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Minutes

Executive Committee

Friday, October 8, 2021, 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 9:36 a.m. by Jonathan Molina-Mancio, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Jonathan Molina-Mancio, Ricardo Martinez, Obioha Ogbonna, and Christopher Hendrix
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Ahouansou and Liana Martin
Advisors Absent: Matthew Smith
Visitors: Natalia Garcia and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Martinez, S/Ogbonna to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (April 23, 2021) – Action Item
*M/Martinez, S/Ogbonna to table the minutes of April 23, 2021
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Executive Vice President – Martinez is working with Toro Guardian Scholars program and started transition process of the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) position to Ogbonna with the academic senate. Martinez is also working with the Child Development Center to schedule the first official meeting soon.
Vice President of Academic Affairs- Ogbonna met with the office of international education last week to discuss various challenges including Housing and Visa problems for international students. They came up with a few solutions which they are working to prioritize housing for international students. University Housing is working on having Thanksgiving program in person approval, possibly a barbeque. Ogbonna also met with the College Representatives, he tasked them with talking to students within their colleges to gather feedback from students. Ogbonna met with Dean Joseph Wen from the College of Business Administration who suggested using Torolink to communicate effectively with students.
At Academic Senate meeting it was announced that 80% of classes will be face to face. The effectiveness of teaching while wearing a mask was discussed and more research will be done to find out what kind of masks will help the professors to teach

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effectively. There is also a discussion of infrastructure and students who have not completed the self-attestation. A hold will be placed on these students accounts until the self-attestation is completed. International students unable to move to the country for classes next semester will be given alternative instruction online.

President – Molina-Mancio also attended Academic Senate and reported the ASI Vice President of Academic Affairs did a good job there. Molina-Mancio and Franklin are planning to visit other CSU Rec Centers in the coming weeks. Franklin, Smith, Wallace, and Robinson are schedule to visit campuses with Rec Centers to get ideas. Molina-Mancio would take Yannet Martinez and Meja-Alezano from ASI for their student perspectives. He further noted Anderson from Academic Senate reached out to ASI on Torohour presentation at Academic Senate Executive meeting in two weeks with the help from Smith. Following that they will most likely present to the Academic Senate as a whole for Torohour.

Associate Director- Lakey announced new hires Raven Emmert, starting October 13th as Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator. Nancy Torrez, Children’s Center Cook starting October 18th. Search for the Children’s Center Program Director is ongoing. The committee will begin reviewing applications soon. She further noted ASI Front Desk Assistant position will soon open, along with positions for Student Maintenance Worker and Student Front Desk Assistant for CDC. Lakey announced Halloween Haunt has been officially approved to be in person by the university after reviewing the event plans and having a meeting with risk management. ASI will be partnering with the Office of Student Life this year for Halloween Haunt. This year Halloween Haunt will be a smaller scale event. KDHR will also begin to consider a grand reopening of the in-person component of the radio station.

Finance and Business Manager- Ahouansou submitted the fee request packet to the Student Fee Advisory Committee and is now waiting to hear back from them. In addition, the audit report for the first quarter of the fiscal year from 2021-22 is now completed. She would present ASI first quarter of the year report at the next Finance Commission meeting.

Graduate Assistant – Marin met with Smith to discuss the potential ASI class next semester, to get idea of how many students will be enrolled in the class. Marin has been reaching out to students who completed and submitted ASI volunteer form and getting everyone on board in their respective areas.

Executive Director- Shakoor announced she believes that the commission should use a different method to get a renewed license rather than the original plan in hopes of an easier process. The Foundation is now asking for monthly reports.

Vice President of Finance – Hendrix will Chair his first Finance Commission Meeting; they will discuss the implementation of the divestment plan from Athletics. Hendrix further noted he is still working on the CPI and will keep everyone updated.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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Time for audience members to address the Committee on specific agenda items only. Ogbonna asked for clarification on the hiring of a new Front Desk Assistant. Lakey noted this new Front Desk Assistant for the ASI office will be in addition to the two assistants already here. Lakey further clarified that Pre-COVID there was typically 3 front desk personnel for the ASI office. The third desk assistant will hopefully fill the gaps during the times when the front desk is unattended. Molina-Mancio asked Lakey where the funding for the new student assistants will be pulled from. Lakey commented that if necessary, the new desk assistant can be shared between the ASI and CDC office, or work a minimal number of hours.

VII. Unfinished Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. Implementation of CPI to ASI Fee – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss potential Implementation of CPI to ASI Fee
Molina-Mancio updated the committee with the ASI fee adjustment as the necessary paperwork has been signed and submitted through the Student Fee Advisory Committee. He plans on using the presidential consultation route because he felt it was important to not overwhelm students by putting too many options on the ballot, so presidential consultation was chosen over a referendum vote. If implemented, the ASI fee will rise by a few dollars every two years, Molina- Mancio says the additional funding will do more to help students. Shakoor and Ogbonna both agree this is a good business strategy, and ASI will have standardized fees. Lakey shared the marketing aspect in regard to the CPI Fee. Insight on a new campaign strategy, a timeline and the approval process, focus groups, etc. will be helpful. Shakoor then shared past strategies from previous ASI presidents. In addition, Shakoor noted there may be some push back from students, so the committee shall be prepared if that does happen. Executive members and the entire Board should be well versed in all aspects of this changes in the ASI fee. Molina-Mancio emphasized for executive members to be prepared with information on the CPI Fee to be able to inform students of its benefits.

B. Rec Center Update – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss updates to the Rec Center conversations
Molina-Mancio, Franklin, ASI members, and individuals from Student Affairs Office and President’s Cabinet will visit Rec Centers at other CSU campuses. Molina-Mancio stressed no other Cal State University has a Student Affairs operated Rec Center. He shared with Franklin if the Rec center is operated through ASI, there will be full support and promotion for the Rec Center on ASI’s part. However, if it is operated through Student Affairs then ASI will be there to inform students and share information with students about the Rec Center. Lakey

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asked if the committee could double check if there are any existing Rec Centers owned and operated by the University. Lakey also advised the committee using a “Did you know?” campaign may be the best strategy for this project. Lakey noted the marketing team is interested in gathering direct feedback from students on how they would potentially vote on this issue and would like a sense of what these questions should look like. Molina-Mancio emphasized the importance of ASI not to exhaust its resources in marketing the Rec Center if ASI will not be operating the center. Again, ASI will be there to inform the students on what is going on. Shakoor noted that it is important for the committee to continue to be clear and direct with students. Molina-Mancio clarified it has not been confirmed officially if the Rec Center will be on the ballot for this election cycle, however, it has been heavily implied. The cost for this project is around \$75 million, with a \$20 million contribution from the University. This will leave around \$50 - \$55 million in funding to be made up through student fees and/or donations.

C. Toro Hour Updated – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss updates regarding Toro Hour

Molina-Mancio and Smith, presented at the Academic Affairs Faculty Committee. Faculty were mainly concerned with the taking away of this time which is when Tuesday/Thursday classes typically take place (2:30 – 3:45 p.m.). Faculty was also concerned with the impacts/benefits to commuter/evening students. Some of the student concerns regarding labs/classes occurring during this time which are needed to graduate and could potentially affect graduation status. Some solutions brought up included the exploration of Monday/Wednesday/Friday class times which will now be more available for students. Moving forward Ogbonna, Molina-Mancio, and Smith will be heading this project. At the moment it seems like Toro Hour will start to pilot next semester with a few exceptions of some classes or labs, roughly 25, which were not moveable. The goal is for both students and faculty to partake in Toro Hour and to get more involved in the DH community. Shakoor also highlighted the need to brainstorm ideas for how to get staff members involved in Toro Hour as well.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Committee.

Shakoor shared that Rita Anderson is being considered as a replacement for Conrad Oh Young in the CDC Standing Committee. Shakoor asked for more clarification in regard to the grand reopening of the KDHR station and if it will be connected to the takeover. Lakey clarified that there are plans to have this year’s first small scale KDHR take-over at the University Housing on October 21st from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. There will be food, music, and spooky basket giveaways. KDHR will promote the Halloween Haunt and the grand reopening of KDHR. Molina-Mancio shared Kevin

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O' Neal asked if ASI could make a presence at the Pep Rally October 14th, either in the form of the president making a speech or ASI members tabling. Shakoor pointed out the committee needs to make a decision soon if ASI will be purchasing a golf cart or not. Ahouansou pointed out it will need a parking spot with a source of electricity to charge the cart overnight. Ogbonna reflected he believes ASI members should make more of a presence at home games to support student athletes.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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