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Minutes
Board of Directors
August 13, 2021 - 12:00 PM
Online 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 12:01 p.m. by Jonathan Molina-Mancio, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Member Present: Jonathan Molina-Mancio, Ricardo Ortega, Christopher Hendrix, Sophia Arlantino, Benjamin Garcia Morales, Melissa Martire, Edgar Mejia, Janelle Catbagan, Yannet Martinez, and Obioha Ogbonna
Non-Voting Members Present: Rita Anderson and Marci Payne
Non-Voting Members Absent: Matthew Smith
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller, and Liana Marin
Visitors: Zachary Ritter, Yoara Cruz, and Natalia Garcia
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Martire, S/Mejia, to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (July 30, 2021) – Action Item
*M/Ortega, S/Martire to approve the minutes of July 30, 2021 with amendment to correct spelling of “Arlantino” CHHS last name. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Reports
EVP – Ortega connected with student representatives at Lead Retreat. He also met with Morales and other BOD members on a project that introduces students to contact with their college deans.
Organizations Commissioner – Hendrix noted Lead Retreat was a success, he was able to introduce himself to several student leaders and CSUDH Clubs and Orgs as their new Organizations Commissioner.
Director of Legislative Affairs – Martire is attending Board meeting at CSSA plenary which spoke about ongoing projects like the ED Trust West Publication. The CSSA annual audit draft will be reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by The Board at the September Plenary. Martire further noted Jeannie Tran Martin, CSSA Executive Director, would arrange a meeting with ASI Presidents to discuss College Accessibility, hiring of counselors, and campus safety. Martire announced CSU Student Success Network conference on October 13th & 14th. Martire listed several Assembly Senate Bills that were supported and/or approved by CSSA.
College of Health and Human Services Rep. – Arlantino is observing member for

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the Finance Committee at CSSA plenary. She learned the structure of CSSA meetings and finance. She attended CSUnity where she met Vice Chancellor Caldera and Vice Chancellor Sylvia. She met with Morales, Catbagan, and Ortega to plan a social event in collaboration with college deans.

College of Arts and Humanities Rep. – Catbagan is trying to contact her college dean to set a meeting.

Student Activities Commissioner - Martinez noted CSUnity was a success, she introduced herself to the VPs of External and University Affairs. Along with Hendrix, they met with Vice Chancellor Caldera and Sylvia on virtual learning and commuting.

International Students Rep. – Obioha is trying to connect different liaisons and deans to get status of International Students.

College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences Rep. – Morales, Ortega, Arlantino, and Catbagan have been planning an event that would make their colleges work together.

Director of Student Services – Mejia noted a student had trouble with a parking meter that printed out a ticket with the incorrect date. The student had to pay another \$9 to get the correct ticket, which is unacceptable.

ASI President – Molina-Mancio noted BOD training and Lead Retreat were a success. He was able to promote ASI and give information on clubs and orgs at Lead Retreat on behalf of Smith: The campus received \$20 million to building dining commons for university housing students. The Chancellor's order states September 30th, is the last day staff, students, and faculty can submit their self-attestation forms.

Interim Associate Dean – Ritter noted CSUDH is pushing to get everyone self-certified by September 30th. Students who fail to submit through MyCSUDH Portal would be dropped from in person classes and will not be able to enroll next semester, with the exemption only those with a medical or religious concerns. Ritter asked ASI to encourage students to get vaccinated since the policies and guidelines will be strict.

Associate Director – Lakey noted the new Office Manager of ASI's Children Center started August 9th. Lakey will make an offer to Nutrition Coordinator candidate. Lakey attended the Advisor Summit during CS Unity they discuss open meetings and in-person programs. ASI at sister campuses will continue host programs via zoom and will brainstorm ideas to register students to vote for the Governor recall on September 14th. Telecommuting is an ongoing topic of discussion as ASIs are brainstorming accommodations for all employees and students. Lakey requested Board members to sign up to participate on August 19th, for the University Housing move-in event to encourage student's vote and ballot bowl registration. Members can sign up for the morning shift (9 –11 am) or afternoon shift (1– 3pm). Lakey noted KDHR made their first appearance at the Summer Bridge.

Graduate Assistant – Marin noted the Student-at-Large internship application is live on the ASI website through September 7th. There will be positions open for Student volunteers who would attend committee meetings and earn academic credit. Marin was able to meet with various student leaders at Lead Retreat. She noted the Title IX office will be conducting a two-part workshop September 17th, and October 1st. Marin noted next Leadership Development workshop is August 20th.

Accounting Manager – Quiller facilitated a workshop on clubs and orgs at Lead

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Retreat and reported students were engaged on Organizations Commission's topics.

Athletics Liaison – Calbert noted athletes will resume practice for all sports on August 16th. Calbert further noted the Department will purchase a subscription to CCAA website for students to access athletics games on the website. Calbert reported an exceptional academic year for the athletes and hopes the trend will continue.

Academic Senate Liaison – Anderson noted General Faculty meeting is scheduled on August 17th, 8:30 - 10 a.m. She encouraged Molina-Mancio to present on campus repopulation, Susan Walker would send him an invite. Anderson further noted faculty chat with Academic Senate Chair, Celly on August 19th. She stated the Non-Tenure Faculty Advisory Board requested ASI President to sit on their committee meetings.

Finance and Business Service Manager – Ahouansou noted all the Board members should have access to their ASI emails. For technology, there will be ongoing updates done in the office regarding desktops and monitors. Ahouansou thanked Board members and ASI staff who helped Simonet during the Summer Bridge Celebration event. She further noted the Hot Meal Card distribution program in collaboration with Basic Needs office will resume very soon. Ahouansou mentioned she will attend the AOA Executive Committee meeting on August 20th as the chair of the Business and Financial Services Comm. Finance Commission meetings will resume on Aug. 27th.

AVP IT Finance – Payne notified Mejia he needs to report the parking issue to Garcia, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, to get it resolved.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for audience members to address the Board on specific agenda items only. Ogbonna would like to collaborate with deans to gain knowledge on international student whenever campus is open. Martinez inquired who needs to complete the self-attestation by September 30th, and Molina-Mancio mentioned it will apply to all, whether they are having on campus or virtual learning. Anderson asked the methods of communication CSUDH is taking to send this important information and Ritter noted all forms of communication are being used to reach students in a timely manner. Ritter suggested a YouTube video will be posted on the CSUDH website addressing the self-attestation process. Ritter mentioned housing residents and students attending in-person classes will need to be tested every week regardless of vaccine status. Free COVID testing on campus will be extended to Wednesday and Thursday.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Board of Directors/Student-at-Large Appointment – Action Item

The Board will discuss and consider appointments for Board of Directors and Student-at-Large Interns.

*M/Morales, S/Martire to table the Board of Directors and Student-at-Large appointments **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

VIII. New Business

A. Toro Hour – Discussion Item

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The Board will discuss the possible implementation of Toro Hour for the 2021-2022 Spring Semester

Molina-Mancio described Toro Hour, an idea that was introduced by students and faculty to set free time aside during the week without class meetings. Students could see faculty during office hours, plan group work, participate in special events, or simply decompress and study between classes. The suggested days for Toro hour are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Hendrix proposed ASI should take advantage of Toro Hour by hosting social events to engage more students. Martire asked if Tuesdays and Thursdays were the most impactful days for students and whether there will be workshops available during that time. Molina-Mancio confirmed those days were the most impactful as most students are on campus for activities or classes. He further noted ASI should create workshops or programs for students to attend during those times. In terms of implementation, Molina-Mancio noted there will be a test run in the Spring 2022 semester. Martinez and Morales noted Toro Hour would be beneficial for students who want to participate more in clubs/orgs tabling events. Arlantico raised her concern for commuter students who will be impacted when classes will be moved from a primetime slot to less desirable time slots to allow for Toro Hour.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for audience members to address the Board.

Obioha inquired how could international students get involved in Athletics. Calbert noted all international students participating in the Athletics department are ready to compete. Obioha inquired about tryouts for international students and Calbert mentioned she was not aware; however, she stated any student who wants to try out for sports needs to contact her at kcalbert@csudh.edu. Molina-Mancio notified The Board Martire will be resigning her position of Legislative Affairs to pursue another job opportunity. Martire thanked everyone for their immense support in her decision.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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