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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, May 10, 2024, 12:00 PM  
Loker Student Union (LSU) 326

- I. Called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Marcelo Cowo, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call  
**Voting Members Present:** Marcelo Cowo, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Jhanella Martinez, and Janna Villanueva  
**Voting Members Absent:** Michelle Gonzalez.  
**Advisors Present:** Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Morelia Castaneda-Patino  
**Advisors Absent:** Adrian Witt and Ryan Heredia  
**Visitors:** Joyce Galvan, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item  
\*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Martinez to approve the agenda for Friday, May 10, 2024 as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- IV. Approval of Minutes (April 26, 2024) – Action Item  
\*M/Gonzalez, S/Villanueva to approve the minutes of April 26, 2024 as submitted.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Reports  
Vice President of Academic Affairs – Villanueva noted the provost (Dr. Spagna) would investigate making University Investments budget more easily readable.  
**ASI Executive Director** – Shakoor and Castaneda-Patino met with LSU regarding the lease terms due to upcoming redesigning of the union. Current leasing terms are not going to change, and ASI will continue with LSU on a 3-year lease. There was also a mention of potential changes in enrollment numbers and campus population and how programming between both can look like. We were able to opt out of the cleaning service for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. LSU has asked for ASI to keep the office/area clean.  
**ASI President** – Mejia-Alezano and Cowo met with College of Education, College of Business Administration and Public Policy Dean Wen regarding waiving the banquet room fee for COE. The \$500 fee was waived for the banquet in the name of ASI.  
**Accounting Clerk** – Castaneda-Patino is contacting the Referendum Entities and Clubs & Orgs regarding expenses for this fiscal year. May 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day for credit cards to be used by ASI.

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**ASI Vice President of Finance** – Cowo attended the University Budget Committee (UBC) meeting where he discovered the enrollment numbers are higher than the ones ASI received.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only.

Shakoor noted ASI and Loker Student Union are trying to investigate how to increase traffic into the building.

VII. Unfinished – None

VIII. New Business

A. Projected Headcount – Discussion Item.

The Commission will discuss the projected headcount.

Cowo wanted to share what understood about the UBC Presentation projecting 13,618 Students next year. He asked that ASI Budget Headcount I be adjusted to 12,173 for the upcoming year. With the adjustment, \$342,411,174 would be taken out of reserves. Castaneda-Patino asks the Commission to review the budget and ask the Board of Directors to review the budget for a discussion at the next BOD meeting.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Mejia-Alezano requested to consider paying BOD stipend during the summer. Maybe change the policy to a 12-month monthly stipend. Lakey noted most of the BOD members are not around during the summer so there is no need to change the policy. It was noted that Executive members are around during summer planning and interviewing for vacant positions on the Board. However, it was not brought up in the RPP, therefore we will stay with the current payments starting in August 2024.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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