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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, March 27, 2020 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

- I. Call to Order at 3:02 by Rihab Shuaib, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Rihab Shuaib, Christian Jackson, Makonnen Nixon, Blake Anger, Lola White
Voting Members Absent:
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Ahouansou, Cecily McAlpine, Donisha Quiller
Advisors Absent: Cecilia Patz
Visitors: Sara Perry, Yoara Cruz, Shamshad Elimu, Carolyn Tinoco
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/ White, S/ Nixon to approve the agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (March 13, 2020) – Action Item
*M/ Nixon, S/ White to approve the minutes of March 13, 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. None
- VI. Time Certain – 3:15 PM
The Commission will hear from Intercollegiate Athletics on its 2020-21 proposed budget.
Perry thanked ASI for the continuous support they have shown to the Athletics department and she wants to increase the relationship between them. After 6 months, the Athletics Department finally has a Student Success Coordinator and Perry is hoping that the Athletics SAC member will be more involved in the ASI Board meetings. Nonetheless, Perry shared the budget status and expressed her gratitude for the \$400,000 ASI gives to them because it pays for half of their scholarships. Shuaib asked Perry if she knew how many scholarships were given this year with the money provided and she said 79 female athletes and 55 male athletes received scholarships this year: making their total scholarship budget \$795,000. Quiller inquired about the qualification's student athletes need to possess in order to receive a scholarship and Perry said that the decision, which is finalized by the coach, is based on team need, athletic ability, academics. The athletes not only have to meet the requirements for CSUDH, but also must meet the higher-level requirements for the NCAA.

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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 shared the copy for the administrative budget to everyone and discussed how she removed the budget for *MY ASI, MY FEE* campaign since it did not pass. Enrollment numbers need to be revised on the income distribution page because it has been increased. Last year's summer enrollment rate was 3,050 students, 14,200 for fall, and 13,530 for spring. On the other hand, this year's enrollment rate is going to increase for fall and spring to 15,000 and 50 students were added for summer. However, the auxiliaries around the CSUDH system are discussing a drop in enrollment when things go back to normal due to the economic impact that was caused by Covid-19. Therefore, Ahouansou strongly suggested to drop the enrollment rate to last year's fiscal year budget so they can be safe and not surpass enrollment increases that will not be supported.

Ahouansou noted that the Athletics department and Toro Learning and Testing Center would need to revise their budget numbers for ASI. Not only this, ASI would need to also revise their budget and reduce it by \$114,000 in certain areas. Ahouansou provided suggestions they could approve in order to move forward with reducing amounts in certain areas or if they needed more time to think about it. Shuaib noted that they should go forward with the mindset that things will change this semester because students are having a hard time completing their online classes, which will result in drop in enrollment. Shakoor put forward her idea of having two separate budgets, one with the ideal budget that has the same numbers as last year and the other one that contains a 5%-10% decrease in the budget so they can be prepared when submitting it to the President, to which Ahouansou and McApline agreed.

Ahouansou stated that if they go back with having the same number as fiscal year 19-20, the revenue will stay at 1.9 million. However, even with cutting off amounts in certain areas, like taking off the 3% increase for staff, ASI's 20-21 allocation is still \$80,000 over the 1.9 million. Shakoor suggested to take away B.O.D/ staff gear funding and Lakey agreed, saying that she would talk to Janes about making drastic cuts in branding. Shuaib stated that if anybody had any further suggestions in cutting funds, to contact Ahouansou.

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

The Commission will review and approve the proposed allocation for the Clubs/Orgs Budget Call.

Ahouansou stated that since she already had the discussion for the administrative budget and the allocation, she just needed a vote to approve how the \$15,000 was going to be distributed for budget call.

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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

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

Ahouansou presented the CDC budget sheet and stated that they need to reduce costs as much as possible when the center is open. However, it is speculated that with CDC’S budget, the center will be closed for the summer. Since the teacher’s will only be present when the children are there, they will have the summer off. On the contrary, the Admin staff will be working throughout the summer so ASI can take care of their administrative needs. Despite maintaining income from ASI at \$130,000, the budget is still over \$8,000.

The Commission will postpone the approval in order to allocate the excess and bring it back with the full budget.

*M/ Nixon, S/ White

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

VIII. New Business

A. 2020-21 Referendum Entities Budget Call – Discussion/Action Item

The Commission will review and approve the proposed budgets for the referendum entities.

White asked how the commission will continue with this year's budget if some ceremonies will be cancelled due to Covid-19, and Shakoor clarified that the budget is set for 2020 and the budget in discussion was for next year starting July 1, 2021. Ahouansou shared a letter from the Athletics department demonstrating that they received about \$404,000 last year and if they reported in having an enrollment increase for next year, they would have received \$436,998. Shuaib asked if the commission would reduce the numbers with a projected enrollment drop or approve them as is. Ahouansu clarified that they do not have to decide for MCA because they are receiving flat rate allocations; the decision would most likely apply to ICA and Toro Learning and Testing Center. The commission has decided to reconsider the approval for the proposed budgets regarding referendum entities.

*M/ Jackson, S/ Nixon

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

VII. Reports

President Jackson stated that after having a conversation with Charles Thomas regarding Credit/ No Credit, they are at full understanding that most of the campuses are moving in their own direction with the option. He noted that it is

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relatively hard for each campus to finalize an option for Credit/ No Credit and he would like for the campuses to come with a singular option, so it won't affect the students' academic subjects.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Shakoor addressed Shuaib regarding the ad in the New Student Handbook. She noted that they agreed to having a full page in the handbook but failed to give directions to the team in what they wanted to see on the full page.

Shuaib asked Jackson about the Credit/ No Credit option and what classes it would apply to, Jackson stated that the option would be eligible for baseline G.E classes but not eligible for upper division courses. However, Jackson has requested the Chancellor's Office to notify that every campus should offer the option for Credit/ No Credit given that the student has knowledge of the ramifications of choosing that option.

Tinco thanked the Finance Committee for creating the budget and she wants everyone to have optimism moving forward. She noted that since she is in the CSU Systemwide Advisory Council, there has been discussion in implementing the Credit/ No Credit option in admissions.

X. Adjournment at 4:03p.m. by Rihab Shuiab, Chairperson.