

Ad Hoc Bylaw Revisions Committee Minutes of February 8, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **11:04 AM**
- II. [ROLL CALL](#)
Present: Jilian Manlapaz, Arazeli Barragan, Parthiv Patel, Prasaana Pawar, Siddhesh Kadam, Martin Castillo, Michael Ryan Cesena

Late: Arushi Aesha

Absent: Krisstina Caro
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda of February 8, 2023, by **A. Barragan**, seconded by **M. Castillo**, motion **CARRIED**.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**
No public comment.
2:15
- V. UNFINISHED ITEMS:
No unfinished items.
2:19
- VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
- A. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Proposed revisions to the ASI Bylaws](#)
The ASI Bylaws and Revisions Ad Hoc Committee will discuss the proposed revisions to the ASI Bylaws.
A. Barragan briefly explains Robert’s Rules to the committee members and the meeting process. We have to state the beginning time and end times of the meeting. When a members need to make a motion, it needs to be seconded by a different member. The item will be discussed and then the chair will call for voting in which we all give our vote, and the motion is passed.



M. Cesena suggests attending the Board of Directors Meeting taking place on February 15, 2023, from 12 PM – 2 PM at Old University Union in room 307 ABC. The meeting is open to the public.

A. Barragan presents a PowerPoint which shows the list and structure of the Board of Directors and Senators. I believe we have grown too large and need to return our attention to our original objectives because training many individuals takes a long time. When we recruit people for positions, we sometimes have open board seats that have been left open for a long period. There was a case last year, we did not have the financial resources to hire non-academic senators. So that's why, as a collective, the issue of amending the bylaws came up. So that's where I got my concept; it's neither right nor incorrect. I envision the President becoming the Chair, so they would take on the responsibilities of the President and the Chair, and then we would keep the Executive VP, the VP of Finance, and the VP of Communications. When we get rid of the VP of University Affairs, which will merge with the VP of Internal, we'd keep Wellness and Sustainability, and we'd hire a Director of Communication. In conversation with Sharn, the Director of Concord, she mentioned it would be a good idea to turn the Director of Concord into a Senator of Concord. As President Sandeen mentioned that there would be a College of Health so there would be an academic senator representing that.

M. Cesena draws a diagram to explain the structure.

A. Barragan explains the structure of the Executive Committee if the changes were adopted. My thought process was that people would work closely with the Senators-at-large, and then the VP of Internal would focus on campus issues like working with the Senators and the Academic Senators. The President would add the tasks of the Chair to their current responsibilities, and they would lose voting power because the chair generally has partial executions. The President may still use their veto power if they do not agree with the board. They will also work closely with the VP of External Affairs on legislative affairs, as well as with the Executive Presidents, to ensure that people are working towards the policy goal. The Executive President will primarily ensure that everyone is working toward the policy agenda and hold people accountable. My other thought process was that we have an Executive and Personnel Committee which consists of the same board members so we can keep one. They would then supervise the interviewing process for when we do appoint candidates. Then it involves the VP of External Affairs, who would take on legislative responsibilities. So, evaluating at what's going on externally and how it affects things based on what's going on at the State and Federal levels, then bringing that implementation to the East Bay. As a result, they would be attending CSSA. They would be looking at policies that are being implemented by State Legislators and bringing them to us to see if we support or oppose them. They would also serve on the External Affairs Committee together. There will be no Legislative Affairs Committee so they would also be supporting Senators-at-large. The VP of Internal would be responsible for what is happening on campus and figuring out what the students are passionate about. If there are any injustices, they



would be working to figure out how we can work toward a solution, they would also be responsible for things like social media, organizing, town halls, and tabling. Their committee would be the Internal Affairs Committee, which would also help Academic Senators. I believe it makes logical to have them monitor academic senators if they are looking at campus-level concerns. **A. Barragan** explains the responsibilities of directors and how they can be combined. She also explains the responsibilities of the Academic.

M. Cesena suggests reading the Bylaws to have a better understanding of this. In the past, the President and the Chair were the same people. The three executives and the VP of Finance positions are still the same. He explains about the External and the Internal Committees and that they can be redistributed. There are currently five directors which as Arazeli suggested can be taken down to three. The Director of Wellness will stay but we can remove the Director of Programming as there is a Programming Department in ASI. The Director of Concord can be moved to the Senator position. Each senator represents thousands of students at our campus. In terms of reference representation, we still believe there's a need to have a representative from Concord which is where that situation is headed. In contrast to Programming, it is divided into sustainability and well-being. There's also a community position legislation that gets taken up externally. **M. Cesena** presents the breakdown of the Academic Senators and Non-Academic Senators and explains how they run for the position while providing a few examples.

S. Kadam asks where we lie in this key.

M. Cesena explains the Board of Directors' meeting purposes and the purpose of the Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee. The committee members will be inputting their ideas and suggestions on financial ramifications, leadership ramifications, how can the students save money, what can be changed, and how. The members will decide on a proposal to be taken to the Board of Directors where it will be discussed and then a final decision will be taken.

P. Pawar asks if the Director of Concord is taken down to Senator position, will there be a change in their power?

M. Cesena states all the Board of Directors has the power to vote except the Chair. For Directors to Senator, the only change will be in their pay. To my understanding, their voting power does not change and operates effectively the same.

A. Aesha asks if the Finance Committee has been terminated.

A. Barragan answers the VP of Finance resigned in November and the position is open. The board members can't chair the Finance Committee, so we decided to dismiss it.

P. Pawar states we can go over the documents and communicate over emails.

A. Barragan states we will be meeting again and can create a working document so we can all work on it.

37:42

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS:



No special reports.

37:48

VIII. **ROUND TABLE REMARKS**

A. Barragan appreciates the committee member for attending the meeting and will be emailing the information discussed in the meeting.

A. Aesha asks what the process is for inputting the suggestions. Will we be creating a proposal and submitting it via email?

A. Barragan states in terms of input, you can pose the question. I genuinely value student input and appreciate the concept of having students or input made by students. You can email us your suggestions and questions or bring them up in the meetings.

M. Castillo suggests journaling the meetings and having puzzle pieces of small things so we can see visually what Arazeli is purposing.

J. Manlapaz reminds us that the Board of Directors meeting is next Wednesday and if there are any questions then feel free to ask them or email them anytime.

41:36

IX. **ADJOURNMENT at 11:45 AM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Vice President of University Affairs

Name: Jilian Manlapaz

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Jilian Manlapaz (Feb 17, 2023 14:26 PST)

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