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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, September 23, 2022 11:00AM

Zoom ID: 810 9074 7297

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 11:08 a.m. by Alex Alvarado, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Alex Alvarado, Obioha Ogbonna, and Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Myrta Rivera Janna A. Villanueva, and Perry Lorn
Voting Member Absent:
Advisors Present: Raven Emmert, Erika Flores, and Morelia Castaneda-Patino
Advisors Absent: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Myriam Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller, and Ryan Heredia,
Visitors: Imari Taylor, Jaime Ann Marie Saturno, David Gamboa, Susan Sanders, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Villanueva, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (September 9, 2022) – Action Item
*M/Ogbonna, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the minutes of September 9, 2022 as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
ASI President – Ogbonna reached out to the Molina Mancio (ASI President 2021-22), to inquire about the Jackets that were approved during his period and was able to get documents from him that he would be happy to send to commission members for review.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only.
Ogbonna noted he would like to continue with discussion on purchasing the jacket as approved by the previous Board.

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VII. Unfinished Business

A. Multicultural Resource Centers Funding Request – Action Item

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

*M/Ogbonna, S/Villanueva to table Multicultural Resource Centers Funding Request.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

VIII. New Business

A. ASI Athletics Divestment/Reallocation Efforts – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss with Deborah Wallace, Vice President of Administration and Finance, the resulting direction after 2022 Athletics Referendum and conversations with the University President's Office.

Alvarado noted the students at CSUDH had voted to divest from Athletics but the University President declined the divestment vote and Vice President Wallace was invited here to discuss how to work together to achieve this goal. He then open the floor for discussion. Gamboa, Interim Chief of Staff, and Sanders, Senior Executive Assistant & Operations Administrator introduced themselves. Gamboa noted VP Wallace was not able to attend and they are there to discuss and update the Finance Commission on this matter. Gamboa note in July President Parham, VP Wallace and VP Franklin met with ASI Leadership to discuss ASI Proposed Budget. After review and consultation with the ASI Leadership the proposed budget the President decided he would not approve the budget as a whole but ASI will receive a letter and copy of draft budget from the President's Office acknowledging the meeting in July where clarifications were needed. Gamboa went over the bullet points as request by the President and asked for the leadership to review and respond. Ogbonna noted he attended the July meeting, and the agreement was one hundred thousand not eighty thousand as noted in one of the bullet points. Gamboa noted his understanding was \$80,000 for the divistment plan over multiple year period. Sanders asked how many years the divestment agreement was for. Ogbonna noted four or five years, and the first year would be one hundred thousand otherwise we would have to find the difference to complete the budget, the agreement was one hundred thousand. Sanders asked if there were minutes to show what was agreed apron. Ogbonna noted there was no minutes this was an informal meeting to discuss ASI Proposed Budget with Dr. Parham. Gamboa noted they would confirm and get clarification on the amount as the President would like to be supportive with ASI and Athletics on the referendum issues. Alvarado noted he was not part of all this and wanted to know what the President did not like about what ASI did on the referendum process. Gamboa noted ASI did not follow process/procedures for referendum was not done correctly. Mejia-Alenzo wanted to understand procedures ASI did not follow because this has been going on for a long

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time. Emmert noted through out spring ASI made an effort to let the students know Athletic budget issues which a lot of students where not aware on this campus. The University wanted ASI to work with athletics department next time to find solution on how to fund scholarships and not just take away funds. ASI does understand that part because we do serve all the students. Ogbonna would like to find better ways to hold the administrators we are asked to do things a certain way accountable. When ASI has presented this issue in previous years we are told to try again next year this goes on every year. ASI spends time and resources to be turned down over and again. He was expecting VP Wallace to attend so we could find solution alternatives to the allocation. Ogbonna further noted we have not heard about CPI. These are two separate issues why hasn't the CPI been addressed. Gamboa would take the concerns back to the President and noted he was there for the proposed budget.

- IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item
Time for members audience to address the Commission. None

- X. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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