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Minutes
Executive Committee
Friday, October 18, 2019 10:00 A.M.
Loker Student Union Room 130

- I. Called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Christian Jackson, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Christian Jackson, Victor Giron, Makonnen Nixon and Rihab Shuaib
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Djeneba Ahouansou
Advisors Absent: Matthew Smith
Visitors: Gavin Centeno, Katelin Stewart, and Jessica Achugbue
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Giron, S/Shuaib to approve the agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (October 4, 2019) – Action Item
*M/Tendaji, S/Giron to approve the minutes of October 4, 2019 as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only – None
Time for members of the audience to address the Committee on specific agenda items only. None
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. BOD Absences – Discussion/Action Item
The Committee will discuss and consider Board member absences. Tendaji showed the Committee the updated spreadsheet used to track Board of Directors (BOD) absences from meetings; he shared that he will meet with Lakey to discuss how to be more meticulous with logging absences from the BOD and leadership meetings. Jackson recommended combining the meeting absences onto one page rather than keeping them separated into two, and Shuaib suggested adding another sheet for commission meeting absences. Commission members felt that the tracking sheet should indicate if an absence is

recognized as “excused” or “unexcused.” Lakey reminded the Commission that the ASI Bylaws state that absence notifications should be emailed to the executive director, Shakoor – currently, they are being sent to Giron. It was noted that some of the past meeting minutes have only shown who was present, without listing absent BOD members. Lakey reminded the Committee that meeting attendance is an essential aspect of the BOD members’ roles, as it is the primary way for them advocate for students; she suggested that absences be examined and that consequence for unexcused absences be enforced, consistent and equitable. (The Bylaws are explicit around possible removal after two consecutive unexcused absences, or three within a year). It was noted that some emails sent to Giron simply notify of a BOD member’s absence, but do not state a reason – such absences cannot be excused, unless followed up with an excusable reason. Lakey reminded the Committee that previous Executive Boards decided absences that are not ASI-related or medical in nature are not considered “excused.” The Committee decided to make decisions about current absences after Tendaji could further improve the tracking document for the next meeting.
*M/Giron, S/Shuaib to table the BOD Absences discussion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. BOD of Month – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss the possibility of BOD of the month. Stewart shared that she will present information regarding the “BOD/Student Staff of the Month” selection at the next Executive Committee meeting, so that members can decide the best candidate.

C. BOD Goals – Discussion Item

The Committee will formulate an action plan towards accomplishing our BOD goal.

Jackson presented the BOD GOAL Tracker spreadsheet that is in development to the Committee. The spreadsheet contains two major categories of BOD activity, “Campus Community Engagement” and “BOD Engagement.” The goals that members are striving toward include Communication, Transparency, Relationship-Building, and Innovation. The purpose of the spreadsheet document is to notate and track activity done that serves these purposes.

VII. New Business

A. Student Fee Advisory Committee Application – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss the content of ASI Fee proposal to SFAC. Ahouansou presented the Fee Request Form and Fee Request Worksheet being worked on to present to the Student Fee Advisory

Committee to propose a CPI addition to the ASI fee. A CPI addition will help ASI achieve its goals to enhance the campus. The fee has not been increased since May 2001, when a referendum for a \$25 increase took place. Since then, a referendum in 2004 and several presidential consultations in 2010, 2013, and 2018 have occurred, resulting in the reallocation of the existing \$135 fee. ASI is now proposing for an addition of the CPI rate to the ASI fee; the CPI rate will apply every two years. Jackson shared after speaking with Interim VP of Admin/Finance, Ron Coley, ASI should consider a general increase and the addition of the CPI. The Committee discussed the need to consider whether or not students will vote to increase the rate, and noted that a two-thirds vote (rather than a majority) will be needed. The Committee discussed the need for informative marketing regarding the proposed increase – students should be aware that, if a fee increase is not passed, ASI would reduce services. Less funding for Clubs and Organizations, and ASI would not be able to provide concerts featuring major artists. BOD members must be equipped to communicate these issues to the student population. Nixon suggested to create an information campaign about ASI's future if the needed fee increase does not pass. Shuaib suggested emphasizing relationship building with students, for feeling of connectedness to support ASI goals. Shakoor requested projections of dollar amounts for future years, and reminding Student Body of the successes that have come from reallocating the fees, ASI has been able to meet more needs because of the reallocation. At the informal meeting the whole BOD, would determine a dollar amount sustainable for the next few years. Shakoor reminded the Committee that the increasing number of enrolled students is helpful in not requiring a vastly larger fee, as there are more people contributing. Lakey shared that the Board in 2016, suggested an \$80 fee increase (raising it to \$215). At the time that Board wanted to provide more emergency services, more scholarships, and creation of a fully functioning (and staffed) food pantry. An alternative idea is a smaller, \$40 increase (raising the fee to \$175). An informal Executive meeting Wednesday, October 23 at 11:00 a.m. to further discuss this issue, and Friday, October 25, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Jackson will meet with the BOD to discuss.

VIII. Reports

Executive Vice President – Nixon shared there are candidates for International Student Representative and Student-at-Large for consideration for BOD appointment.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Giron met with his team ASI College Representatives. He also shared that the Queer Culture and Resource Center (QCRC) is in the process of gathering 30 representatives

to speak at the LSU-BOD meeting to seek to acquire more space for the QCRC.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item – None
Time for members of the audience to address the Committee. None.

X. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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