Executive Council Resolution FY2017 - #03

TITLE: Assembly Inquiry and Override Code Change Proposal

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: February 22, 2017

INTRODUCED BY: Justin Doi

I. Purpose

This resolution proposes a change in the ASBSU Assembly Code endowing the ASBSU Student Assembly and its members the authority, ability, and opportunity to re-visit decisions made by the ASBSU Executive Council regarding resolutions, bills, constitutional amendments, code changes, and any and all other forms of documentation that are passed through ASBSU Student Assembly that are deliberated by the Executive Council.

II. Rationale

WHEREAS, Boise State University’s statement of shared values encourages the pursuit and implementation of the virtues of caring, fairness, and responsibility in student life including in its leadership.

WHEREAS, our statement of shared values defines caring as showing concern for the welfare of others. Fairness as expecting equality, impartiality, openness and due process by demonstrating a balanced standard of justice without reference to individual bias. And responsibility as taking charge of our choices and actions by showing accountability pursuing excellence with diligence, perseverance, and continued improvement.

WHEREAS, ASBSU can increase its implementation of these virtues within its processes and codes by providing accountability in responsibility, impartiality and openness through due process, and concern for the welfare of our students through caring.

WHEREAS, The ASBSU Executive Council has limited checks to balance and hold accountable its decision making authority.

WHEREAS, this resolution will help to provide an endowed ability and right for the ASBSU Student Assembly to reasonably and responsibly inquire into the actions of the ASBSU Executive Council exercising mutual accountability.

WHEREAS, this resolution will provide the members of the ASBSU Student Assembly who act as direct representatives of the student population at large to readdress issues brought before ASBSU when needed and to reassess actions that should be taken.

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution, the student population is provided with a more
sustainable formal opportunity to realaddress decisions made within ASBSU and hold its officials and representatives accountable to the needs of the students.

III. Provisions

1. Amend ASBSU Student Assembly Code and ASBSU Executive Code (if or as needed) to empower the ASBSU Student Assembly with the authority, ability, and opportunity to re-address issues brought before ASBSU Student Assembly decided on by the ASBSU Executive Council through the use of an inquiry process.

2. ASBSU Student Assembly will call for a vote to inquire about the decision made by the ASBSU Executive Council and then, after discussion, call for a vote, if absolutely necessary, to take further action in the form of a sustaining of the Executive Council’s decision or an override of the Executive Council’s decision.

3. This code amendment is not to be abused or constantly used but should exist so as to provide the ASBSU Student Assembly members with the opportunity to hold the ASBSU Executive Council accountable and inquire about decisions and actions taken on issues brought before ASBSU Student Assembly.

IV. Fiscal Impact

This resolution will have no fiscal impact.

TO BE COMMUNICATED TO:

University President, Dr. Bob Kustra; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Leslie Webb; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Jeremiah Shinn; Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Wuthrich; Director for Student Involvement and Leadership Center, Charlie Varland; Director for Student Diversity and Inclusion, Francisco Salinas; The Arbiter; Idaho Governor, C.L. “Butch” Otter; U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch; U.S. House Representatives Raul Labrador and Mike Simpson; The Idaho State Senate; The Idaho State House of Representatives; The Idaho Statesman; The Boise Weekly; The Spokesman Review; Eye on Boise

APPROVAL:

By the ASBSU Student Assembly on 2/22/2017 by a vote of 24 (in favor) and 4 (opposed) and 4 (abstaining).

By the ASBSU Vice President, Assembly Chair

Jade Donnelly

Date 2/1/17

By the ASBSU Executive Council on 2/27/2017 by a vote of 6 (in favor) and 0 (opposed) and 4 (abstaining).