



# Central Student Government

Rules Committee  
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## Rules Committee Report

Assembly Date: 09/03/2024

Meeting Date: **09/01/2024**

Resolutions for Release:

- **AR 14-029: A Procedural Resolution to Allow Committees to Appoint Secretaries**

Resolutions for Return:

- **AR 14-024: CSJ Compensation and Student Advocate Reforms**
- **AR 14-026: A Resolution Establishing New Assembly Task Forces**

Call to order: **1:30 PM**

***Members of the Committee Present:*** Stefan Nielsen (Chair), Erin Neely (Vice Chair), Curtiss Engstrom, Reyhaneh Najafikoupaei, Ryan Schmidt, Demi Jardine, Michelle Xiao, Eric Veal, Danah Owaida, Sabrina Yu

***Members of the Committee Absent:*** Jasmine Insaard, Nova Brown, Taryn Daclison (excused)

***Other Assembly Members Present:*** Mario Thaqi (Speaker), Shawn Kelly

***Non-Assembly Members Present:*** Tyler Watt (Acting Student General Counsel)

**Quorum:** **[Met/Failed to meet]** (*Quorum is 6, including Chair and Vice Chair*)

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### For Release:

#### **AR 14-029: The Secretariat Act**

#### Notes on Discussion:

- Erin Neely (sponsor) explains the desire to have a secretary appointed to alleviate the amount of business a chair/vice chair might have to do in the case of an absence, sponsoring a bill, etc.
- Curtiss requested moving the Operating Procedure addition to the Appendix, adding Need-Based Compensation for secretaries, figuring out how to appoint the secretaries if they are or are not in the Assembly, and having secretaries when first year interns are also going to be applying and accepted soon
- Stefan (Chair) suggested a compromise to change the resolution and make it more amicable to committee members; working the secretary position into the first year internship program
- Mario, talking from past experience, has said he does not always feel secretaries are necessary, and in the past has asked members to take notes when his vice chair has been away
- Reyhaneh understands Erin's concerns and is willing to volunteer for taking notes

Vote on Resolution: N/A (Tabled for a week)

### For Return:

#### **AR 14-024: A Resolution to Modify CSJ Need-Based Compensation Allotments and Clarify Student Advocate Policies**

#### Notes on Discussion:

- Tyler Watt (sponsor) clarifies some of the provisions of the resolution, according to feedback from Justice Lobbezoo, including settlements and clarifying the student advocate selection process
- Curtiss moves to accept all amendments

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- Erin asks if the number of compensable hours remains the same, and Curtiss says that it is, after consulting with the justices
- Curtiss moves to send this back to the Assembly with unanimous consent, and it is approved

*Vote on Resolution: 4-0-1 (motion carries)*

### **AR 14-026: A Resolution to Establish New Assembly Task Forces**

#### Notes on Discussion:

- Speaker Thaqi (sponsor) points out importance and precedent of task forces: programming, sexual misconduct prevention, disability empowerment, policy and governmental affairs
- Task Forces are outside the Assembly but have chairs and vice chairs; funded by LDF if the budget goes into effect
- Tyler Watt questions changing the name (“task forces” sounds militaristic) and how the chairs/vice chairs will be chosen
  - Curtiss: “Commissions” has been used in the past
- Danah asks about attendance requirements; Mario clarifies that participation is not required for Assembly members and these are primarily external
- Reyhaneh clarifies that chairs are appointed by the Speaker and asks him to clarify the process; he says it will be an application process prioritizing those with relevant experience (candidates interviewed by Exec Noms) and commission membership is up to the leadership
- Tyler has no opposition to making commission leadership go through Exec Noms and then an Assembly vote, especially since Exec Noms has had nothing to do so far
- Tyler notes that there is no attendance policy for task force meetings unless we define one
- Reyhaneh asks if the application will be open to everyone, and Mario is thinking of ways to advertise the process, including CSG’s all-campus email, tabling, and social media channels
- Stefan notes that it is great to work out problems in here, rather than in the Assembly
- Curtiss makes a motion to approve all amendments that Tyler Watt has presented, and it passes with unanimous consent
- Tyler offers to add (before Tuesday) some words about attendance and discipline, just to have something on paper, and questions the appointment process for rank and file members
  - Members do not want to sit through 40 confirmation hearings for rank and file members, and we should trust the chairs and vice chairs who are nominated and confirmed
- Eric asks about the timeline of rolling out the task forces if/when they’re approved, and Mario says he will start the search immediately
- Curtiss moves to send this back to the Assembly with unanimous consent, and it is approved

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*Vote on Resolution: 4-0-0 (motion carries)*

### **General Discussion:**

- Tyler asks if anyone has looked at resolutions from Michelle Xiao; members have not seen anything
- Mario begs members to come to assembly at 7 on Tuesday for refreshments!
- Erin asks for updates on the budget, and Mario specifies that there are none at this time
- Eric reiterates the advertisement for snacks and refreshments

Adjourned: **2:23 PM**

Electronic approval of the report without objection from the Members.

### Attest:

*Stefan Nielsen*

**Stefan Nielsen**

**Committee Chair**

- Electronically signed

*Erin Neely*

**Erin Neely**

**Committee Vice Chair**

- Electronically signed

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