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Minutes  
Legislative Affairs Committee  
Friday, February 5, 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 1:07 p.m. by Daisha Campbell, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call  
**Voting Members Present:** Daisha Campbell, Jonathan-Mancio Molina, Rihab Shuaib, and Ev Campos Martinez  
**Voting Members Absent:** Ginelle Calleja  
**Advisors Present:** Rasheedah Shakoor and Jesse Magana  
**Advisors Absent:** Djeneba Ahouansou and David Gamboa  
**Visitors:** Yoara Cruz and Khaleah Bradshaw
- III. Approval of Agenda –Action Item  
\*M/Shuaib, S/Molina-Mancio to approve the agenda as submitted.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- IV. Approval of Minutes (December 11, 2020) –Action Item  
\*M/Shuaib, S/Martinez to approve the minutes of December 11, 2020 with amendment to remove Cindy Romero as Voting Member.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Reports  
**Graduate Assistant** – Magana announced Student-at-Large applications have opened and there are currently no applications for the Legislative Affairs position.  
**Associate Director, External and Community Relations** – Bradshaw stated her excitement in supporting The Board plan the ASI Town Hall. She also thanked Shuaib for representing The Board and CSU students during CSU Advocacy week.  
**ASI President** – Shuaib thanked Bradshaw and noted the importance of CSU Advocacy Week towards Lobbying at C.H.E.S.S.
- 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 Civil Engagement event with Assembly Member Mike Gipson and Senator Steven Bradford

Campbell noted The Committee agreed to set the ASI Virtual Town Hall for February 26 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Shuaib mentioned they agreed to include Amazon Gift card incentives to increase student attendance and participation. She noted they are aiming to ask questions that will encourage students to get civically involved and get familiarized with the legislators. Campbell hopes The Board can be present for the Civic Engagement event. The Committee has agreed to meet on Monday, February 8 at 3:00 pm to further plan the Virtual Town Hall itinerary.

VIII. New Business

A. CSSA Civic Engagement – Discussion Item

The Committee will receive information on the CSSA Civil Engagement event. Campbell reported that CSUDH and CSULA has accumulated 600 points in Civic Engagement events. Campbell noted CSUDH has earned 100 points because her and Calleja participated in subcommittees. The subcommittees allowed students to provide public comments on different budgets and mental health awareness. Shakoor inquired if they will be receiving points for the ASI Virtual Town Hall and Campbell noted she was uncertain.

B. CSSA Plenary Report – Discussion Item

The Committee will hear the CSSA Plenary Report from the Director of Legislative Affairs. Topics are listed below:

- Cal Grant Reform – Presented by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

Campbell stated CSAC proposed Cal Grant modernization, which is making financial aid use the full cost of attendance as the college affordability rather than solely tuition. 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. Campbell noted the news is important and that CSAC hopes more minority students can attend college. Shakoor noted the Cal Grant Reform topic would be an ideal discussion topic for C.H.E.S.S. Shakoor urged The Committee to read the document and educate themselves before the next Leg Affairs meeting.



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- Assembly Bill 245: Educational Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes-
  - Assembly Bill 245 will give students the ability to change their name on their College diploma without legal authorization. Campbell noted the bill will also clarify the types of identification that transgender or nonbinary alumni would need to provide to have the correct name updated in their records, diplomas, or transcripts. Campbell mentioned CSSA will be voting to pass the bill next month.
- Assembly Bill 53: Election Day Holiday -
  - CSSA proposed to make Election day a paid holiday to increase registered voter participation and decrease work and school conflicts when voting. Shakoor noted Assembly Bill 53 is an ideal topic for C.H.E.S.S training.
- Governor’s Budget Proposal for CSU:
  - Campbell stated CSUDH received \$31 million from the Federal Stimulus Package, most funds going towards dining, housing, and student stores. She noted the estimated minimum amount for student grants was \$9 million. Campbell mentioned the document contains a CSU budget breakdown to alert individuals where funds are being allocated. Shakoor noted Governor Newsom’s actual budget will not be out until the summer, so ASI should utilize these meetings to discuss the budget proposal.

### IX. Open Forum –Discussion Item

Time for the members of audience to address the Committee.

The Committee discussed their ideas for the Virtual Town Hall. Shakoor’s goal is for elected officials to provide clarification on questions and concerns students may have about government. Shakoor inquired if Campbell contacted the political science department regarding their interest for the Virtual Town Hall.

### X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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