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Minutes

Finance Commission
Friday, February 15, 2024, 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Guy Witherspoon Conference Room 231B

I. Called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Marcelo Cowo, Chairperson.

II. Roll Call

Voting Members Present: Marcelo Cowo, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Jhanella Martinez, Janna Villanueva, and Michelle Gonzalez

Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Adrian Witt, and Morelia Castaneda-Patino

Advisors Absent: Michellena Lakey and Ryan Heredia **Visitors:** Imari Tylor, Megan Adams, and Shamshad Elimu

III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Gonzalez to approve the agenda

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

IV. Approval of Minutes (February 2, 2024) – Action Item

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Martinez to approve the minutes of February 2, 2024 with the amended changes (Correct Ryan name spelled wrong and Shakoor corrected CCTR funding). **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

V. Reports

ASI President – Mejia-Alezano discussed with Shakoor how to support the athletics senior night event by spending \$200 for pizzas for both men's and women's games. ASI Executive Director – Shakoor was informed by Manansala that CDC has been awarded the Abriendo Puertas Grant for the Child Development Center.

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

A. Women's Resource Center – Discussion Item.

The Commission will discuss the Women's Resource Center budget request. Witt asked Adams to explain how each center would receive more with the same amount from ASI. She noted that with the combination of the State funding and ASI they would receive more. Cowo noted at the last meeting the commission members had a lot of questions on combining the budget of the Cultural &



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Identity Centers (CIC) and the Women's Resource Center (WRC). Adams was there to answer any questions. Cowo asked if ASI allows WRC to join the CIC, is she aware there are others like (MSA, etc..) would also come for funding. Adams explained that CICs were moved to the Student Success Cluster, and that if MSA or the American Indian Center wanted to join, they would also have to be moved under the Student Success cluster. Witt inquired about how the funding would work if it was split six ways instead of five, and they still get more funding. Adams noted that WRC funding would be split between the Cultural and Identity Centers (CIC) and switching the ASI funds out for state-side funds would give the centers more flexibility for cross-collaborations with other centers. Gonzalez asked about the availability of additional funds for the Immigrant Justice Center. Adams noted that they have access to the Learning Aligned Employment Program (LEAP), DSIG Dream Act Service, and college core fellows. Adams adds that the reallocation of funds for Fellowships is supported by the CIC Directors. Castaneda-Patino asked how the funding would be divided if a center moved into the student life cluster. Adams noted that there would be a long conversation before the event even occurred. Shakoor mentioned that the conversation was about whether ASI should allow WRC to support some of the CICs. Villanueva expressed her opinion that the CICs were all very close-knit and that it was smart to have WRC fall under the CICs. Shakoor asked if there was a way the WRC could still support some of the CICs even if the answer was no. Castaneda-Patino asked if the state would decide how the funding is distributed. Adams replied that the funding for the other five centers had been equal, but they would have to talk to Witt about this. Witt noted that they would talk to the campus about how they would want to distribute the funds. Adams emphasized that they needed to know about this discussion before proposing the budget for CIC. Mejia-Alezano noted that in the last budget season, CICs came up with two proposals.

VIII. New Business

A. Administration Budget - Discussion Item

The Commission will begin discussion of the ASI Administrative Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

During a recent meeting, Martinez inquired about the revenues for KDHR. Castaneda-Patino noted that the service has been gaining popularity, resulting in increased revenue. It was also mentioned that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases by \$2 every 2 years will help ASI Budget. Mejia-Alezano had asked for update on the CDC one time funding from VP of Admin and Finance, it was noted soon. Truong requested for increase in promotional items funding for Toro Tuesday from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and suggested a kick-off event for the program. Under programming, Halloween Haunt was requested to be increased, while stress breaks were to be decreased, and additional programming was to be



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increased. There was also a request to increase the budget for spring fling, as well as promotional items and start-up funds for student clubs and organizations. The committee concluded their discussion on page 10. Castaneda-Patino asked that they go page by page and to come prepared with questions and increases.

- IX. Open Forum Discussion ItemTime for members of the audience to address the Commission. None,
- X. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.