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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, March 1, 2024, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
Loker Student Union (LSU) 113

- I. Called to order at 3:01 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, Michellena Lakeyand Ryan Heredia
Advisors Absent: Morelia Castaneda-Patino and Adrian Witt
Visitors: Joyce Galvan, Megan Adams, Dakota Cortez, Edwin Bodney, Daniel Hernancez, Koatzin Kamil, Trimaïne Davis, Nathan Nguyen, Arlin Gonzalez, Ana Barragan, and Shamshad Elimu.
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Martinez, S/Gonzalez to approve the agenda of March 1, 2024 as submitted,
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 15, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Villanueva, S/Martinez to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2024 as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Reports
Vice President of Academic Affairs – Villanueva scheduled a meeting with Valdivia to discuss updates on Financial Aid.
Vice President of Finance – Cowo is working on collecting student stories for CHESS during classroom presentations, collected two stories. He met with the Women Resource Center (WRC) and ASI advisors concerning funding for WRC. He attended the University Budget Committee (UBC) meeting. Attended CSU Chancellor's office implanted new strategies for all 20+ campuses. If anyone is interested in specifics, he can share the information given.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Review Referendum Entities Budget Proposals – Discussion Item
The Finance Commission will discuss and review budget proposals from ASI Referendum Entities.

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All the Cultural and Identity Centers presented to the Commission their proposed budgets for next year. Two budget proposals were presented, one without the addition of the Women's Resource Center and a budget if the Women's Resource Center is to join the CIC's and their funding from ASI.

Immigrant Justice Center - Barragan mentions that with the funding from ASI they were able to provide meals for students that visit the center. With ASI funding there has been a continuation of being able to help students by having programming events, 1 on 1 support, testing materials, hygiene products and more. The proposed budget totals to \$18,000, which is to be adjusted to \$15,000 if the Women's Resource Center is added to ASI funding.

Queer Culture and Resource Center – Bodney noted they focus on empowerment, community, advocacy and supporting activism. wants to amplify their outreach among students, but the issue is in having a small space. Programs like Queer Brunch have been ASI funded. Working on providing more workshops. The proposed budget totals to \$18,000, which is to be adjusted to \$15,000 if the Women's Resource Center is added to ASI funding.

Black Resource Center – Davis noted their events are open to all DH students. He tries to ensure their area is a safe space where students could go and relax but also a community of support. He further noted 15 out of 19 of their programs were funded by ASI. The proposed budget totals to \$18,000, which is to be adjusted to \$15,000 if the Women's Resource Center is added to ASI funding.

Asian and Pacific Cultural Center – Nguyen noted they are fully open for one year now. He is trying to find ways to increase retention, they are losing students who are either transferring or graduating. The motto for next year will be well-being in academic, cultural, emotional, and professional state. Most of the funding from ASI goes towards events and programs. The proposed budget totals to \$18,000, which is to be adjusted to \$15,000 if the Women's Resource Center is added to ASI funding.

Latinx Cultural Resource Center – Cowo noted they will present their budget at the next Finance meeting. Cruz mentions their budget has also been adjusted in support of adding the WRC to ASI funding.

Women's Resource Center- Tagle presents a proposed budget if the WRC is accepted to ASI funding. The \$15,000 would be used in \$4,000 for stipends, \$500 supplies, \$500 for dues and subscriptions, and \$10,000 for special events.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Women's Resource Center – Discussion/Action Item.

The Commission will discuss the Women's Resource Center budget request.

*M/Villanueva, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the Women's Resource Center budget request to be added to the Cultural Identities Centers (CIC) funding from ASI.

VOTE: 2/1/1 Motion Dies after request for discussion.

*M/Villanueva, S/Martinez to approve Women's Resource Center Budget request to be added to the CIC funding from ASI.

VOTE: 3/1/0 MOTION CARRIES

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B. Administration Budget – Discussion Item

The Commission will continue discussion of the ASI Administrative Budget for the 2024-2-25 fiscal year.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

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

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.