

JUDICIARY MINUTES

Meeting #7

February 5, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Justice Pro-Tempore Lizbeth Velasquez called meeting to order at 2:03pm.

2. RECOGNITION OF JUSTICES, PARTIES AND PERSONS PRESENT/ ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Lizbeth Velasquez, Chief Justice Pro-Tempore
Reynaldo Barillas, Associate Justice
Christopher Forestiere, Associate Justice
Brittney Lizarraga, Associate Justice
Lizbeth Velasquez, Associate Justice

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, Associate Justice
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Non-Voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, ASI Asst. Director, Govt. Affairs & Initiatives
Zion Smith, CSULB President's Designee

Non-Voting Members Absent

VACANT, CSULB Faculty Representative

Guest

Dr. Jody Cormack, Vice Provost for Academic Programs

3. PUBLIC OPINION

There were none.

4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Barillas (S) Forestiere to approve Judiciary Agenda, Meeting #7, February 5, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-0

5. JUDICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ASI Elections: promote

6. INTERNAL PROCEEDINGS

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #6, December 4, 2018

(M) Lizarraga (S) Forestiere to approve Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #6, December 4, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-0

B. Additional Proceedings

- 1) Discussion Item: Grade Appeal Policy – Vice Provost for Academic Programs Dr. Jody Cormack Velasquez: voiced student concern of not knowing where to access grade appeal form and the Judiciary wanting the grade appeal process to be more accessible and universal for students.

Forestiere: shared that some of the forms request the same content, but some do request differing information.

Velasquez: shared that there are some situations where a student may have their major in one college but are taking classes within another college, so there is confusion as to where they would file the appeal.

Dr. Cormack: voiced that it makes sense to have the forms online and is supportive of creating a process that is more clear. It seems to make the most sense to have the form online at the department level and can also link to the college. Dr. Cormack asked if it would make sense to have a link on ASI's website.

San Miguel: stated that there could be a link on ASI's site; however, most students aren't aware of ASI's connection to the grade appeal process so it might not be where they would naturally look. The other question is, if the form is different for each college there would need to be a different link for each college.

Velasquez: shared that some students are intimidated by the process of having to first speak with their professor, especially if there is not a good relationship there to begin with. That piece along can deter students from pursuing a grade appeal.

Dr. Cormack: suggested that maybe language students can use as an example to broach the subject with faculty can be created; a guide that Judiciary can come up with.

The board agreed.

Forestierre: stated that the policy itself is lengthy and can be difficult for students to understand.

Dr. Cormack: agreed and stated that they would like to develop a one page How To Key Points document for students taken from the longer policy so that it is clear for students on what they have to show to prove their case.

Dr. Cormack: asked Judiciary to think about if the policy is fair to students? If it is not, what would be the policy change? They also asked about the experience of student representatives serving on the grade appeal committees.

Judiciary members shared their experiences and what they learned from previous Judiciary members. The experience has been mixed both positive and negative. Overall, the student experience serving on the committees is not consistent and often difficult.

2) Discussion Item: Spring 2019 Goals

- Political Participation (Know Your Rights)
Point persons: Barillas, Lobby Corps
- Renter's Rights (Know Your Rights)
Point persons: Velasquez, Forestiere
- Immigration Rights (Know Your Rights)
Point persons: Lizarraga, AB540 Commissioner Citlalli Ortiz
- Guide to Approaching Grade Appeal
- Brochure: Grade Appeals
Lizarraga: recommended holding off until forms/process are universalized

San Miguel: secure flow of content; create language guide that students can use when approaching instructor/department

- ASI Communications
 - Need better communication within ASI
 - Continue with Group Me; needs to be checked daily
- Elections (2nd PRIORITY)
- Appeal Committees (1st PRIORITY)

3) Discussion Item: 2019 Elections

San Miguel reviewed the elections calendar and reminded the board to study up on the Elections Handbook. They also stated that the Judiciary will need to meet prior to the results announcement to certify the results.

March 5th: Smith will conduct “How to conduct a Hearing” training.

March 11th: Violation hearings may begin with the start of campaigning.

March 21st, between 8am-12pm: Certify election results

- Forestiere: open availability
- Barillas: not available
- Velasquez: will check with employment
- Lizarraga: will check with employment

7. REPORTS

A. Senate

Velasquez: please complete Senate meeting sign-up by the end of this week.

B. Associate Justices

Barillas

Work completed since last report:

- Completed office hours
- Met with Velasquez regarding Know Your Rights Workshops
- Signed up for Week of Welcome 1-31-19; however, event was canceled due to rain

Goals for next two weeks:

- Attended for WAVE committee hearing
- Continue developing/planning the Political Participation Know Your Rights Workshop
- Inform students grade appeal process

Student Concerns:

- After Hours area too small; directed to USU311

Forestiere

Work completed since last report

- Completed Weekly Office Hours
- Met with CBA Grade Appeal Committee
- Received College-level School of Nursing Grade Appeal Committee Assignment

Goals for next two weeks

- Finish CBA Grade Appeal
- Continue School of Nursing Grade Appeal

- Attend Office Hours

Student Concerns

- Student Residents under increased scrutiny from Housing and Residential Life
- Campus sprinklers running in the rain

Anything else:

- Glad to be back!

Lizarraga

Work completed since last report

- Meet up Lizette to discuss the brochure
- Things to finish

Goals for next two weeks

- Meet up with my Stephanie, the other COA committee student rep
- Brochure for Judiciary
- Discuss upcoming events with other AJ's

Student Concerns

- N/A

Anything Else

- None

Velasquez

Work completed since last report

- Attended grade appeal meeting
- Worked on grade appeal brochure
- Initial discussion on grade appeal awareness
- Continuing the legal clinic efforts
- Know your rights campaigns organization and brainstorming

Goals for next two weeks

- Attend meeting for student fee advisory
- Continue the discussion on grade appeal accessibility and education for students with university grade appeal committee
- Work on grade appeal brochure if possible

Student Concerns

- Many bathrooms have paper dispensers instead of hand dryers and students have shown concern over the stainability and cleanliness of bathrooms on campus

Anything Else

- Elections are coming up please stay updated with the campaign elections handbook

8. CLOSING COMMENTS

Barillas: not receiving Judiciary agenda packets

San Miguel: recruit for vacancies; available

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chief Justice Pro-Tempore Velasquez adjourned meeting at 3:13pm.