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Minutes
Finance Commission
Friday, May 9, 2025, 12:30 PM
Loker Student Union (LSU) 113

- I. Called to order at 12:34 p.m. by Jhanelle Martinez, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Efrain Contreras, Marcelo Cowo, Michelle Gonzalez
Voting Members Absent:
Advisors Present: Michellena Lakey, Christopher Ashley, Ryan Heredia
Advisors Absent: Rasheeda Shakoor, Adrian Witt
Visitors Present: Alani Alexander, Kyrsten Tyler, Scarlett Graves, Elliot Gonzalez
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Cowo, S/Contreras to amend the agenda of May 9, 2025 under Program Partnership Request to include Item B as an Action Item.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (April 25, 2025) – Action Item
*M/Contreras, S/Gonzalez to approve the minutes for April 25, 2025.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
The athletics department and the CIC's have used all the funds in their budget. According to next year's budget projection, Shakoor noted it does not look like we will have to take much out of our reserves.
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission on specific agenda items only. None
- VII. Unfinished Business
A. Administrative Budget – Discussion/Action Item the
Commission will continue discussing the ASI Administrative Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

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Martinez went over the student headcount 13,700. Shakoor noted that the university is predicting to remain level, considering last year the enrollment numbers were nearing 14,242. The travel expenses have decreased significantly in regards to the number of attendees attending CHESS. There will now be only four members going to the event. This is because there has been an increase in transportation prices, hotel prices, and more. Cowo suggested that only four people should go to CSUnity and all the Board of Directors (BOD) members attend CHESS events. Shakoor reminded the commission that CS Unity is meant for the Board of Directors to connect with other campuses, and if they feel they're not gaining much from that experience the commission can make a few changes. The current ASI President requested \$500 for the Executive Board to as spending dollars. BOD Development are ASI provided funds which are to support the leadership and professional staff development. This is typically where money for January, Transition, and Summer Retreat. Student Fellowships total for this upcoming fiscal year is \$102,100 whereas last year it was \$97,000.

*M/Contreras, S/Cowo approved the ASI Administrative Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

B. Program Partnership Request Policy – Discussion Item

The Finance Commission will discuss changes to the Program Partnership Request Policy and Form.

Ashley noted that during the Organization meeting the clubs had a difficult time differentiating the difference between the Student Activities section versus the Organization Commission section. He suggests possibly separating the sections more clearly on the Partnership Request Policy & Guidelines forms. Lakey believes that by separating them on forms, students may not know that Student Activity funds are also available to them. Mejia-Alezano believes that we should bold the difference between student activities and Clubs/organizations. He also believes that instead of listening to the differences and rules, we should put them separate so students can view the differences.

*M/Contreras, S/Cowo to approve the Program Policy Request Policy & Form with the changes of bolding some of the language and making it a side-by-side grid.

C. Third Quarter Financial Reports – Discussion Item

The Commission will receive a presentation on the Organization's Financial position at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year 2024-2025.

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VIII. New Business – None

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Shakoor expressed that during the last Organization Commission meeting, the Clubs/Orgs voted on possibly increasing the club fund requesting amount.

The clubs wanted to have more funds for student registration fees.

The max is going to be \$450 for registration and the other \$500 will be for program requests. The Commission decided to change the Clubs request amount from \$500 to \$960.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

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