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Minutes

Board of Directors

Friday, November 4, 2022, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

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 12:11 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, Perry Lorn, Stephanie Vargas, Pranay Julu, Jhanella Mae Martinez, Ernesto Yanes-Arnold, and Ezinne Nwadiogu
Non-Voting Members Present: Matthew Smith and Markus Biegel
Non-Voting Members Absent: Kekoa Nelson and Bri Serrano
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Raven Emmert, Morelia Castaneda, Erika Flores, and Candace Manansala
Advisor Absent: Kirti Celly and Giselle Corral,
Visitors: Anadet Sicairos, Imari Taylor, Efrain Contreras, Vishnuguptha Ramidi, Rahul Vattigunta
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Alvarado, S/Villanueva to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (October 21, 2022) – Action Item
*M/Martinez, S/Cunningham to table the minutes of October 21, 2022
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Executive Vice President – Mejia-Alezano is reviewing candidates for the CBAPP positions, while supporting the Toro Ambassador program.
Vice President of Finance – Alvarado shared information from the Academic Senate meeting that CSUDH will start offering first Doctorate program in professional nursing school. In another meeting, Alvarado highlighted the LSU Board of Director meeting discussion, they are going to provide room 215-A in LSU for toro ancillary partner to oversee Aramark.
Director of Student Services – Cunningham is working on a survey for students to figure out where they want their student services fees invested in. In another note, he announces that the Black Student Union had a meeting to address their list of

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demands, while the APCC have had their follow up meeting about their wanted space. Lastly, the virtual comment box will be soon up and running.

Director of Legislative Affairs – Alvarez Chavarria reported that the director of psychological services has finished candidates' first round of interviews. Alvarez Chavarria are hosting their last ballot bowl event on November 8th while being partnered with Isaac Shannon for accessible voting. They are currently interviewing Legislative intern candidates. Attended budget committee with VPF to further discuss their budget proposal.

Organizations Commissioner – Villanueva has officially connected Omega Phi Chi to CDC for their children book collaboration. Is currently rescheduling the organization committee meeting to not overlap on federal national holidays.

Student Activities – Lorn is currently seeking a partnership with the sustainability manager to provide more volunteering opportunities for students.

College of Natural & Behavioral Science Rep. – Yanes-Arnold hosted an event with his college dean, it was successful. He is working on more events with his college dean.

College of Arts and Humanities Representative – Martinez announced that her artist gathering survey has officially closed and there will be a small delay on selecting an artist due to lack of response. Martinez's students from her college reported an issue on Lacorte Hall. Martinez is working on an upcoming event.

International Student Representative – Julu is providing support to international students that work with Aramark, new issues have arisen from the work environment that has been brought to Julu's attention.

ASI President – Ogbonna attended a high education college meeting where they discussed methods to combine community college with the UC system policies. Moreover, housing insecurities is still a working issue, Ogbonna is guiding housing students to apply for affordable housing with Section 9. In other news, cognition course option is being implemented for students to be able to transfer units from community college with the school. Ogbonna brought the board to attention that Toro Dreamers Success Center (TDSC) needs funds for their program to support their 600 students with internships and learning opportunities.

Executive Director – Shakoor received notice from the campus about internal compliance audit for April 2023, should place a date on RPP calendar to start to look over policy and procedures. Shakoor shared for CDC that they have 47 out of 65 toddlers currently enrolled in their new toddler program, they are only waiting for their last official signature to open the program. Along with teachers being hired when the program officially opens.

Associate Director – Lakey announced searches for teachers, student services coordinator and finance manager position, deadline will be December 1st, 2022. She was able to secure a new EAP benefit for ASI employees.

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Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator – Emmert highlighted that the application for elections is going live for spring elections, the applications are now fully in person to avoid technical issues. Emmert is finalizing the virtual comment box online, she may also change the name of it. Lastly, she wants the campus to find ways how to embed ASI on campus more, so students can know their resources early on, the goal is for people to find out what ASI is without being enrolled

Leadership Graduate Assistant – Flores wants to open leadership workshops on spring with Dr. Smith.

Accounting Manager – Quiller has spent down the CCAMPIS grant, while managing the account balances of organizations. Quiller will be involved in the advisor mixer that the office of student life host.

Associate Vice President of Student Life – Dr. Smith reported that they are on a search for an emergency hire for the Black Student Union Director.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Villanueva shared their concerns about a new group in the campus called “turning point group”, it is known that the group have strong opposite views towards other organizations. Students can express their views peacefully on campus, there is people that supervise these situations, yet Villanueva questions if the campus are going to hold them accountable if they disrupt the peace of other organizations. They also added towards Martinez report on students issues in the Lacorte Hall, students have raised concerns towards the directing rooms where they point out that the room is full of mold and there are reports of people losing their hearing in the rooms because of improper sound equipment around the room. Lastly, Villanueva pointed out that the campus has provided APCC a temporary location on campus with the promise of renewing a room for them, but future planning is not effective if there is no actions, the campus have promised the department space for the longest, now the department does not know if they can trust what the campus is promising.

VII. 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.

The Search Committee recommended the following:

Markus Biegel

Alumini Liaison

Ezinne Nwadiogu

Vice President of Academics Affairs

***M/Nwadiogu, S/Julu** to appoint Markus Biegel as the Aluminitie Liaison

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

***M/Alvarez Chavarria, S/Villanueva** approved to appoint Ezinne Nwadiogu as the Vice President of Academics Affairs. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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VIII. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Vishnuguptha Ramidi have come forth to the Board of Director to further express his problem with being an employee at Aramark. He brought up the time management issue, his supervisor demanding Ramidi and other employees to clock out in the middle of their shift. Another issue is that the employees are being assigned tasks that are outside their position responsibilities, Ramidi is a dining server, and his supervisors are commanding him to take clean the tables of outside and taking the trash outside. Because Ramidi position is on food services, he should not be in contact with outside items constantly. Ramidi also does not feel comfortable in the work environment since he has notice supervisors having different behaviors with other ethnic groups. Plus, micro-managing is becoming to overwhelm the employees, Ramidi is demanded by his supervisors to always do something even if there is nothing to do around the work area. When Villanueva asked if the rumors are true that Aramark does not rotate the food daily, Ramidi confirmed that the statement is true. After this, conversations of Aramark and how it is affecting not only students, but club organizations were discussed. Then, a solution for these issues were brought up, the board tried to figure out what can ASI do to support the students that are going through this mistreatment.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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