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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, April 26, 2024, 2:45 – 4:30 PM

Loker Student Union (LSU) 130

- I. Called to order at 2:47 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, Morelia Castaneda-Patino, and Ryan Heredia
Advisors Absent: Michellena Lakey and Adrian Witt
Visitors: Joyce Galvan, Kisha Calbert, Natalie Lockhart, Trenton Williams, Thomas Balkcom, Raymond Castillo, Eric McCurdy, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Martinez to amend the agenda and to change minutes for approval March 15, 2024. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- IV. Approval of Minutes (March 29, & April 12, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Martinez to approve the minutes of March 15, 2024.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Martinez to approve the minutes of April 12, 2024.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
ASI Executive Director – Shakoor noted we are not sure about the headcount numbers and the unknown makes it difficult to finalize the budget.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Review Referendum Entities Budget Proposal – Discussion Item
The Finance Commission will discuss and review budget proposals from ASI Referendum Entities.
The Athletics Department went over how they intend to use funds from ASI in

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next year. Williams mentions the 6% 2023/2024 decrease of funding in the CSU's and how it affects them. ASI has helped change the culture of Athletics and student attendance has increased. They were grateful and hope ASI continues to support them.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Villanueva mentions how the current funding of Athletics is unsustainable for ASI in the future. Ask about their efforts on recruitment and retention.

VII. Unfinished Business:

A. Administration Budget – Discussion/Action Item

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

Executive Director – Shakoor noted more changes have been made to balance the budget due to student headcount projections continuous decrease. Now the projected student headcount for the fall semester is 11,300, meaning \$474,712 would have to come from reserves. Club revenue sharing is removed.

-Toro Tuesday weekly gift card winners have been reduced to one weekly winner. Toro Tuesday Grand Finale winners have been reduced to 1 scholarship winner per semester, 1 Computer, 1 Tablet, and 10 Book scholarships winners. CDC is now able to stand on its own and is not expecting any funding from ASI.

-Special programs: KDHR equipment stayed at \$5,000. Merchandise and promo items, and DJ's have decreased. Halloween Haunt will stay the same \$10,000. Spring Fling was reduced to \$35,000. Stress Breaks funding removed.

-Co-Sponsored Programs: Welcome week zeroed out, as well as hygiene product as we aim to forum partnerships and free opportunities.

-Funding Resources: Club and Orgs End of the Year meeting has been removed.

-Student Activities budget will remain at \$6,000.

-BOD programming: Academic Affairs programming is zeroed out; we'll encourage Board Members to collaborate with their colleges for funds. If additional funding is needed, they would come to the Finance Commission meeting to request funds.

-Award Banquet will remain at \$5,000.

-Public Relations has been reduced by \$3,000; New gear will only be purchased for BOD and student staff, promo items were reduced, the NSO ad was removed, and scantrons zeroed out since we still have enough for the next year.

-Travel: Staff travel removed except for AOA. One opportunity for a specialized conference.

-Development: Increase in food was made for development, the activity for staff development and the holiday party was removed.

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-Programming support: Two Front Desk Coordinators and one KDHR Assistant.

Interns were reduced to 4 per office, 4 for the CDC and 4 for ASI.

*M/ Mejia-Alezano, S/Gonzalez to approve the ASI Budget 2024-225 fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

*M/Martinez, S/Gonzalez to approve the CDC Budget 2024-2025 fiscal year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Vice President of Finance- Received an email asking for funds of \$2,000 from the College of Education. Would have to inquire what the funds are being used for, perhaps they will need to come to the next finance meeting.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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