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Minutes

ASI Executive Committee Meeting
August 23, 2024, 9:30AM – 10:30 AM
Guy Witherspoon Conference Room (LSU) 231A

- I. Called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Marcelo Cowo, Efrain Contreras, and Jhanella Martinez.
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Morelia Castaneda-Patino, and Matthew Smith.
Visitors: Imari Tylor and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Contreras, S/Martinez to approve the agenda of August 23, 2024 as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (October 20, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Contreras, S/Martinez to approve the minutes of May 10, 2024 as submitted.
- V. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- VI. Reports
Associate Director – Lakey and Cowo are reviewing the succession policy from the Personnel Committee they will soon bring the updated document to the committee. The Personnel Committee approved increases for professional staff and student staff. There are 3 separations from the student staff, we'll only be hiring for 1 position.
Executive Director – Shakoor noted ASI budget was approved and also received a memo from the President giving ASI funds to cover tree removal and the egress at CDC.
Accounting Specialist – Castaneda-Patino is working on finishing the CICs budget to forward to the budget office. The President has already approved the ASI Budget.
- VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Committee on specific agenda items only.
Martinez asked if we still must pay for the removal of the trees. Shakoor noted that the President is providing us with some money to cover that cost. Additionally, a path will be added for the back door at the CDC in case of emergency. Hopefully, it will be done in the next few months.

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VIII. Unfinished Business – None

IX. New Business

A. New Team Toro Structure - Discussion

The Executive Team will hear from President Mejia-Alezano regarding the new implemented structure to Team Toro.

Mejia-Alezano noted the first Team Toro meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024 this will be a smaller group. They asked that we turn in the agenda on time, and he is ready to forward it today. Lakey mentioned that this new approach will require submitting the agenda in advance, and they already have a set date for future agenda submissions. Lakey also mentioned that if something comes up last minute that was not on the agenda, you can mention it in the open forum. Mejia-Alezano will discuss the International Students Health Fee. These students have reached out to him asking why they were asked to pay out of pocket for care. Most of the international students are seen by outside doctors; the campus doctors do not attend to them and their needs. Shakoor noted ASI used to offer insurance to international students but that stopped a while back. We should start looking into bringing that back. Kolasani should meet with the Dean to discuss this and at the Toro Team meeting. Cowo added that the coverage does not extend to the summer and is not included in the tuition; it is a separate fee with a one-time full charge lump sum payment, and they can only use that specific service, which does not cover the summer. Lakey mentioned that at Team Toro, they have identified specific areas to discuss, which Cowo can speak on. Another item discussed was student engagement, involvement, and retention, focusing on collaboration among departments to support students and each other, like how all departments come together for graduation. Martinez inquired about an IRA for Student Research Day, to which Mejia-Alezano confirmed its existence but noted that the funding is limited as they rely on state funds. Additionally, the team discussed retention, pro staff mentoring, and key points to assist in this area.

B. Goal Setting – Discussion

The Executive Team will lay out ideas for collaborations throughout the 2024-2025 year.

Emmert is leading the student engagement committee.

Mejia-Alezano noted that Emmert is discussing with Athletics how to market them. The theme for ASI for the year is to promote opportunities and thoughtful interactions for a better student experience, and they will make goals based on this. Board members were asked to write their goals for the year. Shakoor suggested that at the first housekeeping meeting, we should circle back on the goals. Cowo suggested trying to do an event with the CICs, such as a kickball

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game involving student activities and the DSS. Shakoor suggested inviting these connections to our BOD meetings. Mejia-Alezano mentioned that some professors have asked if ASI could hold workshops and Leadership Development workshops, open to students once a semester.

X. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Committee.

Cowo is meeting with Gonzalez because their calendar is very packed for the next couple of months, they will discuss the next steps. Shakoor mentions the Time, Place, and Manner Policy. Make yourself aware of this policy, it should be online. They want all MPPs to train on this preparation for fall events as it relates to elections, and pro staff have put together a general fund of how much we support the campus (\$935k). Lakey mentions that as Executive members, there are things that need to be turned in to Elaine. Mejia-Alezano mentions accepting the RSVP for the President's Dinner on September 5th.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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