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Minutes
Executive Committee
Friday, October 23, 2020 9:30 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 9:03 a.m. by Rihab Shuaib, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Rihab Shuaib, Lola White, and Blake Anger
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Djeneba Ahouansou
Advisors Absent: Matthew Smith
Visitors: Stephen Janes, Jessica Achugbue, Christian Jackson, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Anger, S/White to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (October 9, 2020) – Action Item
*M/Anger, S/White to approve the minutes of October 9, 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. Unfinished Business – None
- VII. New Business
 - A. Virtual Programming Assessment – Discussion Item
The Committee will discuss student feedback regarding virtual programming
Janes presented over how students feel about ASI events and Toro Tuesday and KDHR programs
Janes shared survey results on virtual events and the virtual campus environment.
Welcome Week Virtual Survival Guide rated very good-excellent range. Scheduling proved to be a main area of conflict; event held at 5:00 p.m. had the highest attendance when daytime events received lower attendance. Halloween Haunt events will each happen no earlier than 6:00 PM. The Virtual Programming Assessment survey showed that most participants strongly agreed they could “be themselves” in the community and that CSUDH feels like a friendly place. Students feel the campus

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has a family environment in which they don't feel excluded, and many expressed their appreciation for the continuation of Toro Tuesday events. Another common response was that students felt that being virtual makes it more challenging to obtain a "sense of belonging" as part of the school. Students expressed that gift cards for groceries and delivery services are most helpful in terms of prizes, with Amazon being the top choice. Students also voted for a continuation of a virtual Toro Tuesday event to continue alongside the traditional Toro Tuesday format when on-campus events resume. Basic Needs Giveaways was the highest rated among ASI's services. Janes reported that KDHR has been streaming on the platform Twitch. Lakey noted that approximately 50% of the participants were seniors, which could be influencing the highly reported sense of belonging. Janes noted that many responses regarding services needed expressed desires for clothing assistance, textbook giveaways, and meal cards. Lakey shared that the donated clothing left in the ASI office are being donated to the university's Basic Needs Office. Shakoor noted that financial literacy is another major need among students, and Janes suggested partnering with the Financial Aid department or with Wells Fargo to create financial literacy assistance for students. Shuaib noted that Wells Fargo has not renewed their contract to operate on campus, but supported the general idea of working on financial literacy among students; Shuaib suggested partnering with Uber or Lyft, as access to safe transportation is another need among students. Janes noted that USC had partnership with rideshare service for students would receive discount within a 5-mile radius of campus. The Committee and advisors discussed possible uses for the upcoming vacancy currently used by Wells Fargo; ideas included using the space for the clothes closet, Amazon lockers, or a space to create revenue through sales.

B. ASI Spring 2021 Planning – Discussion Item

The Committee discuss experiences with virtual semester and examine areas of improvement within ASI for the spring semester

Lakey noted ASI's January retreat is where plans for the Spring Semester will be discussed thoroughly by all involved in ASI; plans for the retreat will be formalized at next week's staff meeting. Janes shared that the report from the end-of-semester survey will be ready for presentation during the retreat. Shakoor added that engagement of first year students is a major area of focus for the university, and therefore should be another special interest when surveying the success of the fall semester. Shuaib reported that when meeting with Dr. Franklin, the topic of student retention is a main area of focus. Lakey reported that ASI Graduate Assistant, Magana will ask for the State of Affairs reports from BOD members.

VIII. Reports

Vice President of Finance – White announced Finance Commission is meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Director – Shakoor noted ASI collaborating with Financial Aid to inform students about the CCAMPIS federal grant for childcare funding. ASI is working on a

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new operating agreement with the campus, which will require administrations signatures; as the current one is expired.

Associate Director – Lakey announced that ASI hired a new Graphic Designer, Stephanie Gordian. Janes will be her immediate supervisor, as it has been changed back to a student position. The staff will finalize the organizational goals at the next staff meeting. Development days have been split into three separate days, and will include topics such as anti-racism, gender and sexuality.

Finance and Business Services Manager – Ahouansou reported that November 15 is ASI's taxes due date. She is working on grants and maintaining paperwork in preparation.

President – Shuaib met with Chris Manriquez, IT to discuss SFAC, specifically the issue of ASI needing to follow Category 2 fee requirements for viewpoint neutrality. She met with Vice President Wallace to discuss deferred maintenance in University Housing. She will give full report at BOD meeting. Shuaib and Anger will be on a panel for the It Takes a Village event. There is consideration of a virtual Pizza with the President event in which students can discuss the virtual formats for university activities.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Committee.

Janes reminded the Committee of the Halloween Haunt week events: Monday trivia night, Tuesday game night, Wednesday virtual escape room, and Thursday and Friday featuring a KDHR Takeover. Anger shared that guest Dr. Skiffer will be attending the BOD meeting on November 6 to discuss updates to PTEs. Shakoor reported that another campus has recently voted to allow professors to choose not to disclose PTE results. Shuaib reported that students who have expressed desire for a BOD position on abolishing the police have not responded to her emailed request to schedule a meeting for discussion. Lakey shared that front desk assistant Yoara Cruz is currently organizing and collecting needed compliance paperwork from BOD members and ASI student and professional staff.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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