

Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 12, 2015

Room 5489

11:30 a.m.-1p.m.

Members Present: Kyla Bender-Baird (KBB), Amy Martin (AM), Dominique Nisperos (DN), Jennifer Prince (JP)

Plenary **Members Absent:** David Nagy

Executive Committee KBB calls the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Steering Committee **I. Approval of the Agenda**
JP motions; AM seconds; passes unanimously

Constitution and Bylaws **II. Approval of the Minutes from February 19, 2015**
JP motions; KBB seconds; passes unanimously

Grants

Health Issues **III. New Business**

Outreach **a. Standing Proxy Cancellation**

KBB: an issue brought up at Plenary when the new Proxy policy was introduced

AM: are we imagining that reps would fill out the current form and we assume that that will continue to be their proxy for the year?

Student Services KBB: we didn't discuss the logistics when we came up with language

USS Advisory Committee JP: we could create another form for standing proxies

DN: what will this look at on the backend?

Governance Task Force AM: I'm imagining something like a room request, that is stored somewhere easily accessible, and that can be edited by the user (to change the name of the proxy, to change the duration of the proxy request)

Student Tech Fee

JP: we could get this on the workflow feed for OGM and Co-Chairs to access. This will be a project that requires help from the web development team.

b. Pro Tempore Representative Petition

KBB: what happens if a program seat is dead, and students in the program want to petition for a new seat, but then more than one student submits a petition? My guy is that it would be first come, first served

DN: does Roberts Rules have anything about this? (After a search) Roberts Rules doesn't seem to cover elections procedures

KBB: We could use the first come, first served process, and then any other petitions received would be put on a list of alternates in case the seat opens up. "Petitions will be accepted until the position is filled."

DN steps out at 12:18 p.m.

KBB motions to add to the end of Article II.2.3 Nomination and Election of Representatives

"The OGM will present the earliest-received valid position(s) to Steering. Petitions received in excess of the maximum number of additional representatives will be considered for alternates."

JP seconds; passes unanimously.

c. Moving At-Large Rep to Program Rep Position

KBB: Chemistry has an at-large seat that received no nominations when we sent out a ballot. So now they will need to do a petition. They have one rep, but they missed the most recent Plenary. They are now in danger of having no Program Reps and not having access to their allocation. There is one At-Large Rep from Chemistry. Is there any precedent for making an At-Large Rep a Program Rep?

JP: could an at-large rep run as program rep during a special election?

AM: there's no reason why a person couldn't resign from their at-large position in order to do so

KBB: program is prioritized over at-large during yearly elections

JP: should we try to set a practice, rather than craft language for the Constitution or Bylaws?

KBB: we could try to arrange something informally with the rep. They would need to submit a petition at this point.

JP: next time, we could contact the person in this position to let them know that this is an option

d. Seat Dissolution Procedure

KBB: If a seat is dissolved, OGM is supposed to make an announcement at Plenary. Do I have to call out the individual programs in front of the body?

AM: I don't think there is any stigma to this, it's informative to the body.

IV. Announcements

None

V. Adjournment

KBB motions to adjourn; JP seconds; passes unanimously.

Meeting ends at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Amy Martin