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Minutes
Executive Committee
Friday, January 29, 2021 9:00 AM
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 9:04 a.m. by Rihab Shuaib, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members: Rihab Shuaib, Lola White and Jonathan Molina-Mancio
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Matthew Smith, Michellena Lakey, and Djeneba Ahouansou
Visitors: Jessica Achugbue and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Molina-Mancio, S/White to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (November 6, 2020) – Action Item
*M/Molina-Mancio, S/White to approve the minutes of November 6, 2020 as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Committee on specific agenda items only. None
- VI. Reports
Associate Director – Lakey announced two newly hired student assistants, and they have begun 20-day training process; Michelle Santos (Program Assistant) and Jacqueline Rosales (KDHR Programming Assistant), they will be introduced at the BOD meeting this afternoon. Lakey further noted ASI staff extended the Temporary Telecommuting Agreements until at least the end of summer.
Executive Director – Shakoor reported University's Medical Director, Dr. Irina Gaal's last day next is Friday. VP Franklin announced Queer Culture and Resource Center's (QCRC) search for Director is closing. Asian and Pacific Islander affinity center coming onboard soon. ASI Program Coordinator, Janes has gathered possible names for Spring Fling Performing Artists, he will present the BOD meeting.

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Finance and Business Services Manager – Ahouansou forward the reconciliation from Accounting Services to Finance Team, which gives actual revenue amounts for the past fall semester and preliminary numbers for the spring semester. ASI is due excess revenues and will talk about the distribution of revenues to the entities.

President – Shuaib reported that the Spring Symposium begins today – the symposium is where students and faculty can share thoughts on semester and support needed; BOD members are part the symposium, and will discuss their recently conducted surveys and the issue of the Health Center Fee.

VII. Unfinished Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. Child Development Center Reopening – Discussion Item

The Committee will hear updates from CDC working group on reopening strategy.

Shakoor shared that CDC is working on plans for reopening the CDC; they had originally planned to reopen in January 2021, but that plan had been shelved. They have conducted a survey to understand Childcare needs among students – information was collected through social media and email, and the responses will dictate the direction of the plans. The team researched what is being done with childcare on a county level, and has been documenting day-to-day operations, from the children’s arrival throughout their time present in the facilities, including the actions of staff and all others involved. The COVID-19 Childcare Addendum Document defines the PPE needed. The CDC has received grants from C-Campus and Quality Start LA, which have provided funding for additional PPE. The reopening committee is working with the campus to learn about the cleaning process in the evenings, a more thorough list of symptoms to be screened for, and group size and staffing numbers needed. Smith added that the committee would need to go to the university’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) early in the reopening process to receive feedback before proceeding. Shakoor shared that in the past, the CDC has received numerous testimonies from university students who have graduated and shared that they would not have been able to finish school without the help with childcare services. The committee has recently learned from the facilities managers that there are not any plans to build in the CDC space for the next two years. Shakoor sits on a committee, run by Deborah Robinson-Sims, that is working on conducting a campus-wide survey that will assess for overall campus childcare needs from students as well as faculty and staff.

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B. Athletic Funding – Discussion Item

The Committee discuss potential options for Athletics Divestment.

Ahouansou shared that recently had a conversation with university president Dr. Thomas Parham about ASI's need for more flexibility with funding this specific entity. ASI was asked to create a presentation explain the need and flexibility, how it will benefit ASI, and assess any potential harm to the athletics department's operations. Lakey noted that a similar presentation was presented to the President's Cabinet two years ago. Ahouansou noted that presentation had covered broader topics regarding the scope and history of ASI, and the futuristic portion provided a five-year divestment plan for Athletics. Smith reported that the Athletics department does often run in the red, but they can turn to the Institution-Related Activities Fee (IRA) for financial help. The Student Success Fee Committee can also look into using some of the Student Success Fee funds to support Athletics. Ahouansou further noted Childcare Center funding model is highly dependent on State Grants, and the divestment will contribute to its ability for growth. The five-year divestment program that has been envisioned started 2019-2020 and would end 2023-2024; this is currently enacted with Toro Learning and Testing Center (TLTC). After completion of the five-year plan, the ASI organization will be able to determine funding of entities according to need/equity rather than obligated set amounts. White agreed that Athletics should try IRA for needed support. Smith suggested pushing for the campus to increase the IRA fee, which is very low, in order for Athletics to obtain greater support outside of ASI funding. Smith also suggested presenting a formal slideshow presentation during the Team Toro Luncheon, keeping it the only main topic of conversation. Molina expressed support for following the CSU Bakersfield model of funding Athletics primarily via IRA. Shuaib supported the notion of conducting a special meeting devoted to Athletics funding.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Committee.

Lakey noted a few years ago, the organization had constructed a plan to be more centered on efforts to act as the "student voice," which involves re-thinking deployment of resources. Lakey shared a document that outlines suggested efforts. Events and programs are "hit and miss" for ASI, at times drawing interest and engagement, and at times lacking. Lakey proposed considering pulling back from the smaller programs, and instead focusing on 2 to 3 larger programs each year and placing greater emphasis on student feedback initiatives. The major events would be: Halloween Haunt, ASI Elections Process, and Spring Fling. These events will be student-run and under the direction of the professional staff, and could involve the addition of a few new student staff members. Shakoor noted this would uphold ASI's value of shared governance. Jonathan Molina-Moncio expressed a feeling that the

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smaller events are critical for increasing awareness of ASI and sense of support for students throughout the semesters. Molina-Moncio suggested fine-tuning ASI's marketing strategies and supported Lackey's idea of hiring a marketing specialist, who can take on marketing interns.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 10:07 a.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____