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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, September 25, 2020 11:00 AM

See ASI Website for 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 11:02 a.m. by Lola White, Chairperson

- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Lola White, Rihab Shuaib, Blake Anger, and Jonathan Molina-Mancio
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller, and Cecilia Patz
Advisors Absent: Cecily McAlpine
Visitors: Jessica Achugbue and Shamshad Elimu

- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Anger, S/Molina-Mancio to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- IV. Approval of Minutes (September 11, 2020) – Action Item
*M/Anger, S/Molina-Mancio to approve the Minutes of September 11, 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. Unfinished Business
 - A. View Point Neutrality – Discussion/Action Item
The Commission will review and consider updates to the View Point Neutrality and Criteria Policies.
White and Ahouansou displayed the revised VPN to show the edits from the last meeting. A section titled “Affected Programming” was added to specify programs, activities, and events impacted by the policy. Events were defined as planned public or social occasions and extracurricular activities that demonstrate a contribution to ASI’s mission and to the academic, professional and extra-curricular development of CSUDH students. Scholarship, Fellowships, Student

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Employment, all established and supported by Referendum Entities as well as conference registrations, promotional items and start-up funds for clubs and organizations will not be subjected to the policy. Quiller, Lakey, and Shakoor all expressed support of the edits and specifications made to the VPN.

*M/Molina-Mancio, S/Shuaib to approve the View Point Neutrality Policy with the presented edits. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

VII. New Business

A. Referendum Entities Fund Request Form – Discussion/Action Item

The Commission will review and consider the approval of Referendum Entities Fund Request Form.

Ahouansou showed the updated Request Form for the Commission to view. White noted that ASI would share updated Request Form Referendum Entities for their use. Ahouansou noted the edits are to clarify and align with the new policy. It was clarified that this form is to be used by referendum entities specifically – the funding request form for clubs and organizations will remain separate and unchanged. The Commission would receive request on this form throughout the year when funding is needed, at least six weeks prior to the scheduled event. The form includes space for the representatives to describe the planned program, how it will improve student life on campus, how it will impact students with its originality and relevancy considering the current social issues, student interests, and needs, and how it will be publicized to the targeted audience. Lakey suggested that the form could be improved by shortening and simplifying it, to make its completion less time-consuming for programmers; it is currently two-pages-long, and Shakoor/Lakey suggested shortening it to one page. Shakoor suggested making check boxes for programmers to state that the events align with the VPN requirements.

*M/Molina, S/Anger to table the Referendum Entities Fund Request Form.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

VIII. Reports

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Anger is serving on the Academic Affairs Facilities and Space Committee (AAFSC). At the AAFSC meeting this week, they discussed lack of funding for the completion of the new Instruction and Innovation Building. Fall 2021 scheduling is halted due to lack of certainty revolving the timeline for the building's completion, including infrastructure and furnishing.

Accounting Manager – Quiller noted at the Organizations Commission meeting they approved \$200 funding request. She searched and identified clubs that would qualify

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for start-up funds and organizations with events that could qualify for funding and reached out to them to turn in request forms for funding.

Finance and Business Services Manager – Ahouansou attended the ASI Audit Committee meeting. She met with Dr. Rosa Heckenberg from the Toro Learning and Testing Center (TLTC); ASI is currently divesting from TLTC, but Dr. Heckenberg would like to continue receiving funding and inquired about potential opportunities. Ahouansou suggested that the BOD/Commission invite Dr. Heckenberg to attend a future meeting to share and discuss the TLTC’s current endeavors to support students.

ASI President – Shuaib is serving on the CSUDH Foundation Executive Director search. She attended the first Foundation Board meeting yesterday; discrepancies in funding models and reporting grant funding were discussed. Shuaib attended AAFSC meeting they are asking ASI to collect data on student experiences during the virtual learning.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Anger asked if Ahouansou would like to have the CDC Audit remain on BOD agenda. Ahouansou would send the audit report to the Board members next week for review before bringing it to the BOD at the next meeting. Quiller inquired about the university’s obtaining funding for the Instruction and Innovation building – Anger responded that there were no solutions presented. Shakoore inquired about the construction for the LSU – Shuaib noted that plans for moving forward were not discussed during the AAFSC meeting either. Ahouansou shared that, during her discussions with the Affinity Centers, she learned that Megan Tagle Adams, Director of the Women’s Resource Center, will lead the MCA, and there was confusion surrounding ASI’s funding of affinity centers; Ahouansou encouraged the Commission to frequently clarify for affinity center leaders the permitted uses of the funding.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Chair’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

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