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Minutes

Finance Commission

March 13, 2020 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Guy J. Witherspoon Conference LSU 231-B/Zoom Online Conference

- I. Call to Order at 3:04 p.m. by Christian Jackson, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Christian Jackson, Makonnen Nixon, Blake Anger, and Lola White
Voting Members Absent: Rihab Shuaib
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey Djeneba Ahouansou, and Donisha Quiller
Advisors Absent: Cecily McAlpine and Cecilia Patz
Visitors: Brandon Mao, Karama Blackhorn, Ana Miriam Barragan, Lisa Sueki, Rosa Heckenberg, Jessica Achugbue, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda - Action
*M/Anger, S/White to approve the agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 28, 2020) - Action Item
*M/White, S/Anger to approve the minutes of February 28, 2020 as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Open Forum - Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. Ahouansou introduced the visitors, who joined via Zoom video conferencing; Rosa Heckenberg, Lisa Sueki, Karama Blackhorn, and Ana Miriam Barragan.
- VI. Time Certain
The Commission will hear from the referendum entities on their 2020-21 proposed budgets.
Intercollegiate Athletics – 3:15 PM
Not able to join today; will present at the next meeting.

Toro Learning and Testing Center – 3:30 PM
Heckenberg shared that the Toro Learning and Testing Center focuses on professional development for students and tutors. There are 16 Certified Tutors, and 20 working on their certification this semester. The TLTC is keeping record of subjects that students are requesting assistance with at the front desk, so that they can provide support for them soon. Heckenberg showed the referendum and budget breakdown, which showed \$4,200 for summer, \$28,038 for fall, and \$28,038 for spring.

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Multicultural Affairs (MCA) and Affinity Centers – 4:00 PM

MCA - Sueki shared there are a lot of changes within Multicultural Affairs, Matthew Smith is taking the lead with affinity centers. With the outbreak of COVID-19, MCA is considering alternative online services, including online town halls, group meetings, and co-curricular activities. Sueki showed 2020-2021 Budget proposal asking for \$40,000 to help fund various programs including special events, supplies and services, printing, and student assistants wages. MCA will try to mirror LSU hours for employees, and that “supplies and services” refers to cleaning fees, wipes, and office supplies. MCA’s special events include Welcome Week, NSO, Dia de Los Muertos, Open House, and Homecoming.

QCRC- Blackhorn shared that they are only able to hire work-study students, which limits who can work there. The QCRC grew from having 1 part-time staff person to 13 and over 100 volunteers. QCRC seeks to support students’ Career Development and academic goals. Students create and run their own programs. They offer access to food for food-insecure students. Blackhorn is asking for \$20,000 to help fund various programs including student advocates, VolunQueer Events, and Lavender Graduation

Toro Dreamers Success Center – Barragan shared they have 1 student staff member, who has Work-Study. The Toro Dreamers Success Center offers a Dream Fellowship, which gives service-learning (professional development) for underserved students, including training on Etiquette, Law, Policies, and Federal programs. The Dream Fellowship is 150 hour per semester in exchange for a semester-based fellowship. In January, the Toro Dreamers Success Center assisted over 200 people with legal services. Barragan shared that \$20,000 is needed to fully support the 3 Fellowships.

Rose Black Resource Center – Sueki shared outlined the center’s programs, which include the Black Excellence Banquet, co-curricular programming, and efforts to address student retention issues. They are asking for \$20,000 to help fund various programs including ASI-Sponsored events, supplies and services, printing, and Student Assistants

Ahouansou noted that, if students are charged to participate in/attend a cultural graduation or any event, ASI cannot fund it.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. 2020-21 ASI Administrative Budget – Discussion Item

The Commission will review the administrative Budget for the fiscal year 20-21.

Ahouansou noted if fee increase passes it would begin in spring of next year. Ahouansou showed the Commission that there is a potential \$375,000 in additional revenue. She made the changes previously discussed, including removing funding from certain events’ budgets. If the fee increase passes, the following budgets will be prioritized with the use of the additional support to

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CDC, Spring Fling, Club Fest, parking pass giveaways, Toro Tuesday scholarship, bluebooks and scantrons, hygiene products, and housing provided by ASI for housing-insecure students. ASI housing is a new idea that stems from the Basic Needs presentation given during a BOD meeting. The idea is to pay for a 3-bedroom student apartment, housing 1 student per bedroom (the annual rate of university housing per student is \$14,700). Much of the additional budget has already been allocated - the current available balance is \$37,900.

B. 2020-21 Budget Call – Discussion/Action Item

The Commission will review the submitted applications, and start the allocation process using the Budget Call Screening Chart.

The Commission allocated some funds and will continue reviewing the applications next week. The commission agreed as a group to not funding was banquets, ceremonies and end of year celebrations. Incomplete applications or events subject to fundraising/ticket sales required on behalf of CSUDH students will not be funded.

VIII. New Business

A. 2020-21 CDC Budget – Discussion/Action Item

The Commission will review the Children’s Center administrative budget for the fiscal year 20-21.

Ahouansou showed the CDC Budget, which shows a \$95,000 gap to fill. Jackson asked if \$700,000 is an average cost for Childcare at other CSUs. Ahouansou will research averages, but that our campus’ current cost is approximately \$12,000 per child for one year, which is on track with average cost. The final CDC budget is pending.

VIII. Reports

The chairperson requested that Commission members send reports via email.

X. Open Forum - Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission. None

XI. Adjournment at 5:05p.m. by Christian Jackson.

Chair’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

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