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Minutes
Finance Commission
Friday August 25, 2023, 11:00 AM
Loker Student Union (LSU) 113

- I. Called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Marcelo Cowo, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Marcelo Cowo, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Jhanella Martinez, Janna Villanueva
Voting Member Absent: Michelle Gonzalez
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Morelia Castaneda-Patino, Adrian Witt, and Ryan Heredia
Visitors: VP Deborah Wallace, Joyce Galvan, Edgar Negrete Jimenez, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Villanueva to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (June 14, 2023) – Action Item
*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Villanueva to approve the minutes of June 14, 2023 as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Reports
ASI President – Mejia-Alezano met with VP Wallace had great understanding on the budget.
ASI Vice President of Finance – Cowo met with VP Wallace.
Executive Director – Shakoor met with Nancy VPA to discuss CDC Utilities. They are still working on the E-Grass quote. Shakoor is also making sure to stay as close to our figure of \$50k as possible and trying to figure out toilet repairs and renovations. CDC is very close to being ADA compliant approval and working on adding a wheelchair accessible ramp. CDC is also working meet all the Fire Marshall conditional approval to fix the back door.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None
- VII. Unfinished Business – None

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VIII. New Business

A. The Commission will review the Guiding Principles and Financial Policies And Procedures Manual.

Cowo presented the PowerPoint of all the upcoming changes to the Guiding Principles and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual

Cowo went over the guiding principles related to the Finance Commission. The changes will be presented to the Board of Directors for final approval. He proposes to change the review of the fiscal year budget to the first two months of a new academic year instead of the end of the year. This way the new Vice President of Finance can be more familiar with their role. Change Multicultural Centers to “Cultural and Identity Centers” and remove Toro Learning and Testing Center. Cowo asked VP Wallace for an audit letter from their office specifying the roles and responsibilities they would like to see from the ASI office. Change Foundation to “Toro Auxiliary Partners” (TAP). Change Office of Student Life (OSL) to Learning Engagement and Development (LEAD). He further noted E01068 Chair is asking for a letter from VP Wallace on delegation of authority for the audit and for the understanding budget funding criteria policy. Wallace noted in terms of travel policy, CSU will update its travel policy sometime soon. Rate is based on the state of the travel ASI should follow those updates. Page 23 section VII of the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual capitalization is very low, the Committee will review it for next meeting.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Negrete Jimenez, Coordination Advocate from LEAD asked to represent Clubs and Organizations. He suggested a more colorful and common space for clubs. Asking to get more financial support for LEAD, to create lockers for student leaders of Clubs, and to decorate to meet their needs.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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