

Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC)
September 8, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting

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[**In these minutes:** Student Senate Retreat; Vice Chair and At-Large Vacancies; Revisions to Student Senate Handbook]

PRESENT: Trish Palermo (chair), Jonathan Borowsky, Taylor Cronen, Patrick English, Noelle Sjoquist

REGRETS: Katie Lederman

ABSENT: Zane Bloom

Chair Palermo welcomed the committee and members introduced themselves.

1. Student Senate retreat – Trish Palermo, chair, reviewed plans for the Student Senate Retreat on September 10, 2016. Palermo reviewed the [draft agenda](#) with the committee.

2. Vice chair and at-large vacancies – Palermo reviewed the roles of the vice chair and at-large representative, noting that since these roles are currently vacant the Student Senate will have a special meeting and election at the retreat. Palermo said that four student senators have indicated interest in running for either vice chair or at-large representative.

Currently, the SSCC bylaws dictate that the chair, vice chair, and at-large representative should be from different student government organizations, Palermo said, with the stipulation that if a candidate cannot be identified the roles will be open to any senator. Palermo noted that the Bylaws also state that no more than two of these three roles can be filled by senators from the same campus; she suggested that since no system campus senators have indicated interest in these roles, the SSCC amend the Bylaws as follows:

~~However, no more than two of these three positions can be filled by candidates from the same campus.~~ In the event no system campus senator is nominated, any senator is eligible.

After Palermo invited SSCC members to discuss this change, Jonathan Borowsky moved to vote. The change was approved, with one abstention. Palermo said that the change will move to the Student Senate for a vote during the special meeting at the retreat.

3. Other business – Palermo discussed her scheduling conflict with the SSCC meeting time. The committee discussed the potential of changing the meeting time for SSCC to 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. rather than the standard meeting time of 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Palermo said that she would discuss this potential change with Barbara Irish, senate associate, University Senate Office.

4. Revisions to Student Senate Handbook – Palermo opened a discussion of proposed changes to the [Student Senate handbook](#). Borowsky suggested the following change:

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Committee members agreed to this change, and suggested no further edits. Palermo said that these changes would be made today, and handbooks would be printed for senators in time for the retreat.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara Irish
University Senate Office