



Bylaws/ COP Subcommittee Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016
3:15pm-4:30pm; A.S.I. Conference Room U-SU 203
Attendees: Judicial Review Committee & General Public

I. Organizational Items:

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:27 PM.

b. Roll Call

Frances Tsai	Chief Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Joanna Tien	Associate Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Salvador Alejo III	Associate Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Melody Liu	Associate Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Alejandro Gamboa	Student Representative at Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Ishan Shah	Elections and Orientation Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused Absent
Megan Marie Dia	Board of Directors Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Dr. Gar Culbert	Faculty Member (Pending Approval)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused Absent
Ashley Joseph	Programs Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused Late 3:28 PM
Intef W. Weser	Executive Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Letycia Gomez	University President's Designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused Absent
Guests of the Gallery	➤ Luis Chavez	

c. Approval of Agenda (action):

➤ Additional Notes (if necessary)

Offered By:	Melody L.	Seconded by:	Joanna T.
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for Tuesday, February 2, 2016			
Discussion:			
Vote Tally:			
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

d. Approval of Minutes (action):

➤ Additional Notes (if necessary)

Offered By:	Salvador A.	Seconded by:	Joanna T.
Motion to approve the adoption of Minutes for January 19, 2016			
Discussion:			
Vote Tally:			
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

II. Public Forum/Announcement:

This time is allotted for members of the public or representatives to make announcements to the Bylaws Committee members.

III. Action

- a. **Legislative Affairs and Advocacy COP Policy 014** – The committee will review approved COP changes recommended by the Legislative Affairs and Advocacy Committee.

Offered By:	Alejandro G.	Seconded by:	Melody L.
Motion to approve Policy 014			
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Frances: We looked at this last meeting as an Information Item. Antonio came to explain all the changes - the gist of it is that they want to change up the membership to accommodate the membership for the committee.➤ Frances: The definition for Lobby Corp doesn't make sense. There is no description.➤ Joanna: They just wanted to add a definition. They had general student.➤ Frances: Would the resources part be Lobby Corp?➤ Frances: Article II – membership: the numbers on top do not add up to the numbers listed on the bottom.➤ Melody: It shouldn't be 11. It should be 13. Did they want VPEAA as a voting member or not?➤ Intef: They were supposed to add a definition about Lobby Corp, but there's a whole section on that anyway so there's no need for it to be under resources and definitions.➤ Melody: They only define two non-voting members, when they said they have 3 non-voting members.➤ Frances: Next edits are all because of the rebranding.➤ Frances: Letter D, minimum 2.0 GPA - Lobby Corp. Wasn't there a problem with this?➤ Intef: They wanted just put that Lobby Corp members were in good standing.➤ Frances: Does that mean they don't have to go through the BOD process?➤ Intef: That's what they're suggesting. Anyone could be part of Lobby Corp but we're putting them through more responsibilities because they're getting put through Lobby Corp. They're saying that they have to be in good standing and a 2.0 GPA minimum.➤ Frances: Is Lobby Corp a subcommittee of Leg Affairs?➤ Intef: It's governed by Leg Affairs and across all CSU.➤ Frances: So how about we put, all certified Lobby Corp members should be in good standing and have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. Lobby Corp is governed by leg affairs so why do they get to escape the BOD process?➤ Melody: I think we should add back the BOD requirement. If they're run under our policies, they have to follow our policies.➤ Ashley: I think A.S.I. is a privilege and not a right, and if they can't keep a 2.0 GPA they should get back to the books.➤ Alejandro: They could take advantage of the benefits of A.S.I. and then back out right afterwards.➤ Intef: What if a person has only been here a quarter but really want to participate?➤ Ashley: The quarter requirement is not as important as the GPA requirement. They should at least have a 2.0 – it is bare minimum.➤ Melody: And it does reflect on work ethic and A.S.I. too.➤ Melody: We should keep the 2.0 GPA requirement and make the Lobby Corp go through BOD.➤ Frances: It would just be added to D.➤ Megan: I don't think the 2 quarter minimum should be holding anyone back from applying.➤ Ashley: Is this opening a can of worms with other committees? Because Lobby Corp members don't have to go through BOD, everyone else would want to skip that process as well.➤ Frances: I want to make sure everything goes by our Bylaws as well.➤ Joanna: If we're worried about backlash from other committees, we should keep the 2 quarter requirement.➤ Ashley: If I'm a freshmen and I apply to go to CHESS, usually I would be able to go but now they moved CHESS up so they can't participate anymore.➤ Intef: This person should be certified and represent our school though. Is it fair to let a first year student represent our school?			

- Melody: I think the 2 quarter requirement is very important. Freshmen and transfer students aren't capable of representing our school. BOD is also very important and we as a whole organization should decide whether or not we want these people representing us in CHESS. Honestly we should send this back because this committee really wants to expedite their process and not focused on representing our school.
- Intef: I'm really hesitant to send it back to them because it's been on the burner for a while. We could just put all of these in a memo and allow the committee to justify the reasons, and send it to the board. They won't accept your recommendations.
- Frances: Well, all the other changes look good. The numbers have to be changed. Little changes of grammar and typos.
- Frances: I would want to hear their conversation about why they wanted to change it to jump over so many bylaws.
- Frances: Change to "attending a certified Lobby Corp clinic."
- Frances: And so, we are adding in: BOD, 2 quarters, and 2.0 GPA.
- Ashley: Shouldn't we maybe change the two letters around?
- Frances: We should just add a new article and make Lobby Corp an article and make everything sections. We should make that into Article III.
- Melody: Yeah it would make everything a lot easier to find.

Vote Tally:						
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0	Abstained:	0	Motion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

IV. Information Items – None.

V. Discussion

- a. **Policy 204 Finance Committee Funding Policy** – The committee will review the suggested changes to this policy.

- Frances: This was a bit of controversial subject if you guys have heard about the speaker the Young Americans for Freedom group were bringing to campus. Finance Committee wanted to strike out an item. It is on page 3, letter C, A.S.I. shall not fund Programs and events that fund one side of political issues. I actually like having that in there. Our organization should not have any stand in political agendas and this prevents that.
- Melody: I agree with you. I believe that A.S.I. could, in the future, may be politically charged if we aren't careful.
- Ashley: With this particular program, they aren't promoting a specific party. They're giving a lecture on a different topic. They're talking about their own beliefs but it's just college, everyone's bringing in their political stance.
- Frances: Everyone you bring in will have a belief and they will share it.
- Frances: We will send it back to them and tell them we do not recommend striking that item out.

- b. **2016-2017 General Elections** – The Elections Committee will share and update on the U-SU Elections Collaboration.

- Frances: They didn't have quorum so they didn't have the meeting, correct?
- Ashley: Yeah we didn't have the meeting.
- Intef: They're having an Exec meeting right now but the committee unofficially supports having them together, both USU and A.S.I.

- c. **Meeting Protocol** – The committee will discuss the policy draft on meeting protocols

- Intef: We're moving to the direction of getting tablets. Everything will be electronic. Felt the need of making sure we know how we're doing that. Who's responsible for what, strengthen our general meeting requirements?
- Frances: I've looked over this policy - I recommend the associate justices look over it too.
- Frances: This policy will enforce how the tablets are handled and it will maintain order.
- Intef: We're still doing a lot of research to make sure we get the best tablets.
- Frances: This policy is a lot like 019 so maybe we could merge them.

VI. Reports

- a. Chief Justice
- b. Associate Justices
- c. Programs Coordinator: **Ashley Joseph**
- d. University Designee: **Letycia Gomez**
- e. Faculty Advisor: **Dr. Gar Culbert (Pending Approval)**
- f. A.S.I. Staff: **Intef Weser**

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Melody L.	Seconded by:	Alejandro G.
Motion to adjourn the meeting at <u>4:28</u> pm. Discussion:			
Vote Tally:			
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0
		Abstained:	0
Motion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED			

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Summary of Actions Taken
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Organizational Items

a. Approval of Agenda (action):

Offered By:	Melody L.	Seconded by:	Joanna T.
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for Tuesday, February 2, 2016.			
Vote Tally:			
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

b. Adoption of Minutes (action):

Offered By:	Salvador A.	Seconded by:	Joanna T.
Motion to approve the adoption of Minutes for January 19, 2016.			
Vote Tally:			
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

Action Items

- a. Legislative Affairs and Advocacy COP Policy 014 – The committee will review approved COP changes recommended by the Legislative Affairs and Advocacy Committee.

Offered By:	Alejandro G.	Seconded by:	Melody L.
Motion to approve Policy 014 with said changes.			
Vote Tally:			
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

Adjournment

Offered By:	Melody L.	Seconded by:	Alejandro G.
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm.			
Vote Tally:			
All in Favor:	ALL	Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

VIII. CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State L.A. held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in the A.S.I. Conference Room, U-SU 203. Approved by the A.S.I. Bylaws Committee on: Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Prepared by:


Melody Liu and Frances Tsai
Recording Secretary and Committee Chair

Confirmed by:


Joselyn Diaz
Secretary/Treasurer