

**TITAN STUDENT UNION POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 18, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Grant Deering, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Borden, Deering, Ramirez, Uballe, Yu

Ex Officio Present: Borsting

Guests: Jeff Fehr, Anthony Ragazzo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted. (Borden-m/Ramirez-s)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

**Presentation – Room
Rental Pricing**

Jeff Fehr, UCC Manager, made a presentation about the room rental pricing model.

Borsting stated that in the TSU operating policies there is a policy to review the room rental rates. The recommendation is to not increase the rates right now.

**Proposed TSU Bylaw
Changes**

Deering stated that the proposed TSU bylaw changes were distributed to the Committee members and the TSU Board members.

Borden stated that there might be a problem with having the RSA representative at three meetings beyond the Board meeting.

Borden stated that the way the responsibilities are written that the Vice Chair for Services has more power than the Vice Chair for Planning. When the Chair is not available, the Vice Chair for Services has the responsibility for filling in. The language could be revised to have a rolling system where filling in for the Chair switches between the two Vice Chairs.

Borden stated that Article 3, Section 7 and 8 only include the TSU and do not include the SRC building.

Borsting stated that they could come up with a way to reference the TSU and SRC without excluding any possible future buildings (e.g., student center facilities).

Ragazzo stated that the Residence Halls Representative does not necessarily have to be the RSA liaison. The positions can be filled by another representative.

Borden stated that it's possible to find other representatives to sit on

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the Committees, but it should be considered who is appointed.

Uballe stated that there was a grammatical correction until Article II, Section 1. The noun-verb agreement was incorrect. The sentence should read "The ASI Student Centers Governing Board participates in the selection of the Director." (original sentence had "participate")

Uballe stated that under Article V, Section 1, Clause 2, item b the sentence should read "The University Presidential Appointee appointed annually for a one-year term". (original sentence read "The University President appointed annually for a one-year term.")

Uballe stated that in the past there was a concern about Board officers that were not meeting their obligations. There is nothing under the duties and responsibilities of the Chair that talks about the role of the Chair in terms of advising officers of their responsibilities.

Borsting stated that has been a question in the past. We do not want to get into a position where the bylaws state or infer that the Chair is the supervisor of the Vice Chairs. It has been a misunderstanding in the past. The supervision of the officers should fall onto the Board that elected the officers.

Uballe asked where it is specified, clarified or implied what the relationship is.

Ragazzo stated that it is the standard way that committees and councils work. The leadership of a Board is responsible to the Board. It is important to not create more layers of bureaucracy within the TSU Board. It is the same way with the ASI Board of Directors where the Chair and Vice Chair are elected individually by the Board. It is a part of the standard parliamentary procedures.

Uballe asked what would happen to officers who are not performing in their role. The Chair should have a way to bring up these issues.

Ragazzo stated that in the past he and/or Borsting have spoken to the officers to help empower the Chair to have those types of conversations. When that does not happen, there is an opportunity to be brought to the Board.

Borsting stated that there may be a way to address "failure to perform" under the removal clause.

Ragazzo asked how "failure to perform" would be defined. Ragazzo stated that it would create a trial situation.

Ragazzo stated that they have always been able to make things work.

Ragazzo stated that liability issues would be brought up.

Deering stated that the officers work together closely.

Borden stated that there is no need to have a step by step way to deal with officers that are not fulfilling their duties. There is a system

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in place that deals with any issues.

Uballe stated that a lot of the responsibilities are being centralized under the role of the Chair. The primary responsibilities that were originally under the Director of Public Relations have been moved under the Chair's responsibilities.

Uballe stated that these responsibilities should not be centralized under the responsibility of one person but should be shared among the three officers. The current language makes the Chair responsible for public relations and marketing with the Vice Chairs working collaboratively with the Chair.

Borden suggested changing the language under the Chair to read that each officer would work collaboratively with the other officers to market the Governing Board and to recruit new members.

Ramirez stated that under Article VII it states that the Chair prepares agendas and presides over Board meetings, but it does not state under the Vice Chairs that they prepare the agendas for the Committee meetings.

Uballe asked if the Vice President for Student Affairs was accidentally left off the list for University Membership (Article V, Section 1, Clause 2).

Ragazzo stated that the VP for Student Affairs (or designee) and University Chief Financial Officer (or designee) would be added to the clause.

MAIN MOTION
MSC: 4-0-0

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Policy Committee approved sending a recommendation to the TSU Board to adopt the TSU Bylaw changes as discussed. (Ramirez-m/Borden-s)

MEMBERS' PRIVILEGE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Deserita Ohtomo, Recording Secretary

Grant Deering, Committee Chair