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Minutes

ASI Executive Committee Meeting
May 10, 2024, 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Loker Student Union (LSU) 130

- I. Called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Jhanella Martinez, Janna Villanueva, and Marcelo Cowo
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor and Michellena Lakey
Advisors Absent: Matthew Smith
Visitors: Imari Taylor, Kevin Truong, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Martinez, S/Cowo to approve the agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (April 26, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Martinez, S/Villanueva to approve the minutes of April 26, 2024, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Executive Vice President – Martinez mentioned that the Child Development Center (CDC) voted unanimously for updated Parent Handbook.
Vice President of Academic Affairs – Villanueva attended the public meeting that student leaders held on April 30th, to discuss diversity issues. They met with Dr. Herbert, Costino, Gamboa, and President Parham. The SWANA Organizers presented a list of demands, some of which were already met, such as the university speaking out about the current situation in Palestine. There will be an email memo sent to the students on Monday to address other demands. They also requested the administration to disclose their investments from the foundation and other sources. A follow-up will be scheduled during the week of May 20th.
Vice President of Finance – Cowo mentioned that they voted on the budget, but the numbers presented by the UGC were different from ours, so we will revisit the budget and make adjustments.
ASI President – Mejia-Alezano attended a state of diversity event. The softball team is having a watch party. Dr. Gammage informed him about rebranding of Team Toro and suggested the team should continue monthly meetings, rather than bi-monthly.

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Lastly, they will not be able to attend the student athlete conference at USC tickets sponsored by athletics.

Associate Director – Lakey mentioned that the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan will be completed by July 1st, and that other campus departments are in coordinating efforts to be in support of one another. Hopefully, there will be one more meeting to approve this plan. We've received acceptance from a graduate student for the Graduate Assistant position. The Front Desk position will now begin the interview process for that position.

Executive Director – Shakoor informed the Commission that starting July 1st, the campus will be transitioning to online banking. They have established an online store, and all payments, including enrollment fees, will now be made online without the option for cash payments. Instead of depositing and transferring money, we will receive an endorsement to have the funds directly deposited into our account. The analyst praised the center's performance and mentioned that it will be shared as a model to be observed CDE-wide. During the AOA officers meeting, we met with Steve Relyea, the Vice Chancellor, to discuss how the campus plans to adapt to the new enrollment numbers and address students' financial aid issues.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Martinez was not comfortable at the University Budget Committee (UBC) how they conducted their vote on the proposed budget. She noted that the students are not informed about the budget. Shakoor suggested inviting more students to the meetings or finding a way to update the students and informing them how important it is for them to attend the campus budget meetings. Villanueva mentioned that the "Coffee with Jaiden" series was intended to integrate the committee's activities so that students can understand what happens behind the scenes. Martinez noted an emergency meeting for the RPP is scheduled due to a lack of quorum at the last scheduled meeting. Mejia-Alezano reminded the Board that their term ends in June and proposed allocating funding to ensure they still receive their stipend during the summer. Shakoor suggested reallocating funds, which has been done in the past. Lakey emphasized the need for clear communication about meeting attendance. Cowo mentioned that Contreras will be absent all summer. Mejia-Alezano assured everyone that he will make sure the agenda is ready for the first two BOD meetings and the August training. The executive transition meeting is scheduled for May 20th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Martinez noted there will be a personnel committee meeting scheduled sometime at the end of June.

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VII. Unfinished Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. Student Demonstrations – Discussion Item

The Executive Team will discuss support for students' recent advocacy efforts. Mejia-Alezano mentioned three items that were discussed with Emmert before Parham joined the public meeting. Villanueva suggested aligning with the university's actions and ASI's principles, making a statement about Gaza. Martinez discussed the sensitivity of the topic. Shakoor and Villanueva discussed the need to educate the Board before issuing a statement. Villanueva and Lakey discussed potential meetings and advocacy teach-ins. Cowo suggested the Board meeting with the Student Organizers for the updates. Shakoor raised concerns about potential backlash from issuing a statement. Shakoor suggested not having a formal meeting, but simply inviting them to the office and offering them lunch to familiarize both sides with each other.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Committee.
Cowo mentioned that the vacancies on our social media post regarding open positions were removed and that we will repost it.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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