed grammatical errors within the bylaws.
- 7) Uriah suggested amendments to the bylaws 1) regarding permission of the President to remove Cabinet members without Senate approval
 - a) The committee discussed whether or not this is a fair recommendation
 - b) Susan recommended that what needs to be included is consideration of due process, progressive disciplinary action, documentation, due cause, accountability of the president (accountability for personal biased) and discussion of an appeal method. She noted all of these things need to be taken into consideration when amending this section.

V. Adjournment

- A) Gabriel moved to adjourn the Rules & Policies Committee meeting, Danielle seconded. Motion carried by chair.
- B) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: March 3, 2017, 3:00pm-5:00pm, BSC Senate Chambers Conference Room
- C) Meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm