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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, September 6, 2024, 11:00 AM

Loker Student Union (LSU) 130

- I. Called to order at 2:13 p.m. by Jhanella Martinez, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Jhanella Martinez, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Efrain Contreras, and Michelle Gonzalez.
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Morelia Castaneda-Patino, and Adrian Witt.
Advisors Absent: Ryan Heredia
Visitors: Alani Alexander, Raven Emmert, Megan Tagle Adams, Rony Castellanos Raymundo, Trimaine Davis, Nathan Nguyen, Dakota Cortez, Koatzin Kamil Cruz, Arlin Gonzalez, and Shamshad Elimu.
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Contreras, S/Gonzalez to approve the agenda September 6, 2024, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (August 23, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Contreras to table minutes of August 23, 2024.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Executive Director – Shakoor noted ASI received the \$50,000 invoice for the egress, however, work has not begun. The tree removal at CDC has been completed but we have not received any invoice for those charges.
Vice President of Finance – Martinez met with Castaneda-Patino to get a better understanding of the ASI Budget. She met with some of the CIC Program Directors.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None
- VII. Unfinished
 - A. Cultural & Identity Center Budget Change Request – Action Item.
The Commission will review and consider requested changes to the Cultural & Identity Center Budgets.

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Asian Pacific Islander Resource Center-Nyguen retracted the request to change their budget and will keep their funds under supplies and services.

LATINX Cultural Resource Center – Castellanos is going through an official change of their name to La Casita. Stateside funds are limited and very restricted. We would also use funds for supplies and Leadership Development events. The major change to the budget is the reallocation of funds to Student Salaries. Castellanos shared that with the addition of the Women’s Resource Center, their budget has decreased to \$15,000. There was a question about using Slack subscription, which is another form of communication, like Teams. Lakey advised everyone that due to the scarcity of funds, it is best to try using the free resources provided by the organization such as Teams and Canva. Castellanos also shared that due to budget cuts, the Student Assistant hours for La Casita have been shortened to 12 hours versus the standard 20 hours.

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Contreras to approve the La Casita Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Rose Black Resource Center – Davis shared that due to tuition increase, the Black Student Resource Center has requested \$15,000, \$8,000 of which will be going towards fellowships. They will use the remaining funds for programs such as the Black History Month celebration, Africana Studies, Fellowships and the Athletic Scholar Fellowship. Contreras questioned if the Africana Studies fellowship is in correlation with the Africana Studies department. Davis stated that BRC will report the fellowships to the financial aid office. Castaneda mentioned that request will need to be tabled until we have an outline of how the remaining \$7,000 will be allocated.

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Contreras to table BRC Budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Women+s Resource Center - The WRC is also requesting \$15,000 for needed subscriptions and office supplies. Adams mentioned an update will be submitted once they determine the final amount needed for Student Salaries.

*M/Gonzalez, S/Mejia-Alezano to table WRC Budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Nyguen asked for flexibility with the hope that the budget would stay the same, having no control over slashes or other potential financial changes. He asked that ASI

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begin regularly visiting the resource centers and get an insight into everything they do with the funds from ASI.

Shakoor asked that everyone be aware of their spending and paperwork as everyone is going through budget and staff cuts, including ASI. Only one person is doing the financial paperwork, Clubs & Orgs, and other financial duties. She would like to reduce the purchasing in consideration of the one staff member and her constantly increasing workload. Nyguen asked if there was any other way ASI could provide a card with a set amount to purchase their required items. Raymundo brought up that they cannot use funds on the state side on artwork and other cultural items. He suggested that CIC and ASI share ideas on ways to spend their budget. Castaneda-Patino noted ASI cannot give cards as we would still have to follow our Financial Policy and Procedure Manual and manage spending to make sure they are being used correctly. She suggests scheduling meetings with her would be a quicker way to understand and reduce the amount of paperwork. Heredia noted that the stateside is trying to work with the CIC's but they're also working with the CSUs to stay in compliance for audits. It's an ongoing issue throughout all of the CSUs and it is compliance-related. Raymundo would like for it to be forecasted on what items they can and cannot purchase using keycard budgets but Ryan states that they cannot because the state keeps most of their information vague. He states that most of the non-purchasable items have been non-purchasable, but the university has been relaxed with its regulations in the past, but now during an audit, it will be flagged.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.