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Minutes

Executive Committee
Friday, October 7, 2022 9:00 AM
Zoom ID: 873 1329 3323

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 9:07 a.m. by Obioha Ogbonna, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call

Voting Members Present: Obioha Ogbonna, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Alex Alvarado, and Myrta Riviera

Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Matthew Smith

Advisors Absent: Myrian Ahouansou

Visitors: Imari Taylor and Shamshad Elimu

- III. Approval of Agenda Action Item
 - *M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Alvarado to approve the agenda as submitted

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- IV. Approval of Minutes (September 9, 2022) Action Item *M/Alvarado, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the minutes of September 9, 2022, as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Reports

Executive Vice President – Mejia-Alezano completed appointing BOD members to serve on University Committee.

ASI President – Ogbonna received a confirmation letter from the University President's office regarding ASI finances. The letter did included separation of CPI. Ogbonna is scheduled to meet with VP Wallace to discuss CPI and divestment plans. Associate Director – Lakey announced new hires at both the Child Development Center (Brenda Ruan) and ASI Front Desk Assistant (Joyce Galvan). Lakey hopes to have Personnel meetings as early as next week. Happy Shakoor is back and Ahouansou and Quiller returning next week.

Executive Director – Shakoor noted Fire Marshall has given CDC clearance. They are waiting for the advisor from CDE for final check and give clearance. Manansala is anticipating having children in the center before November. The toddler playground is under construction and the Center remodel has been completed. All the ADA requirements that were questioned have been updated. Happy to be back.

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VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Shakoor received requests from BOD members and staff for checklist training will follow up and schedule meetings with everyone soon. Rivera there are documents pending you need to send to Elimu to make you official in ASI.

VII. Unfinished Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. Executive Check-In – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss current Executive Member projects and tasks. **Executive Vice President-** Mejia-Alezano and Yanes-Aarnold met with CNBS dean, they discussed upcoming event Pizza with your Dean, November 2nd. CNBS would pay for all expenses of this event. They were able to connect with the student regarding grade appeal process. Mejia also had his one-on-one with Cunningham who is working on survey for the food drive. Working on scheduling Personnel Committee meeting soon.

ASI President- Ogbonna is working with the University President's Office to make sure the 2022-2023 budget is signed and approved. Still awaiting to hear on how to move forward with the budget, he asked Smith for any update on that. Smith noted he met with Shakoor and Lakey on that issue. There is an expectation ASI would move forward with the referendum for the divestment, in collaboration with VP Wallace on how the university make Athletics hold while ASI divest. First thing ASI would speak with SFAC. As for CPI ASI should write a memo to the President stating you are moving forward with the CPI and expecting the President's consultation for the CPI and would like him to review and send his response. ASI should write a memo to the University President with their plans to move forward with CPI and expect the president's consultation. Shakoor suggested to reach out to Chris Manriquez, Chair for the SFAC committee to get this moving as soon as possible. Ogbonna started reaching out to Manriquez to start these meeting.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Written report to Elimu Vice President of Finance – Alvarado is working on pushing advertising for the Toro Hour. He is working with the Organizations Commissioner towards the Organization Commission being more data driven.

B. Board Member Updates – Discussion Item
The Committee will discuss current issues facing the Board of Directors.



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Ogbonna asked Executive members to report on their team members and how they feel after meeting with Dr. Herbert. He noted spoke to some Board members who do not feel comfortable speaking openly or level of trust with fellow Board member. He asked if it was the same with all team members. Mejia Alezano noted this is a very complicated issue Board members do not feel this should be addressed as "Family Check in" there is lack of trust and most of the Board members cannot openly express how they feel. Lakey was approached by some Board members who think they are not doing enough in their role as Board. How can they do more and at the same time they did address the lack of trust among other Board members. She advises to bring back Dr. Herbert for another session to address ASI mission/goal and be very open why they joined the Board and also discuss trust, ask individuals to be open and direct, let individuals know may be this may not the place for them and to move on. Alvarado noted he was approached by individuals asking why they are not included in the Toro Team meetings. Ogbonna noted Toro Team was designed for the Executive members only and will stay that way. Should anyone have questions they think should be discuss at Toro Team meeting should bring to him and will address their question there and bring the answer back at the Board meeting. Shakoor noted Ogbonna is right, the Toro Team meeting is for the executive team discussion and they in return bring the discussion back to the Board. Ogbonna is the first President to invite the whole team to their first meeting to show the Board who sits on this committee. She further noted it was brought to her attention that some Board members expect word for word what is said at the ASI meetings to be captured on minutes. Shakoor confirmed that is not how minutes are taken. She would announce this at the Board meeting.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Committee.

Ogbonna would like to have BOD check in more often to address ongoing problems among ASI Board members. Lakey noted Zoom meetings for Board and Commission meetings may soon be done with and all meeting would be in person. Ogbonna noted he spoke with the other ASI Presidents, and they noted the same is happening on their campuses

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.