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Minutes
Board of Directors
Friday, October 4, 2024, 12:00 – 2:00 PM
Welch Hall (WH) D444

- I. Called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Efrain Contreras, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Efrain Contreras, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Marcelo Cowo, Jhanella Martinez, Scarlet Grave, Rohan Sonawane, Alexandra Huitzacua, Michelle Gonzalez, Janet Alvarez, and Gyanan Kolasani.
Voting Members Absent: Kyrsten Tyler and Airam Solorzano
Non-Voting Members Present: Sheela Pawar, Matthew Smith, Koatzin Kamil Cruz, Ariel Mujica, and Gilbert Hernandez
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Raven Emmert, Morelia Castaneda-Patino, Candace Manansala, Kevin Truong, and Elaine Estrada.
Advisors Absent: Michellena Lakey
Visitors: Imari Taylor, Elliot Gonzalez, Treaunna Campbell, Madrid Ruiz, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Martinez to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (September 20, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Sonawane, S/Alvarez to approve the minutes for September 20, 2024
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Time Certain – 12:30 pm Dr. Matthew Smith, Sr. Associate Vice President of Student Life/Dean of Students
The Board will hear from Dr. Matthew Smith regarding the interim CSU Time, Place, and Manner Policy (TPM) and CSUDH TPM addendum
Smith noted that an updated Policy already exists and emphasized that each campus has this policy prepared. This specific one applies only to students, while the policies for managers, faculty, and staff are still being produced. The Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Policy aims to make sure that students can exercise their First Amendment rights safely and inclusively, without suppressing their voices or ideas. It regulates when, where, and how freedom of expression occurs on campus while maintaining campus safety.

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Mejia-Alezano inquired whether this legislation was rushed. Smith countered that they received the new policy in August and were required to implement it and train all MPPs before the first week of school, along with completing all necessary documentation. Kamil added that the CIC has been showing support on their social media platforms. Smith further noted that the campus is working on guidelines on how students can engage in speech on campus. Emmert pointed out that there are additional workshops or town hall meetings planned for students to ask questions about the policy. Smith confirmed that all club and organization leaders have undergone this training and are trying to organize further workshops on campus. Powar asked for clarification on how this affects the Public Walkways and roads since they are closed from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Smith asked if this meant that people would be asked to leave during those hours. It can be done as needed. This document is still in working order and he will keep the Board updated as needed.

VI. Reports

ASI President – Mejia-Alezano attended the groundbreaking ceremony early this week. He also started the formation of a Grade Appeal committee. He attended the LSU BOD meeting. They are working on their Bylaws and want to change the number of ASI members on their Board from three to one ASI Representative.

Executive Vice President – Cowo and Mejia-Alezano met with Dr. Herbert to discuss Student Health Insurance. He further noted they are appointing three new BOD members.

Vice President of Finance – Martinez reported on a meeting with Pagsikapan. Additionally, Martinez met with Lorena and discussed how they can support parenting students more effectively.

Director of Student Services – Sonawane scheduled a meeting with the Tech Department to discuss an issue with a personal laptop loan to a student.

Elections Commissioner – Gonzalez discussed the Election Timeline at the Elections meeting.

Alumni Liaison – Hernandez mentioned that Toro Connect will be promoted to students. He is collaborating with the Career Center and having WorkSpot during the Major/Minor Fair from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Alumni will be present to meet with students. Stickers will be provided to promote the platform and distributed on Toro Tuesday. Additionally, two alumni will operate as hosts on November 12th, and 13th, with registration available on Toro Link.

Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator – Emmert mentioned that the South Academic Complex event was on Monday. On Tuesday, there was a listening tour at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) where they got good feedback from students. The next listening tour will be at LA Casita and International Student

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Services, with potential stops at TLC, MSA, and TGS. Additionally, she will discuss the role of the CDC on campus during a panel with Manansala at the Student Affairs Showcase. Please note that ASI night for the LA Kings is November 7th.

Event Coordinator – Truong mentioned the "Know Before You Vote" event is on Monday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. where they will discuss the propositions on the ballot. Halloween Haunt is scheduled for October 31st, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the LSU Ballrooms. An email was sent regarding scheduling availability for checking in or helping with setup. We are tabling every day that week from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., signup for volunteers is on SignUpGenius.

Graduate Assistant – Estrada mentioned that the advocacy team has onboarded five people. They discussed the January retreat, and an email was sent requesting your availability.

College of Health & Human Services Representative – Alvarez met with her dean to plan for more inclusive Nursing Programs on campus since the program is online.

Academic Senate Liaison – Powar attended meetings on major university topics. She further noted they passed a resolution regarding Policy 4 after a 10-year Senate review, which now goes to Academic Affairs.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Contreras met with Ken O'Donnell and reached out.

Housing Liaison – Arial

Multicultural Affairs Liaison – Koatzin noted APCC is considered to serve as the ICC bi-weekly meetings.

Accounting Specialist – Castaneda-Patino met with the LEAD Team to discuss Clubs and Organizations, focusing on how to provide them with club account meetings/workshops. This will help them understand the relevant policies and procedures. Additionally, Patino spoke with the Financial Aid Office about Toro Tuesday; all students have received their scholarships.

CDC Program Coordinator – Manansala announced that they have been awarded a contract to expand services for infant toddlers, effective October 1st. For the upcoming fall festival, numerous Dominguez communities, clubs, and organizations will be participating, along with a Trunk-or-Treat event. She asked ASI to table at this event to help raise awareness about their activities.

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Martinez announced that Airam Solorzano resigned from the Student Activities Commission. Emmert mentioned that Chick-fil-A is asking if we want to participate in their Trunk or Treat event, which includes tabling on October 24th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. If anyone is interested, let her know. Hernandez stated that everyone will

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receive an email regarding an upcoming event featuring a comedian alum, who will discuss how humor reflects societal social issues. This event is scheduled for October 15th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. free to attend. Truong noted that stickers will not count toward Toro Tuesday. Emmert asked Hernandez if they are still moving forward with the patches, and he confirmed that they are working on a design.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Board of Directors/Student-at-Large Appointment – Action Item

The Board will discuss and consider appointments for Board of Directors and Student-at-Large Interns and Liaisons

*M/Huitzacia, S/Mejia-Alezano to appoint Treanna Cambell as the ASI College of Education Representative. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Martinez to appoint Madrid Ruiz as the ASI College of Business Administration & Public Policy. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

*M/Alvarez, S/Sonawane to appoint Elliot Gonzales as the ASI College of Arts and Humanities. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

IX. New Business – None

X. Open Forum - Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board

Emmert mentioned at the APCC listening tour Clinical Lab students are struggling with enrolling because there are a lot of students and not enough classes. We are the only CSU that offers that specific major. A lot of students living on campus also brought up some issues. Huitzacia mentions Chemistry is also a big issue when trying to get a class. Shakoor suggested that Huitzacia gather student stories so we can bring them to higher-ups. Sonawane mentions some students have mentioned pricing for the bookstore is high and students reach out to departments, but the communication is slow. He attended a meeting creating a union membership for Student Assistants on campus. Truong mentions the dean dinner if you RSVPed then also RSVP on the Toro link.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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