

AS Structural Review

2015-2017



Context

- The AS Board has seven members
 - Limits student voices in the university
- Student Senate
 - Suspended in 2014 due to dysfunction
 - Did not have a lot of direction
- Two years ago the AS Board realized we had more problems
 - Overworked

Process

Structural Review Committee

Charged with reviewing the AS governance structure and producing a referendum for the students to vote on

Resources

Historical data consolidation

Qualtrics survey

High standards



Outcomes to Date

Basic Structure

Three branches: Senate, AS Board, Programing Council

The ESC/ROP

Centralized services

Senate

Academic affairs

Based in academic colleges

Proportional number of senators to students, 2--5

Will include grad students and undecideds

Senate Chair (AS VP for Academic Affairs)

Charged with

AS Board

Representation

President, VP for Governmental Affairs, VP for Student Services, VP for Diversity

Ex-Officio: Activities Director (VP for Activities), Senate Chair

Charged with

Fees, legislative priorities, passing individual budget, liaison with appropriate admin counterpart/office

AS Board



Programming Council

Represents AS programming offices

Club Hub, AS Productions, etc.

Facilities and Services, Management Council

Activities Council

Chair by Activities Director (AS VP for Activities)

Diversity Director

Charged with

Programing Council



Ethnic Student Center/Resource and Outreach Programs

Most overworked AS Offices

Split their time between advocacy and programing

In the new model

Staff will be split, will either work on advocacy or programing

Programing staff will work with Diversity Director

Advocacy staff will work with AS VP for Diversity

ESC President's Council will pass the ESC budget, will not be filtered through another body

Ethnic Student Center/Resources and Outreach Programs



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Centralized Services

Budget Council

Will coordinate the budgets, send them back, and then jointly go to S&A fee committee

Personnel

Will work with Personnel Committee to make decisions/plan trainings, appeals will go to the AS Board (w/ex officios)

Communications

Publicity Center

Continuing Questions

Representation and Engagement Programs

Membership with outside branches

Low number of AS Board members

Next Steps

Run a referendum

Continue committee to more clearly delineate the work of each branch

Establish budgetary designations

Re-write AS Bylaws

Establish advising and reporting structure

Determine and physical space requirements or changes

Needs

Deans/Colleges/Provost/Faculty Senate

Help to seat senators on academic committees

Generate interest among students from running

Integrating senators into the administrative structure of the colleges (department head meetings, college wide meetings, grant awarding committees, etc.)

Board of Trustees

Deadline for seeing the AS Bylaws

Needs

Division Leads

Stronger connections between AS Board members (and eventually Senators) and their admin counterparts

Help with enhancing student voices in places it does not reach

Including Board members in conversations more regularly, with more information

Questions?

Thank you!