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Minutes

ASI Board of Directors

May 24, 2024 Friday 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Location Loker Student Union Ballroom A

- I. Called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Janna Villanueva, Chairperson.
  
- II. Roll Call  
**Voting Members Present:** Jaiden Villanueva, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Marcelo Cowo, Adilene Tinoco, Jhanella Martinez, Rahul Vattigunta, Yaswanth Katukota, Michelle Gonzalez, Alexandra Huitzacia, Pranay Julu, and Aanisah Duru  
**Voting Members Absent:** Efrain Contreras and Andrea Cocjin  
**Non-Voting Members Present:** Sheela Pawar and Logan Baughman III  
**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Matthew Smith, Anika Vega, Daniel Hernandez, and Marcus Biegel  
**Advisors Present:** Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Raven Emmert, Kevin Truong and Morelia Castaneda-Patino  
**Advisors Absent:** Candace Manansala  
**Visitors:** Imari Taylor and Shamshad Elimu
  
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item  
\*M/Tinoco, S/Julu to approve the agenda as submitted with the added amendments.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes (April 5, 2024) – Action Item  
\*M/Kalukota, S/Martinez to table the minutes of March 1, 2024 as submitted.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- V. Reports  
**Academic Senate Representative** –Pawar mentioned that they had a listening session about the protest on May 7th. They are planning to conduct a teaching session on September 8th to listen in from student groups and would like to see ASI representatives there.  
**Executive Director** – Shakoor noted the Child Development Center is not sure of the funds approved by the governor would come through. Until then ASI would have to include additional funding for center.

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**Associate Director** – Lakey mentioned that the new Graduate Assistant will start June 24<sup>th</sup>. Interviews for the Front Desk Assistant position is still ongoing, and the Budget review with the Admin Staff is scheduled to occur soon. .

**Accounting Clerk** – Castaneda-Patino mentioned that the training for clubs and organizations took place April 29<sup>th</sup>. She is also meeting with LEAD to discuss ways to collaborate.

**Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator** – Emmert asked Board members to respond to the email containing information about the annual report. The graphics team is currently working on creating a graphic that showcases the advocacy work done this year. She reminded the Board members to send as many photos as possible of the events they've participated in throughout the year. Emmert asked Board members to sign up for NSOs in June, and July is for the transfer students. We're also partnering with the Rugby team in LA to give away free tickets for the game this Sunday and June 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal is to sell tickets and hopefully generate revenue from this initiative in the future.

**International Student Representative** – Julu mentioned that several International Students had reached out about not receiving replies to emails and assignments, leading to many students struggling with financial issues.

**Executive Vice President** – Martinez at the Emergency Elections meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Elections Code was tabled, and they were able to approve the Bylaws.

**ASI President** – Mejia-Alezano mentioned that he is currently working on a case for an undergraduate student regarding course substitutions and exemptions. He is working with Provost, Spagna and Ken O'Donnell, is scheduled to meet with Dr. Drummond to discuss how to assist this student. In addition, he is currently reviewing a graduate student's academic petition with VPF Cowo to advocate for the student's needs. Mejia-Alezano attended various CSUDH Softball watch parties with Martinez and Cowo, hosted by athletics, which were open to all students and included free food. He attended the Senator Bradford event on campus with Cowo and Duru, and the LA Galaxy Soccer game during which they spoke to CSUDH donors and continued to represent ASI positively.

**Vice President of Finance** – Cowo is hopeful the Budget would be approved at the today's BOD meeting to be forward to the University President for his approval.

**Director of Legislative Affairs** – Tinoco looks forward to the first draft of a Cease-Fire Resolution to be completed soon.

**College of Education** – Duru mentioned that the last study hall event went well.

VI. Time Certain 12:15 – Muslim Student Union Representative

The representative gives background on what's been happening on campus with Students for Collective Liberation and negotiations with campus administration. Representative requests ASI provide more transparency with the ASI budget, end ASI's silence about the

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Hamas/Israel War, and ASI divestment from funds going to companies that fund the war. Marcelo asks regarding the representative's concerns with the ASI budget. The representative says on the website she could only find 23-24 numbers. Emmert clarified that the picture on slide 7 is from the annual report, not ASI detailed budget. Emmert shared the detailed budget is already on the ASI website under the Finance tab. Shakoor shares ASI does not have any investments. Emmert also mentioned that Childcare Services continue to be an ongoing issue for us.

Lakey asked if there are identified investment accounts, they would like the University divested dollars moved to.

Emmert explained that due to the semester ending and a new board coming in soon, the timeline for the resolution process will be longer. However, she suggested to work together on a statement, which would be faster and could lead to a possible conversation about a "Resolution."

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for members of the audience to address the Board on specific agenda items only.  
None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. ASI Handbook Review – Action Item

The Board will review and consider approval of the changes made to the ASI Handbook, as presented by the Rules, Policies and Procedure Committee.

\*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Cowo to approve the ASI Handbook as submitted.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

IX. ASI 4-2025 Proposed Budget – Discussion/Action Item

A. The Board will consider approving the proposed 2024-2025 ASI Budget to forward to the University President.

Cowo expresses gratitude to the professional staff team. Cowo reviewed where reductions were made and mandatory increases in the budget. All anticipated changes are available on the ASI website.

\*M/Katukota, S/Martinez to approve the ASI 2024-2025 Proposed Budget as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

B. ASI Bylaw Review – Discussion/Action Item

The Board will review and consider approval of the changes made to the ASI Bylaws by the Rules, Policies and Procedure Committee.

There were some grammatical revisions, ensuring a consistent look throughout

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the document.

\*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Julu to approve the ASI Bylaw amendment as submitted.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

C. Resolution addressing Assembly Bill 928 – Discussion Item

The Board will review the resolution created by CAH Representative, Contreras, Director of Legislative Affairs, Adilene Tinoco and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Janna Villanueva concerning the effects of AB 928 on CSU General Education Breadth with the California General Education Transfer Curriculum  
This item was removed from the agenda when agenda amendments were made.

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Martinez requests that the members of the Elections Commission respond to the email so they can arrange a meeting to discuss the Election Code. The Child Development Center graduation is happening today at 3:30 p.m.

Student visitor asked for clarification of Athletics funding, Shakoor mentioned that in previous years ASI supported with scholarships of \$400,000. When asked about other sources of funding for Athletics, Shakoor was not aware where else they obtain funding but confirmed funding they receive from ASI every year.

Logan Baughman III – Baughman mentioned that Mejia-Alezano gave voice to the student, and when he reached out, it provided a different perspective and greatly assisted that student.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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