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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday November 3, 2023, 2:00 PM
Loker Student Union (LSU) 130

- I. Called to order at 2:09 p.m. by Marcelo Cowo, Chairperson

- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Marcelo Cowo, Jhanella Martinez, Janna Villanueva, and Michelle Gonzalez
Voting Members Absent: Edgar Mejia-Alezano
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Morelia Castaneda-Patino
Advisors Absent: Ryon Heredia and Adrian Witt
Visitors: Joyce Galvan and Shamshad Elimu

- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Villanueva, S/Martinez to amend the agenda to remove New Business - Item A.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
*M/Villanueva, S/Martinez to approve the agenda with the amendment.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- IV. Approval of Minutes (October 6, 2023) – Action Item
*M/Villanueva, S/Martinez to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- V. Reports
Vice President of Academic Affairs – Villanueva attended Thrive Panel. In regard to the CBAPP Panel from September, she asked if it is possible to get the CBAPP Representative and VP of Finance back on that panel for next semester.
Vice President of Finance – Cowo met with VP Wallace. We are still waiting for that letter of authority. Cowo met with Eva Sevcikova, discussed the Culture and Identity Centers (CIC) and her developing team is working on funds for the CIC.
Executive Director – Shakoor announced that the Board of Directors voted to approve the tuition rate increase for the Child Development Center (CDC).

- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only.

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Villanueva asked Cowo to elaborate on the meeting with Sevcikova. Cowo noted it was more of an introductory meeting. Villanueva wanted to know what they discussed about the CIC. Cowo noted Sevcikova and her developing team are trying to get more money and donors for the CIC.

VII. Unfinished Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. First Quarter Financial Report – Discussion Item

The Commission will receive a presentation on the organization’s financial position at the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024.

Shakoor went over expenses since September 30, 2023. She illustrated and defined each line item in the budget. She further noted the presentation was worked on by Cowo and Castaneda-Patino. Martinez asked if the CICs decide how they split their funds. Shakoor noted yes, they do. She further noted ASI is in a good space so far in terms of finances spent. Shakoor is hoping not to pull from reserves by the end of the year. Lakey is concerned about the CDC using 30% of their budget for Student Assistants. Lakey further noted that CDC needs advocacy, support, and attention from the board members. Villanueva asked if it would be appropriate to conduct a survey for the CDC parents to see how the space is being used and what changed over time. Lakey asked them to reach out to the CDC Program Director, Manansala for any questions/suggestions. CDC is trying to revamp their website, to show more student stories about CDC and how the CDC’s main purpose is to support students. Villanueva asked why the University is not helping with the CDC. Shakoor noted University can’t just give an auxiliary money, but ASI is trying to find other ways that they can support the CDC.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission. – None

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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