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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, March 14, 2025, 2:30 PM

Loker Student Union (LSU) 113

- I. Called to order at 2:34 p.m. by Jhanella Martinez, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Jhanella Martinez, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Marcelo Cowo, and Michell Gonzalez.
Voting Members Absent: Efrain Contreras
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Christopher Ashley.
Advisors Absent: Adrian Witt and Ryan Heredia
Visitors: Alani Alexander, Trimaine Davis (BRC), Alyeska Gutierrez Estrada (WRC), Joseph Cuevas, Kain Marin, Abraham Lopez, and Shamshad Elimu.
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Cowo, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the agenda for March 14, 2025 as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 14, 2024) – Action Item
*M/Gonzalez, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the minutes for February 14, 2025.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports – None
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only.
Ashley is working with the commission members to finish the ASI budget for the upcoming fiscal year and with the Spring Fling Committee on their total budget. Mejia-Alezano was able to fundraise \$26,000 and access outside money aside from that, rounding the total amount of fundraised money to \$30,000 for ASI. The C-campus grants from 2018 are now closed. Over one million dollars of funds were given, out of that fund, over \$900,000 fallow, which means that nearly \$100,000 of funds is unused. Shakoor is currently trying to get an extension for ASI to spend those funds.
- VII. Unfinished Business
A. The Associated Students Inc. Budget Timeline – Discussion Item
The Commission will discuss ASI's Budget Timeline.

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Martinez noted that the timeline has been pushed back due to the last canceled meeting. She asked commission members not to miss the upcoming meetings,

B. Review Referendum Entities Budget Proposals – Discussion Item

The Finance Commission will discuss and review budget proposals from ASI Referendum Entities.

Women's Resource Center (WRC) centered most of the budget, strictly \$10,000, around special events such as the Clothesline Project, which helps abuse survivors share their stories, Take Back the Night, and the Women's Market. This also includes any future collaborations with the Culture and Identity Centers, educational workshops related to healthy relationships, personal development, academic success, and community building projects. They want to use \$4,000 to pay their peer leaders and interns. Considering all that is going on with the campus and work study, the WRC wants to make sure that they have enough funds to pay students who don't qualify for work study. The Women's Market is a bunch of women-owned vendors that can sell the materials they make. The market is open to the campus and the surrounding community.

Black Resource Center (BRC), Davis had planned to use some ASI funds to pay fellowships to students but found out that most of his students did not qualify for the work study. Many students do not have the time for things such as the Africana Studies and Athletics Fellowships, so they removed that funding. The Talk To Me Sis, TRIBE, Social Media, and Housing Fellowship is growing, and that is why BRC requested that \$4,000 of their budget remain toward fellowships and \$6,000 for paying student workers. BRC wants to create a program where Black CSUDH Alumni can return to the school and speak with current students about their achievements. As one of the most diverse California State Universities with one of the largest black student bodies, it is beneficial that students can use them as inspiration.

VIII. New Business

A. The Entrepreneur Society Funding Request – Discussion / Action Item

The Commission will discuss and consider funding for The Entrepreneur Society equipment funding request.

The Entrepreneur Society is requesting funds to purchase a Fabrication Machine. The machine is called a "Xtool M1 Ultra Ultimate Craft Bundle, which is a 5-in-1 Multitool that can assist with making personalized products. The machine will not be limited to only members of the Entrepreneur society but to any up-and-coming clubs that would like personalized materials for their clubs.

*M/Mejia-Alezano, S/Gonzalez to approve \$2,580. 99 for the Entrepreneur Society Funding Request. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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- IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.
Martinez noted that the Athletic Department will present their budget at the April 25, 2025, meeting.

- X. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.