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Minutes
Legislative Affairs Committee
Friday, February 19, 2021 1:00 P.M.
See Zoom Meeting Details

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 1:03 p.m. by Daisha Campbell, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Daisha Campbell, Jonathan-Mancio Molina, Rihab Shuaib, Ginelle Calleja, and Ev Campos Martinez
Advisors Present: David Gamboa, Rasheedah Shakoor, and Jesse Magana
Advisors Absent: Djeneba Ahouansou
Visitors: Yoara Cruz and Mirka Trejo
- III. Approval of Agenda –Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/Molina-Mancio to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 4, 2021) –Action Item
*M/Molina-Mancio, S/Shuaib to approve the minutes of February 4, 2021 as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Graduate Assistant – Magana finished interviews for Student-At-Large and said they did not garner any applicants for the internship. He mentioned students can still sign up for the internship and hopes they can get interviews before next B.O.D meeting.
AVP of External Relations – Gamboa thanked Shuaib for joining the advocacy meetings lead by President Parham. He also thanked ASI for their involvement and commitment for advocating towards the CSUDH community.
Legislative Affairs – Campbell noted CSSA has approved Assembly Bill AB 245, which will allow students to change their name and their college diploma without legal authorization, and Assembly bill AB 53. Assembly Bill 53 will make Election day a paid holiday to increase voter participation.
- VI. Open Forum –Agenda Items Only
Time for the members of the audience to address the Committee on specific agenda items only. None

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Virtual Town Hall – Discussion Item

The Committee will hear updates for the Virtual Town Hall event with Assembly Member Mike Gipson and Senator Steven Bradford.

Campbell thanked the ASI marketing team for designing the Virtual Town Hall poster. She mentioned the poster had the typo “prices” changed to “prizes”. Shuaib shared her excitement for the upcoming event and hopes the incentives will encourage students to participate. Campbell reviewed the budget for the Virtual Town Hall and established \$360 were used towards prizes - Nintendo Switch and gifts cards. She mentioned the Virtual Town Hall will be on Friday, February 26 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM. Campbell shared the meeting outline to The Commission and acknowledged Bradshaw’s help in creating it. Gamboa mentioned President Parham will be able to give a welcome speech at the Virtual Hall. He mentioned he was going to send Campbell a facts sheet addressing how many students are within the district and their representatives. Gamboa also encouraged The Board to review each elective’s biography before the event to get familiar with their policy bills. Campbell reviewed the outline and noted she would send The Board emails with the outline, key points for questions, and other important preparation material.

VIII. New Business

A. CSSA Plenary Report – Discussion Item

The Committee will hear a report from the chair on the CSSA February Plenary. Topics are listed below.

- Cal Grant Modernization: Presented by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)
Campbell stated Cal Grant 2 will make the award more eligible, equitable, and reach a more diverse group of students. Campbell stated the Cal Grant 2 system will increase their rewards to nearly \$100,000 more students in need, despite their award amount decreasing compared to the current Cal Grant amount. She noted Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be removed because of inconsistency. The Cal Grant modernization will move the deadline to September 2nd instead of March 2nd.
- AB 288 (Bonta): California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021
Assembly Bill 288 proposes placing a prohibition on displacement among higher education institutions that would allow private scholarships to be used to cover the college expenses. Campbell noted students complained about Bill 288 because it does not actively address the issues with Financial Aid. She explained how students need to be made aware Financial Aid deducts scholarship money if the student has received a private scholarship.
- AB 396 (Gabriel): CalFresh: educational programs
Campbell stated Assembly Bill 396 would provide students with resources and basis needs opportunities by ensuring more students to be newly eligible for Cal Fresh. Assembly Bill 396 would require a higher education program that increases employability and allows students to meet the eligibility standards for certification applications.

- AB 367 (Garcia): Menstrual products
Assembly Bill 367 will allow menstrual products to be always placed in 50% of campus restrooms. Campbell noted the bill will also require 50% of all restrooms opened to the public or used by employees to be always stocked with menstrual products. Campbell stated CSSA will be voting on the bill next Plenary meeting. Martinez is glad to see the benefits the bills are providing to students.

B. CSSA Civic Engagement – Discussion Item

The Committee will receive information on the CSSA Civic Engagement event. Campbell shared CSUDH currently has 400 points in Civic Engagement events with CSULA. She noted asking the CSSA Legislative Affairs chairperson if the Virtual Town Hall can increase the number of points received. She also thanked Calleja for participating in the sub-committee discussion because it displays advocacy within the CSUDH community. Shuaib proposed for CSUDH to host CSSA plenaries that contain various activities for students. She suggested hosting a plenary in April or May. Campbell agrees and mentions the beneficial experience to connect with students around campuses.

IX. Open Forum –Discussion Item

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

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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