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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, February 14, 2025, 3:00 PM
Loker Student Union (LSU) 113

- I. Called to order at 12:38 p.m. by Jhanella Martinez, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Jhanella Martinez, Efrain Contreras, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Marcelo Cowo, and Michelle Gonzalez
Advisors Present: Rasheeda Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Christopher Ashley, and Ryan Herrera
Advisors Absent: Adrian Witt
Visitors: Alani Alexander, Nathan Nguyen, Arlin Gonzalez, Ronny Castellanos Raymundo, Koatzin Mamil Cruz, and Edwin Bodney.
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Contreras, S/Gonzalez to approve the agenda for February 14, 2025, as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- IV. Approval of Minutes (January 31, 2025) – Action Item
*M/Cowo, S/Contreras to approve the minutes for January 31, 2025
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
At the last Student Activities Commission meeting, Mejia-Alezano gifted the Organization he'd been collaborating with money for the undocumented community of students, considering everything that had been going on in the world. Ashely reported that there are problems with the Clubs understanding their fund balances. The Black Resource Center would like to relocate \$5,000 in the ASI funds to services and dues. CDC shared concerns with one of their scholarships due to budget cuts.
- IV. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None.
Martinez informed the Commission that she invited the CICs to today's meetings.

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VII. Unfinished Business

A. The Associated Students Inc. Budget Timeline – Discussion Item

The Commission will discuss ASI's Budget Timeline.

Martinez informed everyone that due to the new Fiscal Year, the finance meetings will be held every other week. She brought up the possibility of moving the finance meetings to 2:30 p.m., rather than 3:00 p.m.

VIII. New Business

A. Review Referendum Entities Budget Proposals – Discussion Item The Finance Commission will discuss and review budget proposals from ASI Referendum Entities.

Martinez informed the audience that she invited the CICs to today's meetings because they're going to meet with Athletics and CICs later anyway, so it's better to have a brief vision of the proposed budget now.

Shakoor, Cowo, and Herrera have mentioned that they'd like the CICs to stick to their budget proposals because it not only creates financial confusion when trying to move funds around but also creates problems with constant change after the budget process has already been completed.

APCC -Nguyen mentioned that they have faced some issues on the stateside concerning budget cuts, and having ASI funds has helped the club concerning money. ASI funding helps APCC create informative events for both Asian and non-Asian students to spread more knowledge on Asian and Pacific culture. These events include the Lunar New Year. The budget is mainly targeted toward health and wellbeing, both academically and personally to the students, due to the ongoing issues in the world. APCC would also use the funds for events and Supplies/Services. None of the ASI funds will be going toward student staff due to state funding and the current political climate, which has made it quite difficult to maintain a full staff of students. If the money they receive from the Stateside changes, so will their student staff funding, but they're not quite sure yet. Shakoor has asked that the APCC come with a concrete budget before the actual budget is completed.

La Casita – Ronny Castellanos Raymundo, Koatzin Mamil Cruz, percent of state funds are used for student staff salaries, while the other fifty percent is used for speaker fees, daily operations, cleaning supplies, and anything else that the club needs. La Casita mentioned that "Online Support" is a potential newsletter resource for more student outreach. Contreras asked what exactly "Office Supplies" would entail. La Casita mentioned hand

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sanitizer, tissues, paper towels, and other supplies that aren't available stateside.

Queer Resource Center

The QCRC – Edwin Bodney put most of their budget toward programs and activities, mainly with bringing in more LGBTQ Spokespeople into the center for workshops and social events. In regards to new additions, the QCRC has begun trying to implement a Gender Affirming Core to the center because it is difficult to find Queer Resources located in the South Bay Area, especially with Queer students of color. So, QCRC is allocating most of the funds given by ASI to support students while educating them on LGBTQ history.

Immigrant Justice Center

The Immigrant Justice Center – Gonzalez shared that their budget would remain fairly like last year. Most of the budget, \$9,000, will be going directly toward programming for high-impact programs and events. This will cover speaker fees, event supplies, etc.

Black Resource Center

The Black Resource Center did not attend the meeting. There were concerns regarding their budget proposal. There are funds that have not been allocated, so the commission will review and speak with the director of the Black Resource Center.

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission. None

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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