



Rules and Policies Committee Minutes

2017-2018:10 Friday, March 2, 2018, 11:00 – 1:00PM, BSC 1st Floor, Senate Chambers

I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at: 11:02 AM
- 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 **Excused Absence**
- Rachel Hunter, Senator-at-Large (SIC)
- Pasindu Senaratne, Senator-at-Large (IHC)

Advisors:

- Dr. Liz Roosa Millar, ASI Executive Director **Excused Absence**
- Powell Velasco, Designee for ASI Executive Director
- Thavery Lay-Bounpraseuth, Coordinator, Asian Pacific Islander Student

Liaison:

- Kellie Pinedo, Treasurer

- C) Approval of Minutes
 - 1) There were no minutes to be approved
- D) Agenda Changes
 - 1) Farris motioned to amend the agenda and table Action Items A-D, Pasindu seconded
 - 2) A discussion was held on tabling the Action Items
 - 3) Vote: 4/1/0, the agenda was approved as amended
- E) Introduction of Guests
 - 1) Michelle Sims, ASI, Administrative Assistant for Student Government
- F) Open Forum
 - 1) There were no speakers

II. Discussion Items

- A) Inter-Council Committee Code
 - 1) Farris led the discussion on the Inter-Council Committee Code.
 - i. One of the changes that was made was instead of having the ASI Secretary of Programs and Services serve as a liaison, replacing the ASI BEAT representative.
 - ii. The ASI Secretary of Programs and Services will no longer be chairing BEAT.
 - iii. Another change was the section on the Council Recommendation on ASI Policies.
 - 2) Kellie commented that there are a lot of liaisons for the Inter-Council Committee.
 - 3) Pasindu can see why there are a lot of liaisons, as the Inter-Council Committee has every Council.
 - 4) Rachel asked about the Council Presidents as voting members, and if their voting rights would be transferred to their designee.
 - i. Catherine stated they would still follow Robert's Rules.

- ii. Farris noted that at the start of the year, the Council President will determine if they will be attending the meetings, or if a designee will be attending the meetings. That will be their primary vote. Language could be added somewhere in the code to say the Council President will have a primary vote, and a secondary vote for their designee. As it stands right now, attendance will be identified at the beginning of the year.
- 5) Rachel shared her liking of the primary and secondary voting because the votes would be based on informed decisions.
- i. Catherine shared concern on the primary and secondary voting, as their perspectives could be different. She commented that the vote should remain singular solely for the Council President, as they are asked to attend the meetings. She referenced ASI and the scheduled meetings, and how the voting members of ASI Senate stay with their title, not to their designee.
 - ii. Rachel commented that it is unrealistic because the Councils have certain levels of autonomy. They have other issues to deal with other than ASI, and they should act as an independent body to connect directly with the students. The Councils' by-laws would need to be changed to have the Presidents attend the Inter-Council Committee meetings. If ASI wanted to mandate that the Council Presidents attend the Inter-Council Committee meetings, it would need to be worked into their by-laws. With 12 Councils, it is unrealistic to expect the Council Presidents to attend, and understood the need for a designee within their Council's Executive Board.
 - iii. Pasindu noted the possible issues that may come across with the primary and secondary voting.
 - iv. Farris shared that the Council Presidents do not receive priority registration, and they cannot plan their academic schedules around a meeting time. If a designated schedule is set, it is not guaranteed that all of the Council Presidents would be able to attend due to classes being a priority. He shared the CSSA primary and secondary voting procedures, and having an advisor sign off on the voting procedures.
 - v. Catherine noted that some of the advisors are not as involved with the Councils.
 - vi. Rachel recommended to have a stricter language if the primary and secondary voting were implemented.
- 6) A discussion took place on the current language of voting members, and how the Council President may assign a new designee every meeting.
- i. Rachel suggested to have the language involve the Council President, Council Vice President, or Council Executive Board as voting members in order to have an informed body, and to keep a hold of their Council.
 - ii. Pasindu expressed that the Council President should be encouraged to attend the Inter-Council Committee meetings, and if they are not able to attend, being able to transfer their vote to the Council Vice President or Council Executive Board member. It leaves space for the Council to be involved with ASI, but not having a limit to it.
- 7) Carlos reviewed the sections that needed to be changed.
- i. He suggested rewording Section III "Council Recommendation of ASI Policies" to "Council Recommendations to ASI".
 - ii. He recommended replacing the title of ASI Chief of Staff to the ASI Secretary of Internal Affairs under Section III, subsection ii.

- 8) Josh commented that the document will come back to the Rules and Policies Committee as an Action Item in the Spring quarter.

III. Information Items

- A) Spring Quarter Schedule
 - 1) Josh shared R&P's meeting schedule for next quarter. He added that the committee will start meeting at 8:00-10:00AM, and will continue meeting bi-weekly.

IV. Adjournment

- A) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: Friday, April 6, 2018 at 8:00-10:00AM, BSC 1st Floor, Senate Chambers
- B) Meeting was adjourned at 11:19AM