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Minutes

Board of Directors

Friday, August 5, 2022, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Zoom ID: 879 7926 7719

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 12:10 p.m. by Obioha Ogbonna, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Obioha Ogbonna, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Alex Alvarado, Robert Cunningham, Samantha Alvarez Chavarria, Janna Villanueva, Jhanella Mae Martinez, Ernesto Yanes-Arnold, Ezinne Nwadiogu, and Pranay Julu
Non-Voting Members Present: Bri Serrano and Kirti Celly
Non-Voting Members Absent: Matthew Smith and Kate Esposito
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Raven Emmert, Morelia Patino, and Erika Flores
Visitors: Yoara Cruz, Carolyn Tinoco, Anthony Woods, Gisselle Rodala, Sheena Adolphus, Ken O' Donnell, and Ana Arvizu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Alvarado, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (July 15 & 29, 2022) – Action Item
*M/Villanueva, S/Alvarado to approve the minutes of July 15 and 29, 2022 with amendment to add Alvarez Chavarria as an appointee of Legislative Affairs
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Time Certain 12:15 PM – Ken O'Donnell – Fall In-Person & Virtual Class Data
The Board will hear from Ken O'Donnell Vice Provost & Accreditation Liaison Officer regarding Fall In-Person & Virtual Class Data
O'Donnell shared the class registration data for Spring Semester that showcases the different enrollment rates, course levels, lecturers, and much more. The Excel Sheet displays the popular modality in which the class will be given and how many students enrolled in that class. He showed the percentage of DH classes in the spring scheduled for face-to-face instruction. O'Donnell showed the entire Academic Affairs has 79.6% classes being held in person and the rest is online; there are still a few

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classes to be determined. Using the same class data, O'Donnell displayed a heat map highlighting how many students and faculty to expect physically on campus per week. The data is essential on variety of groups, they determined online classes have filled up faster than in-person classes. He further displayed data of 112 classes that were allowed to schedule their classes during Toro Hour, which is on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Julu inquired if the data includes graduate students; O'Donnell noted every student is included in the data except the students in College of Extended Education. Ogbonna asked if there was a data version that includes College of Extended Education data and O'Donnell mentioned he would ask if it could be created. Shakoor inquired if O'Donnell has additional data that would be used to extend better outreach for Toro Hour and students during the days and times they are mostly on campus. O'Donnell mentioned the difficulty in informing and alerting students about Toro Hour and its benefits; he mentioned using the data to structure an advertising tactic to inform more students. Villanueva asked if the data could provide information on class schedules to notify events to specific student populations; O'Donnell demonstrated how to filter data to determine specific information on classes. He advised emailing him or Cynthia Napoles for the Data Spreadsheet.

VI. Reports

Executive Vice President – Mejia-Alezano attended ASI August Retreat scheduled August 1st – 5th and LSU Retreat August 8th and 9th. He spoke to 26 Housing Residential Advisors to inform them about ASI and possibly work together in upcoming events.

Director of Student Services - Cunningham is part of Athletics Director Search Committee, currently looking at finalist. He has been working alongside Ogbonna and the DH First Year Experience to prepare for New Student Convocation August 26th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. APCC has been relocated to a temporary location. Villanueva and Cunningham are scheduled to meet with the APCC Program Director, Nate Nguyen to discuss how ASI can assist them. He is also part of LCRC Program Director Search Committee. Cunningham has been working with Athletics Department to initiate an Open Gym and Toro Madness Tournament at CSUDH. Cunningham mentioned the disapproval from various student workers regarding the 10-year Contract Campus Dining provider between CSUDH and Aramark. He stated Aramark has had various scandals and poor work ethics towards student workers; he is trying to see how ASI can help.

Organizations Commissioner - Villanueva attended August Retreat and Training with the six affinity centers on campus. She and Cunningham met with the APCC Program Director, Nate Nguyen, next week to discuss the sudden relocation decision for APCC. Villanueva met with Emmert, Lakey, and Elimu to create an Organizations Commission agenda for the upcoming commission meeting August 19th, 12:30 p.m. She met with the Office of Student Life (OSL) professional staff to discuss how her

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role aligns with the organization. She will be formally introduced to clubs and orgs at the OSL Lead Retreat next week.

Legislative Affairs - Alvarez Chavarria attended a Civic Engagement workshop hosted by the Office of the Secretary of state. Ballot Bowl competition a friendly competition amongst CSUs to compete which campus gains the most registered voters. They met with Emmert to discuss different projects on how to inform students about their voter education rights and encourage voting registration. First Tabling event will be August 25th. They also attended California State Student Association (CSSA) last week to discuss goals for the semester; they selected Chair for committees. They met with Tinoco, CalFresh Director & Former Legislative Affairs, to discuss her role in CalFresh and their opportunities. Chavarria ensured CSUDH is registered for CSUnity on September 11th and 12th.

College of Arts and Humanities Rep. – Martinez met with the former CAH Representative, Janelle Catbagan. She is trying to meet with the College of Arts and Humanities Dean, Tim Caron.

College of Health and Human Services Rep. - Nwadiogu met with Shakoor to discuss methods on how the College of Health and Human Services could strengthen its outreach to students. She hopes to create a document for students to access and mention issues she could bring up in the next meeting.

International Students Rep. - Julu mentioned a workshop group has been created to welcome and assist international students. He stated he would attempt to accommodate a form of transportation to pick up international students from the airport upon arrival. He also gave some students a tour around CSUDH to introduce them to resources and departments. Julu noted some international students are facing issues with having classes late; they are seeking alternate solutions to their issue.

Vice President of Finance - Alvarado attended the ASI August Retreat and LSU Retreat to discuss goals and future plans.

ASI President - Attended August retreat and apologized if he was not fully attentive because of his internship. He also went to the LSU retreat with Alvarado and Mejia-Alezano. He is scheduled to speak at New Student Convocation. Ogbonna stated Chief of Police, Carlos Velez, invited ASI on tour September 1st, 1:00 p.m. He announced VPAA position is still open. He spoke and promoted ASI at the New Graduate Student Orientation. He met with Sonja Lind, New Study Abroad Marketing Director, and invited them to present at the next Board of Directors meeting. He and Mejia-Alezano spoke to Housing residential advisors to inform them about ASI and how they can partner with them to reach certain goals. Ogbonna met with Calbert and discuss how ASI can work with the Athletics Department; an Athletics Liaison is still being decided. He announced that BOD is invited to Team Toro lunches. He was also appointed to the position of “South Regional Officer at CSSA”.

Executive Director - Shakoor notified the Fire Marshall to inspect CDC; ADA corrections are needed for emergency exits and battery alarm installments are needed. She noted Nicholas Valdivia, Director of Financial Aid, signed off the fellowships. Shakoor mentioned Bobbie Porter, Chief Diversity, and Inclusion Officer, contacted ASI to begin preparations for a potential Town Hall. She and Alvarez will attend a budget update on August 16th. C-Campus Grant Extension has been submitted and

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received approval for the grant. Shakoor attended the Student of Life Collective Retreat with Smith and discussed goals to better support students. She notified The Board she will be attending the AOA Conference and Executive meetings in Sacramento August 17th – 19th.

Associate Director – Lakey attended the Student Life Collective Retreat and looking forward to future collaborations with other Student Life departments. There are new hires in the teacher position. There are open searches for Front Desk Assistant, CDC Maintenance Worker and Graduate Assistant positions. The CDC is undergoing a small reorganization in staffing to prepare for the increase in enrollment numbers and addition of the toddler side. We have requested an extension for your 5500 filing.

Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator - Emmert received applications for the Student-at-Large, and she hopes to receive more. Emmert mentioned giving a tour to a Digital toolbox course. She mentioned the possibility of making a tour of KDHR a requirement for Communication, Public Relations, and other majors that need to learn about KDHR resources. Radio host applications are still being accepted. She stated ASI will still give a presentation at the NSO event on August 16; no resource fair for NSO events on August 16 and August 24. A sign-up sheet will be given to BOD members to attend tabling events throughout August and September. Emmert mentioned being a facilitator and giving a presentation for the OSL Lead Retreat on August 15 and 16. KDHR will be tabling at New Student Convocation.

Academic Senate Liaison - Celly invited The Board to the General Faculty meeting on August 23rd, 8:30 a.m.

Multicultural Affairs Liaison - Serrano noted the affinity centers would host open houses in September. Catherine Jermany, RBRC Program Director, is conducting interviews for the RBRC Program Coordinator; Ronny Castellanos, LCRC Interim Program Director, will start interviews soon for the LCRC Program Coordinator. Serrano mentioned she is communicating with administrators to discuss the Aramark allegations and concerns.

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for members of the audience to address the Board on specific agenda items only.

Lakey notified Cunningham ASI used to sponsor an Open Gym Night. She encouraged Cunningham to research and learn about the event for the best approach to advocate for Open Gym Night. Shakoor suggested for Obioha to ask the Chief of Police to consider doing a Pancake Breakfast event at CDC. Obioha asked Julu to compile a list of challenges international students experience to better address the issues. Emmert asked Nwudiogu to create a meeting with her and Ivan Martinez, Program Assistant: social media and marketing, to start planning; Mae Martinez asked if she could join the meeting as well. Mejia-Alezano appreciates The Board's extensive efforts and is looking forward to working with them for the academic year.

VIII. 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 and Liaisons

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*M/Villanueva, S/Cunningham to table the Board of Directors and Student-at- Large interns and liaisons **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

IX. New Business – None Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Tinoco spoke on the research she gathered regarding the Aramark controversies and allegations. She disclosed the timeline of alarming scandals Aramark has with organizations and student employees, stating they are being paid too little or not paid on time. Tinoco mentioned the 10-year contract will not be signed until September 1; no other CSU has a contract with Aramark. Tinoco noted there is no meal plan being disclosed to housing students when school starts in less than a week. Celly thanked Tinoco for highlighting the Aramark allegations so the problem can be discussed and find a solution. Shakoor contacted the Foundation Executive Director about the Aramark issues; she is yet to hear a response. Emmert mentioned the student who presented the Aramark allegations two weeks ago has been active on our social media; she is thankful for the issues being mentioned and hopes for a resolution. Villanueva inquired if clubs and organizations could make food drives and clothes for club points. Tinoco advised Villanueva to make a meeting with her to organize the drives. She mentioned the first farmer's market will be on August 30. Celly mentioned she would like to resolve the Aramark, she encouraged Obioha to notify the provost during their regular meetings. She requested Tinoco to share any research she has gathered about the Aramark scandals. Ogbonna urged Villanueva, Cunningham, and Alvarado to research how ASI could capitalize Toro Hour for the upcoming year.

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:31 PM

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