



Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2017-2018:1 Friday, September 29, 2017, 10:00 – 11:50AM, BSC, 2nd Floor, Perseus

I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at: 10:05am
- B) Quorum Check:
 - Joshua Ebner, Attorney General, Chair
 - Voting Members:*
 - Catherine Kavianian, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Vice Chair
 - Farris Hamza, President
 - Carlos Gomez, Vice President
 - Cameron Pastrano, CLASS Senator
 - Rachel Hunter, Senator-at-Large (SIC) **Excused Tardy**
 - Pasindu Senaratne, Senator-at-Large (IHC) **Excused Tardy**
 - Advisors:*
 - Liz Roosa Millar, ASI Executive Director **Excused Absence**
 - Powell Velasco, Designee for ASI Executive Director
 - Leah Tarin, Designee for ASI Executive Director
 - Dr. Susan Ashe, Director of Student Conduct & Integrity
 - Liaison:*
 - Kellie Pinedo, Treasurer
- C) Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Farris moved to approve the minutes from May 12, 2017 and May 19, 2017, Catherine seconded. Vote, 4:0:0, motion passed.
- D) Agenda Changes
 - 1) There were no agenda changes
- E) Introduction of Guests
 - 1) There were no guests
- F) Reports
 - 1) Attorney General, Chair -- Joshua Ebner
 - i. Welcomed everyone to the committee! He noted that by next Friday he will be e-mailing out a first draft proposal of the by-law revisions. The revisions will take into consideration Mark Bookman's recommendations as well as the committee's recommendations.
 - 2) President -- Farris Hamza
 - i. Shared the policy agenda for the 2017-18 academic year was approved by Senate, and next meeting he will go over the items that will eventually come through Rules & Policies.
- G) Open Forum
 - 1) There were no speakers

II. Action Items

- A) There were no action items

III. Discussion Items

- A) Resolution in Support of Registering Students to Vote
 - 1) Farris shared the Resolution in Support of Registering Students to Vote general purpose is to adhere to an agreement that creates more student involvement in regards to voter registration.
 - 2) Joshua noted that under the last WHEREAS on the second page he will be adding *national* in-between *general* and *election*.

- 3) Joshua asked Dr. Susan Ashe for suggestions regarding quoting within the document.
 - a) Dr. Susan Ashe suggested to look back at the document created on how to format resolutions to ensure everything is correct.
 - 4) Farris explained each RESOLVED within the document and clarified this is for the local, state, and federal elections not the ASI election.
 - 5) The committee discussed the Bronco Direct web portal and Turbo Vote as forms to register to vote for college students.
 - 6) Dr. Susan Ashe asked if Turbo Vote is owned by the CSU system or have they endorsed this software. She noted that if it is a software then it needs to be reviewed through the university's IT.
 - 7) Dr. Susan Ashe noted the document is summarized as if ASI will lead the effort but the university will do the rest. She suggested to clarify the partnership between ASI and the university.
- B) ASI By-Laws
- 1) Joshua informed the committee that in their packets they would find a copy of the ASI By-Laws. He shared ASI's legal counsel Mark Bookman's reviewed the by-laws content and provided comments.
 - 2) Joshua shared the overall goal with amending the by-laws is for ASI operations to be more efficient. He noted other campuses by-laws are condensed to only certain topics and therefore some things in the current ASI By-Laws are unnecessary. He explained that any unnecessary information could be removed and be put into a policy document.
 - 3) The committee discussed what the process should be for the removal of an ASI senator.
 - a) The committee suggested that Article IX – Council Bill of Rights Section I should be amended to state that the council would only recommend the removal but the Senate would vote on the removal of an ASI senator.
 - b) Dr. Susan Ashe suggested that a list be created of different reasons/scenarios of why a senator would be removed. She added that there should also be a method in place that keeps everyone informed that that senators are not upholding the responsibilities of their position and should be removed. However, she noted that mark Bookman must be consulted to ensure this is appropriate and legal.
 - 4) The committee discussed the by-laws project timeline. Joshua shared the following and noted working groups would be created in between to have the by-laws completed on time:
 - a) Brainstorm September 29, 2017
 - b) Proposal and Discussion October 13, 2017
 - c) Discussion October 27, 2017
 - d) Action November 10, 2017
 - e) Senate Deliberations January 2018
 - f) ASI Elections & Referendum Spring 2018
 - 5) Dr. Susan Ashe suggested so that everyone has a better sense of what they are doing she does recommend reviewing the ASI Elections Code and any other supporting documents.
 - 6) The committee discussed making senator and senator-at-large responsibilities clear as many were not aware of duties pertaining to their positions when running.
 - a) Joshua noted these responsibilities would be put in the Elections Code or in a committee code.

- 7) Farris shared Cabinet positions will be reviewed and asked if they should be incorporated into the by-laws.
 - a) Dr. Susan Ashe suggested they should be revised within their own committee codes.
- 8) Farris shared with the committee that he intends to create two new Cabinet positions and asked if they would need to be added to the by-laws or do they need a new code.
 - a) The committee discussed whether or not a new code needs to be created for each position.
 - b) Powell suggested that the responsibilities of the current or new Cabinet positions should be left under the discretion of the ASI President.
 - c) The committee discussed the funding process for these potential new positions.
- 9) Dr. Susan Ashe suggested there should be enough specificity for students as they have certain expectation from Student Government. She added they must also provide some flexibility within the document to allow for changes that might come.
- 10) Josh shared moving forward every time they meet they will go over specific sections and will create working groups.
 - a) He noted before the next meeting he will send out a revised copy of the by-laws, and asked the committee to send him revised sections of the by-laws that they believe need amendment.
 - b) Josh addressed there will be document control within the working groups so that everyone is aware of the changes being made.

IV. Information Items

- A) There were no information items

V. Adjournment

- A) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: Friday, October 13, 2017 at 10:00-11:50am, BSC 2nd Floor, Perseus
- B) Meeting was adjourned at 11:48am