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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, March 11, 2022 3:00 PM

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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 3:04 p.m. by Jonathan Molina Mancio, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Jonathan Molina Mancio, Cindy Romero, Obioha Ogbonna, and Janelle Catbagan
Voting Members Absent: Christopher Hendrix
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Myriam Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller, and Ryan Heredia
Advisors Absent: Cecily McAlpine
Visitors: Natalia Garcia, Revan Emmert, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Ana Miriam Barragan, Catherine Jermany, Dena Freeman-Patton, Sara Perry, Megan Tagle Adams, Nathan Nguyen, Rony Castellanos Raymundo, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
Ahouansou stated that the Pre-Law Society will not be able to attend today's meeting, so Item A under new business should be remove from the agenda.
*M/Romero, S/Catbagan to approve the agenda with amendments
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 25, 2022) – Action Item
*M/Catbagan, S/Ogbonna to approve the minutes of February 25, 2022 as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports – None
- VI. Time Certain – Referendum Entities Presentations
 - A. Intercollegiate Athletics – 3:15 p.m.
Dena Freeman-Patton, (Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics) presented for Intercollegiate Athletics. She identified three main priorities for the Athletics Department: Scholarships, Facilities, and Staff, and stated that a decrease in ASI funding would impact these areas. Beginning with scholarships, the maximum number of scholarships they are allowed to offer is determined by the NCAA currently about \$1.8 million. The financial need of the student is also taken into consideration when determining the amount of assistance given. She believes that student athletes reflect the student population of CSUDH; therefore, a financial need exists and scholarships help in that aspect. Freeman-Patton also asked for ASI to take into consideration that scholarships for this upcoming year have already been allotted. Each sport recruits for

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the following year and typically offers scholarships to each student during this time. She already told coaches how much scholarship dollars they have; thus, the amount is already being spent. Shakoor inquired what the total athletics budget is in general. Freeman-Potton reported their baseline budget is close to \$4 million, and yet is the lowest budget in the conference. Shakoor inquired why the athletics department hasn't approached IRA for funding. Perry (Athletic Budget Officer) explained they tried going to IRA but over the years funding decreased and ultimately did not cover the gap in budgeting needs. Since other groups on campus were also in need of funding, the department head at the time decided to stop approaching the IRA to allow other groups to receive funding.

B. Multicultural and Affinity Resource Centers – 3:30 p.m.

Ana Barragan (Program Coordinator, Toro Dreamers Success Center), presented for the Toro Dreamers Success Center (TDSC). Barragan noted \$20,000 is projected for fellowships. They would like to open it up to other Affinity Centers to also take advantage of this fellowship opportunity at \$5,000 per student. While the fellowship is open for everyone to apply, the ones interested are working with the immigrant community or are interested in raising awareness of diversity within the undocumented population are encouraged to apply. The TDSC plans to utilize \$16,000 of funding towards three different areas: Annual Programming \$10,000, Marketing \$2,000, and Mentorship Stipends \$4,000. The mentorship stipend will allow for the extensive training of students for them to host one on one appointments with other peer students. Nathan Nguyen presented for the Asian & Pacific Cultural Center (APCC). Their main goals for the 2022-23 year are: Educational, Social Programming, Marketing and Advertisement, Assessment and Collaborations. He anticipates that APCC will have a physical location starting in the fall. For this reason, he is proposing \$10,000 to go towards programming for APCC. This funding will support the development of all students at DH with a focus on API identity development and experiences. APCC is proposing \$4,000 be allocated towards the API heritage week; the aim for this event is to celebrate API heritage and to make these communities visible through multiple activities and events. Finally, \$2,000 would be allocated to services and supplies for the center. Rony Castellanos Raymundo presented for the Latinx Cultural Resource Center (LCRC). Their goals for next year are to provide intentional programming to support student success, continue assessment & begin LCRC research development and to support student identity development. They plan to allocate \$15,000 for programming and student services which highlight LatinX student identity development. This will be achieved through several programming initiatives such as workshops. LCRC is planning to allocate \$500 to support services and supplies and \$500 to participation incentives. Brie was unable to present for the Queer Culture and Resource Center (QCRC), but Ahouansou provided context on their proposed budget. QCRC's goals for the 2022-23 year is to provide educational and social programming, marketing and advertisement, and assessment and department collaborations. They are proposing \$10,000 be allocated

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to programming and \$3,500 towards Cultural Celebration specifically for the Annual CSUDH Lavender Graduation Celebration. \$1,500 will be allocated to services and supplies, and \$1,000 for participation incentives. In total QCRC is requesting \$16,000. Catherine Jermany presented for the Rose Black Resource Center (RBRC). She proposed a total budget of \$16,000. The funding will be dispersed between programs and events \$9,000 promotional items \$5,000, food assistance \$1,000, and center subscriptions \$1,000. Originally, a Hulu Live TV subscription was expected in the budget, however, the RBRC is not able to do that. She would like to reallocate the remaining amount in this budget to programming.

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for audience members to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Multicultural Resource Centers Requests – Discussion/Action Item

The Commission will review and consider several funding requests from the resource and affinity centers.

Jermany presented for the Black Resource Center (BRC). The request is for BRC Karaoke Night held at the DH Sports Lounge. The event is open for all students, however, no one under the age of 18 will be permitted to attend. They were asking for \$1,200 however, the amount increased with added karaoke supplies. The new request is \$1,950 to cover supplies, space reservation, food, and 4 opportunity drawings.

*M/Catbagan, S/Romero to approve the BRC funding request with the updated amount. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Nguyen presented for the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center (APCC). They are requesting \$150 for the Engagement Opportunity Giveaways program for series of events extending from March to May. DH Gear, from the campus Bookstore, \$50 giveaway opportunity drawing for each event. The second request will be for a virtual Branding Workshop. They plan to discuss personal branding and are expecting around 30 attendees. APCC is requesting \$500 for Honorarium fees. The last event is AP Heritage Week Celebration with a \$5,000 budget. This is a series composed of 5 events scheduled between April 18th - 27th. Most of these events will be held in person and over the course of the week between 200-300 students are expected to attend. The request is for supplies, honorarium fee, and food. \$3,250 for promo items, printing and general supplies for the event, \$500 for honorarium fees, and \$1,250 for food.

*M/Catbagan, S/Romero to approve all three funding requests from the APCC

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. ASI Budget FY 2022-23 – Discussion Item

The Commission will begin the review process for the 2022-23 ASI budget.

Ahouansou had no updates or revisions to the proposed 2022-23 ASI budget since the

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last meeting. She is working on the Children’s Development Center 2022-23 proposed budget and will share this information at the next Finance Commission meeting.

IX. New Business

A. ASI Budget Call Reallocation – Discussion/Action Item (removed from agenda)

X. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Nguyen asked for clarification to the policies on ticket fees or charge to an event. He inquired if it is against policy to charge family members for tickets to cultural graduations. Ahouansou clarified that is acceptable as long as current CSUDH students are not being charged. Molina Mancio asked for clarification on today’s presentation from Athletics. Ahouansou explained that Athletics acknowledged ASI’s divestment plan and wanted the chance to explain how this will impact their department. Nguyen inquired if ASI could take into consideration the importance and usefulness of media subscriptions moving forward and if it’s a possibility to have discussions of allowing ASI funding to be used in this sense. Ahouansou noted that if all affinity centers share the same sentiments, then this discussion is possible and can take place in future Finance Commissions meeting. Until then, ASI funding can only be used for professional types of subscriptions. Ahouansou further noted that there is a limited budget in terms of ASI funds for this fiscal year and next fiscal year. She is putting together a formal proposal and hopes that the different centers will respect this process and follow suit. She urged the different centers to revise and submit formal budget proposals that reflect ASI’s standards. Molina Mancio announced that this topic will be open on the March ballot and will ultimately be decided by the students. Lakey echoed that in the past, entities have been asked to use a formal format when presenting budget information and asked if the commission will be requesting the Athletics Department to resubmit their budget proposal. Heredia noted that sports teams often bring a sense of comradery, and this could be a worthy long-term investment. Shakoor explained, for Heredia that ASI has a rough budget of around two million whereas Athletics has a budget of around four million and asking ASI to support them. While ASI is supplying funding to fill a gap that Athletics is unable to make up, at the same time Athletics is not matching or attempting to fill that gap themselves. Castellanos noted that the Latinx center supports all kinds of students, regardless of their identity or associations, and emphasizes the support of equity. He feels that it is an important conversation to have and thanks ASI for their support.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Chair’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

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