



## Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2016-2017:9 Friday, March 3, 2017, 3:00 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers

### I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at: 3:00pm
- B) Quorum Check:

Brandon Whalen, Attorney General, Chair

#### *Voting Members:*

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

#### *Advisors:*

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

#### *Liaison:*

- Karen Tu, Treasurer

- 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) There were no speakers

### II. Information Items

- A) Elections Code
  - 1) Brandon shared the Elections Code is finalized and is in the process of being posted on the ASI website. He noted Tara, the Elections Chair is in the process of sending it out to potential candidates who attended the information session.
  - 2) Brandon wanted to share with the committee that he made non-substantive revisions to the Elections Code including numbering, periods, commas and further grammatical errors. He noted that he did have questions in regards to the documents, and so he informed the committee during the spring quarter they will revisit these concerns.
- B) Rules and Policies Committee Schedule
  - 1) Brandon provided each committee member a tentative committee schedule and discussed each item on the timeline.
  - 2) The committee discussed a potential of a special R&P meeting. The members discussed their availability and the dates they might be open to attend a special meeting.

### III. Discussion Items

- A) Substantive Changes to the ASI By-Laws
  - 1) Brandon suggested going through each section of the bylaws and outlining what still needs to be amended. The following was discussed:
    - a) Preamble needs to be updated
    - b) Article V – Associated Students, Inc. By-laws and Policies
      - i. Section III revise wording for *the Code*
      - ii. Section III sub-section (a) has no sentence along with it
      - iii. Section III sub-section (b) revise wording *the Codes*
    - c) Article VII- Oath of Office
      - i. Revise *missions* to *mission*
    - d) Article VIII – Student Bill of Rights
      - i. Cora noted this is the most recent version of a non-discrimination policy and ensured it was integrated in this section.
    - e) Article IX – Council Bill of Rights
      - i. Section II was revised to read *the council shall, by a two-thirds (2/3) of its seated members, appoint a replacement.*
      - ii. In Section III the committee discussed replacing *The Council is responsible for electing a replacement Senator and ensuring that the vacant seat does not exceed one (1) regularly scheduled Senate meeting with The Council is responsible for electing a replacement Senator ensuring representation of the council on the ASI Senate.*
      - iii. Section II recommended replacing *run for office* with *take office*
    - f) Article X – Executive Student Leaders
      - i. Section I replacing *student affairs* with *student government affairs*
        - a. Committee took a vote and *student government affairs* was preferred
      - ii. Gabriel recommended striking out CSSA from Section I as Secretary of External Affairs will be taking on those responsibilities within the Governmental Affairs Committee.
        - a. The committee discussed this recommendation
    - g) Brandon noted to the committee they ended on page 9 of the by-laws, and suggested bringing recommendations to the next meeting.

### V. Adjournment

- A) Moved to adjourn the Rules & Policies Committee meeting, seconded. Motion carried by chair.
- B) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: TBA
- C) Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm