



Constitution Committee Meeting

Minutes from July 27, 2009

1 Class Council Wrap Up

Sivakami and Mike Bennie will be writing up the section of the report on the Class Council Constitution.

2 Exec Bylaws

People know about the Exec Bylaws exist and for the most part they are followed.

Article II: We should specify where in the Constitution this purpose is. Friendly.

Article III

- We don't have votes right now, what should we do with this?
 - Who should be voting? President, VP, Speaker, Vice-Chair all should. Friendly. Should treasurer? Unclear. Should secretary? Unclear.
 - * More would mean more point people for advocating.
 - * Secretary and treasurer put a lot of work towards the UA and know what's going on generally.
 - * Concern that having them in the vote would lean it towards the Exec side instead of an equal balance between Exec and Senate in Execomm.
 - * Secretary and treasurer not elected by a representative body even though they are approved by one.
 - We're afraid people will forget about it down the line.
 - Should there be 4 principal officers or 6 officers? That's what this really comes down to because we believe all of the principal officers should vote.
 - We'll come back to 4 vs. 6 later.
- Move to strike all past first sentence in number 2. Friendly.
- III.4 needs clarification enumerate members and such from Constitution 2.2.3

Article IV

- IV.1.2: Who should be allowed to kick people out of Exec? The president should with overturning being possible by a vote of Execomm. Should report it to senate: Responsibility of Senate Rep to Exec and Speaker. Friendly.
- IV.1.3: Secretary in charge of this not PR. Secretary can delegate. Friendly.



- IV.1.4: Cut scheduling Senate meetings. Friendly.
- IV.2.3: Cut first sentence. Friendly. Change to: “In the event of a tie, the President shall have final say.” Friendly.
- IV.2.4: No proxies, but absentee vote/try as hard as possible to get everyone’s vote. Friendly.
- IV.3: “Ballots must be present from 2/3 of members to have a vote.” Friendly.
- IV.4.1: Reference section. Friendly.
- IV.4.3: Cut. Friendly.

Article V

- V: All AVP’s dead, keep in sync with class councils in some form via some ua member.
- Class Council Coordinator
 - Has no power, we don’t currently have one appointed.
 - Have events committee be liason between UA and class council.
 - CSL could oversee them.
 - We should codify the advisory role of SAO. Friendly.
 - Should they be the only CCC?
 - No we want a UA member, but we need to define the relationship. Friendly.
- Secretary
 - Just updated this, so let’s leave it. Friendly.
 - Specify that summaries go in the Tech instead of “relevant campus media,” this is in the updated version.
 - * What if they refuse to print them? At least say that they need to try.
- Treasurer
 - V.5.a-d. are fine as they are
 - e is silly: Change it to “each budget meeting of the Senate or more frequently at his discretion.” Friendly.
 - More explicit oversight of FinBoard and all other Finance-related committees? Is language already there enough?

Article VI

- VI: senate must be notified and needs a senate meeting in between



Committee Chairs: Should we include their duties? If so, generically or specific to each position? We decided generic because each committee is supposed to have a governing document. This includes:

1. Report to President (usually VP decided by the team)
2. Follow their charges and governing documents

3 General Discussion

Is it ok that we always use male pronouns? We could make it arbitrary, but it is grammatical to leave it.

General Business

- We need to meet more often
- No one responded about availability
- Is there a more organized way to run our meetings?
- Only allow five minutes of debate on contentious issues

What are we going to cover?

- Class Council Constitution
- Exec Bylaws
- UA Constitution
- Senate Bylaws
- ASA Bylaws if we have time to get to them
- Probably won't have a chance to get to the Election Code

Who writes what?

- Class Councils: Bennie(LaTeX), Sivikami, Sammi
- Exec Bylaws: Liz (LaTeX), ?
- UA Constitution: Cinjon (LaTeX), Tim, ?
- Senate Bylaws: Paul (LaTeX), ?
- Will email out to absent committee members to see what people's interests are



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