Rules and Policies Committee Minutes
2017-2018:11 Friday, April 6, 2018, 8:00 – 10:00AM, BSC 1st Floor, Senate Chambers

I. Preliminaries
A) Call to Order at: 8:06 AM
B) Quorum Check:
_X_ Joshua Ebiner, Attorney General, Chair

Voting Members:
_X_ Catherine Kavianian, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Vice Chair
_X_ Farris Hamza, President
_X_ Carlos Gomez, Vice President
_X_ Cameron Pastrano, CLASS Senator
_X_ Rachel Hunter, Senator-at-Large (SIC)
_X_ Pasindu Senaratne, Senator-at-Large (IHC)

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

Liaison:
_X_ Kellie Pinedo, Treasurer **Excused Tardy**

C) Approval of Minutes
1) There were no changes to the February 16, 2018 and March 2, 2018 meeting minutes, they were approved as written.
D) Agenda Changes
1) Josh added Information Item for Spring Quarter Meetings.
2) There were no further changes to the agenda, it was approved as amended.
E) Introduction of Guests
1) Barny Peake, ASI, Director of the BSC
2) Michelle Sims, ASI, Administrative Assistant for Student Government
F) Open Forum
1) There were no speakers.

II. Action Items
A) Cabinet Code
1) Farris led the discussion on the Cabinet Code.
    i. The Secretary of Programs and Services position was discussed by Farris, Chau, Brenda, Barny, and Sharon. Barny and Sharon drafted the position itself, Chau and Brenda discussed it, and they all came to the current write up of the position.
    ii. The Secretary of External Affairs had a minor error and was fixed.
    iii. The Basic Needs Officer was cleaned up.
    iv. The Officer positions were left in the Cabinet Code.
2) Farris made a motion to approve Draft 9 of the Cabinet Code, seconded by Carlos.
3) Discussion was held.
    i. Rachel asked how the Senator Pro-Tempore feels about not being the Chair of the Facilities and Operations Committee.

ii. Catherine commented that she does not know what the Senator Pro-Tempore is going to do now, as she has seen a lot of what the Secretary of Programs and Services will now do. She is wondering that the Pro-Tempore's responsibilities are now, but does not think the position is attached to chairing the Facilities and Operations Committee and understands how the Facilities and Operations Committee is going to be restructured. She is hesitant to give up the major thing Pro-Tempore does, unless they serve on all internal ASI committees and that would be a good balance.

iii. Farris commented that he appreciates the concern and does not have a direct answer as of right now.

iv. Carlos discussed the current Pro-Tempore structure, and sees the Pro-Tempore can take on being a Senate leader and having presence at all the committees.

v. Farris asked the Senators who knew what Pro-Tempore was before coming into their positions and added that it is an unknown to many Senators when they first start. It is a heavy expectation for someone who may have had other ideas; whereas, with Cabinet, they can comply knowing they will have to work with programming and with facilities, and to have that passion or background behind them.

vi. Cameron likes how Secretary of Programs is changing and encompassing both programs and services now, and is wondering why Pro-Tempore would be chairing Facilities and Operations Committee, and thinks it is due to being elected. These facilities are for the students, and having a student elected to represent them to run the operations makes him think that they should keep it as a Senator.

vii. Farris commented that the Facilities and Operations Committee will be more Senate lead, as there will be Senator positions sitting on the committee. He does not believe there is a necessity of having the Pro-Tempore serving as the Chair.

viii. Rachel asked about the Secretary of Programs and Services serving as the representative for ASI facility development and its intention.

ix. Farris followed up that they have left it vague for the position to take on various tasks from ASI departments that deal with ASI facility development.

x. A discussion took place on the word "assist" and "coordinate" and rearranging the description of the Secretary of Programs and Services.

4) Cameron asked about the voting members of the Cabinet Code and questioned if the Officers should be added as voting members, as they will report on their work.

i. Catherine disagreed and noted that the Officers are working in coordination with a Secretary. The President provides Cabinet updates to the Senate, and vice versa. She added that if the Officers were added as voting members, then the Elections Chair should not be a liaison and added as a voting member, and does not see it as a necessity to have them added as voting members.

ii. Rachel commented that Cabinet does not vote substantively and there is not a problem bringing more voices to the table and having their voices heard. There is a reason why the positions were created in the first place, and they are important to have a substantive voice at the table. Putting them as voting members could empower them to speak at Cabinet than reporting to a Secretary who decides what information to share.

iii. Carlos accounted to that and part of their original intent was to be task specific to assist the Secretaries they are working in coordination with. It comes back to what is their purpose and redefining what the duties are. Because the Officers receive less of a

scholarship than Secretaries, then they should have less expectations and one of which to not attending Cabinet meetings. It differentiates of what is a Secretary and an Officer.

    iv.   Pasindu stated that not all the Secretaries have Officers working with them, and their votes could be aligned with their Secretaries' views.

    v.   Farris does not mind if the Officers are voting members or not, and can see it working either way. Elections is separate from the Student Government budget and this year, Elections will be under the Student Government budget. The Elections Chair is now fully integrated into Student Government and noted the inconsistency of having the Elections Chair serving as a liaison. He asked if the Officers should be in coordination with the Secretaries, or work under the Secretaries.

    vi.   Cameron commented that they are only considering adding 3 additional people to be voting members of the Cabinet, and these 3 people have insight in Civic Engagement, Legislative Affairs, and Basic Needs. He feels the Officers are a part of the Cabinet Code and should be inclusive to other ideas and discussions at Cabinet.

    vii.   Rachel added that the Elections Chair should not be a voting member, and it is important that they are separate but included and sitting in the Cabinet meetings. It is more inclusive to add the Officers as voting members and not a problem to have more voices at the table.

    viii.   Catherine justified that the Officers should be liaisons. The name changes from Assistant Secretaries to Officers help with the issue of power, and does not think they are necessary for a vote and are necessary to be there and be a part of the discussions. The line of succession is as follows: President – Secretaries – Officers.

    ix.   Farris made a recommendation to keep the Officers as liaisons.

    x.   Josh called for a vote on the recommendation: 4/1/0, the Officers will be listed as Liaisons.

    xi.   Josh called for a vote on Draft 9 of the Cabinet Code with the amendments and grammatical changes: 5/1/0, motion passed.

B) Inter-Council Committee Code
    1) Farris made a motion to approve the Inter-Council Committee Code, seconded by Carlos.
    2) Discussion was held.

      i.   Farris changed ASI Chief of Staff to ASI Secretary of Internal Affairs throughout the document, and removed the BEAT representative as a liaison

      ii.   Josh reviewed the changes that were brought back from Senate. The wording for recommendation process from Councils was changed.

      iii.   Barny asked why a 2/3 vote is required.

      iv.   Josh said it may be a recommendation from a Sub-Senate Committee, and it might be something that is directly taken up by Senate and does not get referred to a Sub-Senate Committee. It is similar to the language that is in the existing Inter-Council Code, as the voting is 2/3 disapproval vote. The Councils recommendations must have a majority vote, and Senate can refer the recommendation or take on the recommendation, with a 2/3 approval vote.

      v.   Catherine is comfortable with removing the 2/3 vote and have a majority vote, as the Senate is not recommended to look at all the recommendations. She likes the roll call vote for Senators to see where their Councils are standing and their involvement, to bridge gaps, and be transparent.

      vi.   Rachel added that she likes the idea of having the roll call vote for the recommendations to the Senate, and doing roll call votes for everything else would take up a lot of time. Majority vote should be added as the voting procedures.

     vii.   Carlos recommended switching two points, and agreed with the majority vote for the voting procedures.

   3)   Josh called for a vote on the Inter-Council Committee Code with the amendments: 6/0/0, motion passed.

III. Information Items
   A) Spring Quarter Schedule
      1) Josh shared that R&P's meeting schedule will be changed from 8:30AM-10:30AM for the remainder of the Spring quarter.

IV. Adjournment
   A) Next Rules and Policies Committee Meeting: Friday, April 20, 2018 at 8:30AM-10:30AM, BSC 1st Floor, Senate Chambers
   B) Meeting was adjourned at 9:09AM