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Minutes

Board of Directors

Friday, September 20, 2024, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Loker Student Union (LSU) 324 & 325

- I. Called to order at 12:08 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, Kyrsten Tyler, Alexandra Huitzacua, Michelle Gonzalez, and Janet Alvarez
Voting Members Absent: Airam Solorzano and Gyanan Kolasani
Non-Voting Members Present: Sheela Pawar, and Gilbert Hernandez
Non-Voting Members Absent: Matthew Smith
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Raven Emmert, Morelia Castaneda-Patino, and Kevin Truong
Advisors Absent: Candace Manansala and Elaine Estrada
Visitors: Imari Taylor, Javier Cuevas, Matthew Valentin, Myra Soriano, Ariel Mujica, Koatzin Kamil, Rony Castellanos Ramundo, Robert Cunningham, (Tranita Avery and Kelle Kain, **Via Zoom**), and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Huitzacua, S/Alvarez to approve the September 20, 2024 agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (September 6, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Cowo, S/Alvarez to approve the minutes of September 6, 2024, as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Time Certain – 12:30 – 1:00 PM – Action Item
The Board will hear from Rony Eduardo Castellanos Raymundo and others about affirming the name change of the Latinx Cultura Resource Center to La Casita. Raymundo provided background information on the origins of La Casita and discussed some of the recent changes that have been implemented. The name "La Casita" represents a little home and is commonly used by students to refer to the Latinx Culture Resource Center. However, there is a desire to change the name to create a more inclusive space that serves as a home away from home for all students. One of the events is October 3rd, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Title of this

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event is "Remembering the Tlatelolco: 1968 Student Massacre In Conversation with Dr. Becerra Garcia. "They aim to provide one-on-one support to students, addressing their specific needs and offering three takeaways for discussion before their next meeting. The goal is to connect students with the necessary resources and departments to ensure they receive the support needed. These sessions are for thirty minutes, allowing students to feel heard, and seen, and have a space to feel heard. Cowo encouraged Board members to visit La Casita. Emmert asked how ASI could support the new direction, including promoting the name change and increasing student awareness. Raymundo noted they would like to see ASI promoting leadership opportunities, increasing representation, and potentially partnering for the upcoming elections.

- VI. Time Certain 1:00-1:30 PM – Tranita Avery (Executive Director of Foundation) & Kelle Kain (Foundation Master Calendar/Event Planner) – Present on the new construction of the Dining commons.

Yancey made a presentation on the upcoming DH Buildings from Dining to the Center and hopes this will be up and running by Fall 2026.

- VI. Reports

ASI President – Mejia-Alezano asked Board members appointed to university committees to look out for emails from the university asking for their availability they have started meeting.

Executive Vice President – Cowo attended the University Space committee meeting they discussed the upcoming new buildings on campus. He further noted ASI received three new applications for the open positions on the Board.

Vice President of Finance – Martinez mentioned that the Finance Commission is working on updating the Financial Policies.

Director of Legislative Affairs – Grave held her first Legislative Affairs Committee meeting they discussed upcoming events.

Alumni Liaison – Hernandez announced the upcoming Alumni event where the students would engage as Toro Connect at dinners provided by the alums.

Executive Director – Shakoor reported that the audit committee met and approved our financial statements for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The final report is due at the Chancellor's Office today. CCAMPIS Budget has been approved. They attended the Time, Place, and Manner hosted by the President's Office and the campus Extensive Budget review. LSU will have an Open House next week, and there are new Bike Racks around campus and Bike Repair Stations.

Associate Director – Lakey mentioned that the new Interns have been approved introduce yourselves when you see them in the office.

Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator – Emmert conducted a listening tour with BRC they talked to about 10 students. It was a good experience hearing their voices and concerns about ASI. The next one October 1st, at 3:30 p.m. at the APCC

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center. In addition, we are doing USC football giveaways via our social media, and the group sales teams are excited and want to collaborate more. The ASI Advocacy Team will meet next week for orientation. The Student Affairs Showcase planning committee is looking for volunteers for Wednesday, October 16th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. let her know if interested.

Event Coordinator – Truong tabled for National Voter Registration Day and is working with Grave for future events.

College of Natural & Behavioral Sciences Rep – Huitzacua met with her college dean they discussed Fall Mixer they are trying to incorporate alumni.

College of Health & Human Services Representative – Alveraz is meeting with her college Dean at 2:00 p.m.

Academic Senate Liaison – Powar noted that the senate met to discuss teach-in.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Contreras attended a few committee meetings.

Housing Liaison – Ariel mentioned that they hosted their first welcome event on August 30th and had a great turnout. Their first town hall was on September 6th. They are still in the process of finalizing the event list.

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Huitzacua mentioned that she notified the dean about the International Students and the CS master's students and will connect with Cowo and Sonawane. Emmert discussed a student who attended an event and inquired about how transfer students are being supported before they begin their courses. Gilbert mentioned a potential disconnect with "Thru in Two," a program that assists transfer students. Sonawane asked about the activity on Canvas and how it can be utilized. Emmert mentioned that they haven't been very active this fall but will pick it back up soon. Shakoor asked Ariel if they knew any student parents in housing, and she responded no.

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

Cowo noted that there were two liaisons for appointment. Liaison are recommended to ASI by their departments to share information and take back reports to the department.

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Cowo to appoint Ariel Mujica as the ASI Housing Liaison.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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*M/Martinez, S/Alvarez to appoint Koatzin Kamil Cruz as the ASI Cultural Identity Centers Liaison. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

IX. New Business – None

Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Matthew Valentine was invited by Mejia-Alezano to introduce himself as an entrepreneur owner of a bakery named Sweet Valentine, located around the campus. He is looking forward to securing a space in the Loker Student Union.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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