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Minutes
Board of Directors
Friday April 27, 2018 12:00 P.M.
SBS B203

- I. Called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Grace Iheke, Chairperson

- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Grace Iheke, Justin Blakely, Caithlyn Torres, Christian Jackson, Makonnen Nixon, Carolyn Tinoco, Daylin Joseph, Marquel Reid, Thomas Lobao, Judith Steven, Laura Celina Valadez, Carman Parker, Siray Rodgers, and Chinaemerem Isika
Non-Voting Members Present: Jeff Falkner, Theresa Butcher
Non-Voting Members Absent: Dayja Davis
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Djeneba Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller Stephen Janes, Jeffrey Cabanez, Marcelo Vazquez, and Laura Talamante
Visitors: Anthony Garcia, Sivia Cardona, Priyanka Shinh, Chonya Tongdee, Rosita Sary, Natalie Velasquez, and Shamshad Elimu.

- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Joseph, S/Valadez to approve the agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- IV. Approval of Minutes (April 20, 2018) – Action Item
*M/Torres S/Parker to approve the minutes with added amendments.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- V. Time Certain 12:15 p.m. – ASI Program Coordinator, Stephen Janes
Janes announced sold out event this evening. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and went over assignments for the participants at the Spring Fling and when he would need them most. Janes starts setting up for the event around 3:45 p.m., if anyone is available during that time he would appreciate all the help he can get. Janes strongly encouraged Board to be there no later than 5:00 p.m. and to stick around until 10:00 p.m.

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VI. Time Certain 12:30 p.m. – Marissa Curry – National Society of Leadership & Success

Curry spoke in regards to the services the Leadership program offers for campuses. They currently work with 600 schools and 850,000 students. The program helps Build Leadership programs on campus, they provide leadership skills and help improve other skills. The program offers orientation for new incoming students and provide a training day to help with self-discovery and practice for the business world. This program offers great resources for participants who are willing to build on their skills and support other students/campuses.

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for members of the audience to address the Board on specific agenda items only. None

VIII. Unfinished Business – None

IX. New Business

A. ASI/LSU Merger – Discussion Item

The Board will discuss update on ASI/LSU merger research.

Iheke announced Torres, Shakoor, and herself are currently sitting on the ASI/LSU merger committee. They attended presentations by CSULB and San Diego State in regards to their merger process of ASI/LSU. Torres mentioned that CSULB and SDSU have many resources outside of the school and the student fees such as their communities and business ventures. Vazquez shared that CSULB have a \$29 million Budget of which \$9 million come from student fees. Shakoor shared that during the meeting it was mentioned that ASI would have to dissolve in order for the merger to happen. Shakoor commented that these meetings are very important because it helps illuminate the campus and know more about the results of the merger. She would like to see more students attend these meetings and give their opinions. The two campuses that presented have been together from the beginning. Isika shared that if a merger were to happen it might confuse students in regards to what is ASI and LSU.

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B. Project Rebound Resolution – Discussion Item

The Board will discuss the possible creation of a new resolution.

Reid spoke in regards of a new resolution that would help benefit formerly incarcerated students who are striving to get back into a Four-Year University. CSUDH is one of the CSU's that does not have a Project Rebound and so Reid took the initiative to author this resolution in support of Project Rebound on campus. The Board will read the Resolution as first reading and make any friendly amendments. Ikeke informed Reid to bring the updated resolution with added amendments for the next Board of Directors meeting. She asked if the Board would like to wave 2nd reading and move to the third and final reading at the next meeting. The Board was alright to wave the second and final reading.

C. Budget Update – Discussion Item

The Board will discuss upcoming details pertaining to ASI Budget.

Torres and Ahouansou spoke of various changes made to ASI Budget. Torres announced how ASI Budget has been revamped and updated. Two new staff members added into the organization, Donisha Quiller and Djeneba Ahouansou. Torres mentioned that \$32,000 have been approved for 2018 Budget Call for Clubs. Ahouansou asked that all Board members look in their mailbox for the ASI Budget for review and comments/suggestions. The Budget is now student friendly and easier to read and understand. Blakely commented that he is proud to fund Student Organizations, but noted they must meet criteria. Shakoor announced ASI Budget is posted around campus for students to review. She also encouraged the Board to bring friendly amendments to the next meeting.

D. Gipson Address – Discussion Item

The Board will hear and discuss the letter addressing students' needs at DH.

Reid discussed key points that he would like to address in the letter sent to Gipson. He emphasized that there is a low amount of advisors on campus for students. Reid has had three mentors in the past five years and none of whom he has had an advisor relationship with. Students need advisor relationship in order to have that mentorship, guidance, and someone they can talk to in regards to their academic goals. Another key point is that some students wished that the program they are in were majors instead of a minor. The two main programs that deal with this situation is Women Studies and Political

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Science. Students should have the option to major in a subject that best interest them without having any barriers. Reid then concluded that the cultural outreach office does not represent the students due to an absence of diversity within faculty. He would want to see more diversity within the faculty group representative of the student population. Vazquez shared that as of class of 2019, the graduation rate has increased from 6% to 9%. He commented that by providing statistics, it would help support his key points such as requesting more advisors for students. Talamante supported the fact that we do need more advisors and money for the campus. Iheke thanked Reid for his hard work and initiative in creating this letter. Ahouansou and Vazquez will work with Reid to complete the letter. Celly asked to be included in the letter writing she will help with counseling facts at CSUDH.

- E. EXEC 18-03 Senate Resolution in support of the ASI University Toro Hour
The Board will hear and discuss adopted Senate Resolution.
Talamante spoke in regards of the Academic Senate not favorable towards the University Toro Hour. She mentioned how technology should be implemented for students to participate in events from anywhere. She went over Resolution and noted why the changes were made.
Blakely thanked Talamante for bringing this Resolution to the Board. He shared that he is disappointed with Academic Senate for not wanting to support students on Toro Hour. Blakely will make sure that ASI will implement more events to reach out to students in regards to University Toro Hour. Blakely provided statistics from a survey provided to students showing that 50%+ of CSUDH students supported and would participate in the University Toro Hour. Blakely was disappointed that there is no shared governance and the students' voice does not count on this campus. Blakely concluded that students would want to see a University Toro Hour implemented on campus and that ASI will continue working with students to implement the Resolution on University Toro Hour.
- F. Board of The Month – Discussion Item
The Board will hear from Executive members on who was chosen as Board Member of the Month.
Blakey wants to acknowledge this individual for his great work and consistently attending meetings. This person was able to get 67 students to register to vote during his tabling event. Blakey is proud to announce Marquel

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Reid (Director of Legislative Affairs) as Board Member of the Month for May 2018.

- X. Reports – Send Written Reports to Elimu.
- XI. Open Forum – Discussion Item
Time for members of the audience to address the Board. None
- XII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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