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Minutes

Board of Directors

Friday, March 17, 2023, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Loker Student Union (LSU) 324 & 325

- I. Called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Ezinne Nwadiogu, Chairperson
  
- II. Roll Call  
**Voting Members Present:** Ezinne Nwadiogu, Obioha Ogbonna, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Samantha Alvarez Chavarria, Robert Cunningham, Juan Valladolid, Janna Villanueva, Joanna Ramos, and Pranay Julu  
**Voting Members Absent:** Ernesto Yanes and Arnold Jhanella Martinez  
**Non-Voting Members Present:** Matthew Smith  
**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Kirti Celley, Kekoa Nelson, Markus Biegel, and Dakota Cortez  
**Advisors Present:** Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Kevin Troung, Raven Emmert, Candance Manansala, and Morelia Castaneda-Patino  
**Advisor Absent:** Donisha Quiller, and Erika Flores  
**Visitors:** Joyce Galvan, Imari Taylor, Cecilia Ortiz, Michael Shrock, Jeremiah Miller Steve Chy, Carmen Derse, Nathan Nguen, Nancy Valdez, Tranitra Avery, and Shamshad Elimu
  
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item  
\*M/Ogbonna, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the agenda as submitted  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes (March 3, 2023) – Action Item  
\*M/Ogbonna, S/Ramos to approve the minutes of March 3, 2023 as submitted  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- V. Reports  
**Organizations Commissioner** – Villanueva noted Club and Organizations wrap up event planning going well.  
**Director of Student Services** – Cunningham paid for 100 pay it forward meals to Everytable. He spoke to the company about healthier sets of hygiene products for students. Food drive is receiving a lot of donations.  
**Director of Legislative Affairs** – Alvarez Chavarria noted CHESS went well. Nancy, Legislative Affairs Intern, is trying to schedule a meeting with the Legislators in March.

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**College of Health, Human Services and Nursing Representative** – Ramos is organizing a kickball game between the Students and Staff. She met with the deans of her college to discuss peer mentoring program for high school student on how to prepare for college.

**College of Business Administration & Public Policy** – Valladolid had a panel discussion on March 19<sup>th</sup>, there was good turnout and great participation. Valladolid asked for transparency among Board members he was not aware ASI donated for 100 meals to Everytable.

**International Students Representative** – Julu met with his dean to discuss donations to the food pantry.

**College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences Representative** - Yarnes-Arnold met with his college dean. Working on the CNBS Mixer April 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**College of Arts and Humanities Representative** – Martinez thanks Truong and Hernandez for their help with the Townhall event. She is working with Truong and Hernandez to host one more event. She is scheduled to meet with her deans next week regarding another event.

**ASI President** – Ogbonna met with VP Franklin they both see increased attendance at the athletics games. The Women's Basketball team is NCAA Champions. They are competing in Missouri next. They are planning a game watch party at the I & I building. Mayor Richardson was on campus he invited the BOD to hold ASI last meeting at the Long Beach Council. Ogbonna served on the Student Trustee Search committee four candidates were picked to move forward.

**Executive Vice President** – Mejia-Alezano noted Rules, Policy, and Procedure met. He further noted there is improvement in their relationship with athletics.

**Vice President of Academic Affairs** – Nwadiogu brought up the grade policy at the most recent Academic Senate meeting. Nwadiogu talked about people with two majors not being able to walk for both majors. She was told the Senate would modify and present this issue to the committee. Nwadiogu and Ramos discussed the 58th anniversary of the College of Health & Human Services.

**Executive Director** – Shakoor announced a Compliance Audit in progress. Students were able to meet with the director of CSSA and had discussions about system wide dining problems. Alvarez Chavarria talked about elevating senate bill 640.

**Associate Director** – Lakey announced new hires Norma Vargas, teacher at the Child Development Center, and KDHR Production Assistant Jeremy Arciniega. Adam Maldonado is now the Interim Social Media Assistant.

**Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator** - Emmert noted that the candidate forum was held on Wednesday and the candidate debate was held on Monday. Next Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the election mixer. The Commuter outreach is moved to the Library Monday 5:00 – 7 :00 p.m.

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- Child Development Center Program Director** - Manansala noted next Wednesday is a PAC meeting they'll collaborate with Health Center about mental health. There is a 6-month delay accreditation. The tentative date is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Accounting Clerk** – Castaneda-Patino and Villanueva are working on the Clubs and Orgs. Student Activities have given all their funds for 2022-2023 year. They are working with the Foundation on clubs and orgs funding processes and how to efficiently move forward.
- Event Coordinator** – Troung thanked the College Representatives for collaborating with him on their events.
- University President's Designee** – Smith noted the position for Parent Program Coordinator will close soon. He further noted to attend the watch party for the Women's Basketball game is in the I & I Building and encouraged everyone to attend.
- VI. Time certain 12:15 p.m. – Cecilia Ortiz (Executive Director LSU), Amy Torres (Administrative Assistant), and B&D partners from Loker Student Union  
The Board will hear about the LSU NXT30 project from Cecilia Ortiz, Amy Torres, and B&D Partners  
Mike from B&D was presenting the plan to change and grow LSU for the next 30 years. They are meeting with stakeholders and strategic visioning. The main priority is making the union more visible in terms of marketing and activities. Some of the project considerations include the evolving needs of students, transparency with campus community, debt service coverage ratio, and external factors. B&D want to stay ahead and make sure 5 years from now everyone is happy with their union. One of the concepts includes expanding the lower level of the LSU and even utilizing the rooftop. If this project were to happen it'd be a 28-29 project opening. Concept number 2 involves a tower corner with a rooftop deck. He emphasizes this is a concept and nothing is final. He addresses the board and students' opinion on how they feel on the concept of building.
- VII. Time certain 12:45 p.m. Jeremiah Miller, Brand, and Innovation Manger, West Region for Aramark Collegiate Hospitality  
Miller wants to focus on building and improving partnerships with ASI. He wants to see how he can incorporate ASI in what they do. Miller opened the floor up for questions, comments, and concern. Villanueva asks about the transparency between Aramark and the students. Miller noted there is a lot of change in a short period of time, communications might not occur quickly they are trying to improve on that. Villanueva asked if their downstairs office have a marketing strategy to possibly turn that office into an open walk-in space where students can express their opinions. Miller noted there are lots of procedures, communications addressing all that with the campus awaiting the university's approval. He hopes to get approved before the fall semester. Villanueva asked how Aramark representatives will make themselves

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present and now that they are here for the students. Alvarez Chavarria expresses worry over the lack of itemized receipts at the campus Aramark sites. They also highlight how the costs change constantly. Carmen explains that they are focusing on logistics and programming. Miller says that his position is focused on people and how their employees' effects on customers. Carmen is meeting one-on-one with every Aramark employee to understand their role. Ogbonna mentioned there was a survey about what was working prior to what is happening right now. Miller mentions he will look into the itemized receipts and the inconsistencies regarding prices. Miller would come back to further discuss issues about Campus Dining.

VIII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

IX. Unfinished Business – None

X. New Business – None

XI. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Final questions to Aramark were regarding how the team is dealing with issues on all campuses face. Consider bringing a list of the problems other campuses are encountering, how they are handling them, and perhaps some of those answers will benefit CSUDH. Jim and Michael are the closest nearby and it would be most reasonable to have them show up more frequently. Ogbonna inquires as to if there are any plans to alter the menu and add more meal options. According to the representative, the toro fresh menu will be revised in the summer to include more varied food selections. Lakey asks about the details of Aramark's decision-making processes. According to Miller, it may first go to Aramark and later, depending on the circumstance, the university foundation. Lakey suggests identifying where a student can participate in any choice. Miller advises Carmen to receive the initial email of concern.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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