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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, September 11, 2020 11:00 AM

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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 11:06 a.m. by Lola White, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Lola White, Rihab Shuaib, Blake Anger, and Jonathan Mancio
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller, and Cecily McAlpine
Advisors Absent: Cecilia Patz
Visitors: Jessica Achugbue and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Shuaib, S/Anger to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNAIMO AUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (May 29, 2020) – Action Item
*M/Anger, S/Shuaib to approve the minutes 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. Unfinished Business – None
- VII. New Business
 - A. View Point Neutrality – Discussion/Action Item
The Commission will review and consider approving a View Point Neutrality policy and Criteria Policies for funding requests to ensure compliance with the Chancellor's Office memorandum.
White discussed the lawsuit against the CSU system originating from CSU San Marcos that led to the establishment of a memorandum with neutrality guidelines for funding decision processes. Ahouansou presented the ASI Viewpoint Neutrality Policy with edits/additions that were recommended by Student Affairs, Risk Management and the university Legal Counsel. ASI referendum entities will now be subject to this policy which will be introduced to them along with the

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respective procedures that will follow once approved. Previously the referendum entities were given a certain level of freedom over the funds allocated by ASI. However, they will now have to go through an approval process before claiming and using ASI funds for events and activities. She went over the criteria list. Lakey noted that the criteria will be the focal point of BOD training regarding funding decisions. Quiller shared that the criterion stating that events “must be open to all students and contribute to student life” will impact Organizations Commission decisions. Lakey added that ASI can make decisions differentiating funding for events as opposed to conferences. Shuaib asked to add an official definition for events/activities in ASI’s policy. Ahouansou noted that for the Intercollegiate Athletics, 100% of the ASI funds cover scholarships, and for the TLTC, all funding goes to student employment; these groups likely will not be requesting funding for events/activities. Molina shared concern that more highly controversial events may need more resources due to needs for added security. Lakey suggested that the Commission vote on separate motions to approve the viewpoint neutrality policy (considering if amendments are needed), the referendum funding criteria, and the club funding criteria.

*M/Molina, S/Anger to approve the viewpoint neutrality policy.

VOTE: MOTION FAILED

*M/Shuaib, S/Molina to approve the viewpoint neutrality policy with added amendments to follow to include the definition of an activity/event.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

*M/Shuaib, S/Molina to approve the referendum entity funding criteria policy with added amendments to follow to include the definition of an activity/event.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

*M/Shuaib, S/Anger to approve the club funding criteria policy with added amendments to follow to include the definition of an activity and event.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

VIII. Reports

White asked that reports be emailed to the chairperson due to time constraints.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

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

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Chair’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

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