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Minutes

Board of Directors

Friday, January 15, 2021 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

This meeting is being facilitated through an online zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N25-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

- I. Called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Rihab Shuaib, Chairperson

- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Rihab Shuaib, Lola White, Evelyn Martinez, Daisha Campbell, Cindy Romero, Ahmilliyon Marin, Jonathan Molina-Mancio, Ginelle Calleja, and Jocelyn Molina-Mancio
Non-Voting Members Present: Khaleah Bradshaw and Kisha Calbert
Non-Voting Members Absent: Laura Talamante
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Matthew Smith, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller, Stephen Janes, and Jesse Magana
Visitors: Thomas A. Parham, William Franklin, Tiffany Herbert, Zachary Ritter, Stephanie Gordian, Yoara Cruz, Mirka Trejo, Marci Payne, Bianca Perez, and Shamshad Elimu

- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Jocelyn Molina-Mancio, S/Martinez to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- IV. Approval of Minutes (November 6, 2020) – Action Item
*M/Jocelyn Molina-Mancio, S/Marin to approve the minutes of November 6, 2020 as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

- V. Time Certain 12:15 PM – CSUDH President, Dr. Thomas Parham will present on Health Services Fee consultation.
Shuaib welcomed University President Thomas A. Parham and his team, Vice President, William Franklin, and Director of Student Psychological Services (SPS), Tiffany Herbert. President Parham asked Franklin to introduce the subject since it is not the first time coming to the Board. Student Psychological Services is the HUB of the University, the initiative is essential to expand resources and provide more individual and group counseling to the CSUDH community. Franklin reported the past efforts to address the growing Student Health & Psychological Services deficit, but the process was disrupted due to Covid-19 in Spring 2020. President Parham notes the cumulative deficit was net of \$3.8 million as of June 30, 2020. With higher

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student enrollment, the demands for mental health services are also increasing, yet the limited SPS staff creates increased wait times for workshops and scarcity of psychological services. Therefore, President Parham is requesting to increase the health services fee from \$75 to \$130 beginning of Fall 2021 to establish a Health and Wellness Center. Herbert noted this fee would help satisfy the existing demand with additional staff members and provide additional psychological services such as after-hours services, campus training, new digital tools, student jobs, more mental health outreach. To avoid a deficit in the future, President Parham is proposing to be indexed by Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), where the fee will gradually adjust and adding \$3.25 per semester. Herbert noted the goal is to offer a variety of services and collaborate with campus partners to benefit student needs and enrich the campus community. Herbert urged for students to solicit feedback on services they would like to see or get rid of via survey and visit the FAQ website on or before February 28, 2021. Bradshaw encouraged the Board to consider the proposal and further discuss it with fellow students as it is very important. Calleja inquired if the pandemic created an exponential impact on the deficit. President Parham confirmed it has but extreme measures must be taken to secure everyone with technology, PPE equipment, personnel staff, etc. He noted the University has used most of their reserves and CARES Act funds to continue providing for students. Calleja also asked if the financial instability students are currently facing is being taken into consideration. President Parham agreed, and Franklin assured Calleja they are only requesting the amount needed. Shakoor questioned if the Fee would affect other university fees and President Parham noted process is only about increasing the Health Services fee by \$55. Herbert stated that increasing the fee would secure the foundation of the Health and Wellness Center. Campbell wondered what services students would be receiving, Herbert clarified they would be able to reach a psychologist after hours, have technology tools to help peers, and more psychologists will work closely with faculty. Romero was concerned that students commuting long distances will not be able to take advantage of the after-hours service and Herbert noted the psychologists are determined to serve students no matter the circumstances.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Board of Directors/Student-at-Large Appointment – Action Item

The Board will discuss and consider appointments for Board of Directors and Student-at-Large Interns.

Shuaib opened the discussion by announcing the resignation of the previous VPAA Blake Anger at the end of the Fall semester. The position was then opened

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and advertised, to which Jonathan Molina-Mancio applied. Mancio expressed his interest in the position and his eagerness to be of further service to the students.

*M/Calleja, S/Campbell to approve Jonathan Molina-Mancio as ASI Vice President of Academic Affairs. **VOTE: 8/0/1 MOTION CARRIES** (Jocelyn Molina-Mancio – Abstained)

VIII. New Business – None

VII. Reports

Executive Director – Shakoor attended AOA and January Retreat was a success, stating everything is prepared for 2021 Spring Semester. Shakoor is excited to start working alongside Jonathan Molina-Mancio as the new VPAA.

Graduate Assistant – Magana urged BOD and student staff to review follow-up emails from January retreat and submit anything requested. Magana noted the first Leadership Development Workshop will take place on January 22nd, at 11:00 AM.

Finance and Business Services Manager – Ahouansou thanked everyone who participated in the IT Assessment focus groups. She too attended AOA. She was appointed Chair, for Business and Finance Services Committee. She asked all Board members to attend ASI Finance Commission meeting 3-5 PM every two weeks for Spring semester, they are starting to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year.

Elections Commissioner – Romero noted ASI Elections 2021-2022 package is still available. She is checking with various students who submitted a survey on different position. Romero also reported the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WSAC) Committee is creating a draft interim report for recommendations. The search committee has started reviewing applications for the Dean of Graduate studies and Research position: they are meeting next week to discuss candidates.

College of Natural and Behavioral Science Rep. – Jocelyn Molina-Mancio noted the Athletics Director Search was extended to February. She met with the Alumni Council committee over winter break. Molina-Mancio participated in OSL focus group for food services.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Jonathan Molina-Mancio attended OSL focus group for food service experiences and meal plan for CSUDH Housing.

College of health and Human Services Rep. – Calleja is planning CHHSN Open House with students, faculty and staff. She is also planning a virtual Town Hall with CHHSN Dean Peyton, Associate Dean Ortega, and the Provost.

Athletics Department Liaison – Calbert announced majority of CSUDH athletes' student earned excellent grades last semester despite the pandemic.

Alumni Liaison – Bradshaw announced launch of new Alumni Relation's Toro membership program, "Toro Connect" in March.

Associate Director – Lakey attended AOA Conference where she got information that will be discussed at the Personnel Committee. She further noted Programming

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Assistant candidate accepted the position, she is waiting to hear from the KDHR Production Assistant.

Program Coordinator – Janes attended AOA Conference received information on Marketing and Events during Covid-19 at other campuses. He will use the information with his team to plan events for the 2021 Spring Semester. Janes thanked Christian Jackson (Programming Assistant – Events and Logistics) and Adrian Aguilar (KDHR Production Assistant) for their services in ASI.

Accounting Manager – Quiller met with OSL to discuss Leadership series for student leaders.

Vice President of Finance – White attended OSL Focus Group to discuss Food Services on campus. She announced Finance Commission meeting today 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

University President’s Designee – Ritter announced Basic Needs will conduct food distribution once a month starting Friday, February 5, 2021. Ritter noted they are interviewing for the manager of Student Support hope to fill position before the semester starts.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Shakoor asked the Board to use Open Forum to discuss Presidents Parham’s initiative to increase the Health and Services Fee. Due to time, Shakoor urged that the Board discusses the matter further and creates a letter from ASI stating their position as a Board and opinions on the Initiative. Lakey suggested the Board have an informal meeting or use the last 15 minutes of the Leadership workshop to discuss Health Services Fee Consultation. Ahouansou asked if Ritter has a Basic Needs Food Distribution flyer with different dates. Ritter noted he would talk to Kirk and get back to her on this matter.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Chair’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

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