

Closed Meeting October 26 Minutes

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2012 ASBCC strengths: commitment, meeting attendance, leadership, organization, Judicial Council, etc.

Dr. Chen pointed out that ASBCC attendance has been exemplary compared to other colleges. In addition, we have established a very strong Judicial Council. She also admires our initiative for writing the committees into the bylaws.

Goals and measurable accomplishments

Dr. Chen points out that the previous ASBCCs had wanted to help the district out and initiated committees trying to work on college and district wide issues. Several of the major issues that we've been working on are the issues some of the previous ASBCC members tried to work on. They were a major challenge at the district and college level, which had to do with technology and organization. She pointed out that the college has professionals working on the issues, and even they are unable to resolve them. Dr. Chen appreciates the effort but advises the ASBCC to be realistic. Your academic success is far more important. In addition, while she appreciates this, at the end of the year she does not want to see the commitments we made fail as some of the goals we set up are very challenging. One example is the Transfer event, which was very successful, but it took Paula Coil many years of coordination with four year representatives to put it together. Dr. Chen does not believe it is possible to set it up again because the representatives have a strict schedule and it is not as simple as just saying that we want to put together another two events. She appreciates the thought, but we need to understand if these goals are reachable.

Our goals need to be published online.

Bylaws and committees

The committees are being written into the bylaws. While Dr. Chen appreciates that we are comprehensive and precise about our commitments, she asks the ASBCC to consider that the future student governments will need to form those committees as well, or will have to revise the constitution and bylaws every time. If the ASBCC feels that the committees should be ongoing, then that is a different story. But if they are temporary, Dr. Chen asks the ASBCC to consider not including them in the bylaws.

Foundation functions: ASBCC, ICC, clubs

Dr. Chen is looking forward to seeing the chartered clubs' packages to make sure that everything is complete. In addition, she needs to ensure that their advisors are BCC or PCCD faculty or staff for insurance purposes. That person does not carry out liability and therefore needs to be covered by insurance.

All chartered clubs need to be online. This is the responsibility of the Communications Officer. Dr. Chen states that she looks for them online as this is where they are made official. She asks the ASBCC to use our website as the information center. People from outside want to know what is happening and they go to the web to find this information out. Therefore we need to post ICC and ASBCC meeting times, club information, etc. online.

She points out that last year there was almost 0% of success in the ASBCC working with the ICC. She has seen the ICC be very active in other colleges and they have almost an equal voice with the AS. She advises the ASBCC to get online and look at other colleges' relationship with between the AS and ICC and possibly revise our ICC requirement. If the ASBCC members feel that the majority of what we find is similar to the workings of our own student government, this needs to be reflected in our work and we need to stick with it and not change it. If exceptions are made, everyone will start making excuses and bypassing the ICC and ASBCC presentation. Whatever decision the ASBCC makes, it needs to be completely followed through.

Officers' role and responsibilities

This is based on what Dr. Chen has seen in the past. These are areas that the college and district have gotten into trouble with before. It is very important that we take care of the receipts and other monetary transactions with other bodies. Dr. Chen urges Treasurer Creecy to form a committee to help him out with this.

Student Club activities: Club proposals to be discussed and approved by ASBCC

Dr. Chen wants to make sure that all the clubs are chartered before they submit any event/activity proposals. Regardless of whether they are using funds or not, the use of the college facilities is still using resources and therefore has to go through the ASBCC. The clubs need to make a quick presentation before the council on what they're doing and who their contact person is. This needs to be reflected in the minutes. Treasurer Creecy stated that at the ICC meeting the clubs were strictly told that proposals need to be brought to them without fail, regardless of using funds or not. VP Dadouch added that the ICC meeting was extremely successful and much more active than last year.

Many clubs were in attendance. President Bailey stated that they are following the Brown Act and the clubs had full understandings that they were obliged to be at the meetings. Justice Hemphill added that a JC member attends the ICC meetings to make sure everything is constitutional. Dr. Chen is very happy with this.

Dr. Chen asked about the qualifications of the JC members and how they were selected. She states that it is the most efficient JC she had worked with and points out that it is crucial for the JC members to be qualified and be extremely familiar with the bylaws, the constitution and the Brown Act. President Bailey stated that the most important qualification is being motivated. However they were not yet trained, which is why he held a training session with them yesterday. Dr. Chen and President Bailey both state that qualifications for the JC are vital, and President Bailey suggests adding certain requirements for next year. VP Dadouch adds that previous council members had worked with some of the current ones to train them; next year this may be a good idea for JC as well.

All ASBCC related activities, communication and being responsive

Dr. Chen pointed out that she usually communicates through Treasurer Creecy, VP Dadouch and VP Fagan. However, when she communicates through President Bailey it is extremely important, and needs to be taken care of straight away. She gave the General Assembly as an example, for which President Bailey apologizes for this and explains that he's had a rough month. He promises not to let this happen in the future. Dr. Chen states that because of complex policies and procedures they need to spend months in advance preparing. However, because of the late communication they had to do budget transfers, travel requests and coordinate with the district at the last minute. Jasmine spent more than 3 full days just working on this and it is still on hold.

They are still looking for a position to work with the student body, and without it they have several people doing one job. This leads to inconsistencies. Dr. Chen thanks the council for recommending finding an advisor and the faculty members who are willing to do more work without extra pay.

Other

Justice Hemphill asks who has access to the ASBCC website. Currently, VP Dadouch, Officer Aghababa, President Bailey and Secretary Yefimchyk have access to it. Technically, only the Communications Officer should have access to it, but both VP Dadouch and Secretary Yefimchyk are in charge of one page. The constitution points out that the website is the responsibility of the Communications Officer.

President Bailey states that one of the JC members, Justice Cook, has had some problems. She wanted an ASBCC member to be present at all the JC meetings and also inquired about training. President Bailey has since taken care of the issues and offered her guidance. He promises to set up some failsafes in the future.

Dr. Chen also states that she is here to advise and listen and not to punish anyone. The last time we tried to have a discussion to charter the Young Democrats club she was not attempting to punish anyone, but she was simply trying to figure out how to make things work. Her responsibility is to provide advice and together we can have a good time.

Jasmine has been trying to figure out and work everything out. Athan's been very helpful. They've been trying to revise the forms because many of them are very repetitive. She asks people to email her if they need anything. She may not respond right away, as she's very busy. But she will catch up and get organized. All the paperwork for all authorizations is at her office and they're always accessible to the ASBCC if we need it. Athan suggests photocopying all of this to have backup at the office.

Jasmine will send Officer Aghababa, Treasurer Creecy and VP Dadouch the updated event proposals. She keeps a supply outside the office and there is one outside the business office. The updated club chartering packet is on the website. VP Dadouch states that if the packets are at the ASBCC, more students would come in. In addition, there is almost always someone here.

President Bailey proposes having space for the council to sign on the event proposal that states that even though there were no funds asked, they still need to go through the ASBCC.

When Jasmine has event proposal forms sent out she will email them to President Bailey as well, so that the ASBCC is aware of what's happening.