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Minutes
Student Activities Commission
Friday, January 23, 2026, 2:30 – 3:30 PM
ASI Guy Witherspoon Jr. Conference Room LSU 231B

- I. Call to Order at 2:30 p.m. by Arwin Ordonez, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Member Present: Kathryn Santos and Dylan Ponce
Voting Member Absent: Kyrsten Tyler
Advisors: Dr. Sean, Imari Taylor, Morelia Patino, and Jessica Rodriguez
Visitor: Janneane Rosales, and Alyeska Gutierrez Estrada
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Mendoza, S/Santos to approve the agenda for January 23, 2026.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (December 12, 2025) – Action Item
*M/Santos, S/Mendoza to approve the minutes for December 12, 2025.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Student Activities Chairperson – Ordonez wants to inform the commission that they have a remaining budget of \$2050.
- 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 – None.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Women's Resource Center – Discussion /Action Item
The Commission will discuss and consider funding for the Women's Resource Center.
They are requesting \$1000 to purchase refreshments and marketing materials for their annual Women's Resource Center Conference. They elaborate on the WRC's mission and how this conference they host aligns with their mission: social justice and gender equity. WRC has hosted this conference annually since 2014, except for 2020. They strive to bring a keynote speaker, offer a

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variety of workshops, and promote networking. For this year's conference, they were able to secure their keynote speaker via connections they have with the QCRC and were able to get funding from the other CICs. The goal of this conference is to tie in accountability, education, and leadership development with the current events impacting the community. This conference is open to all students and the local community, and the funding will help them encourage networking and to market their conference. They anticipate using \$500 for refreshments and \$500 for marketing. Santos asked about their metrics and the expectations for attendance. They responded by saying that last year was rough due to the contract coming in late- their attendance was just 100. This year, they are doing everything early to prevent this conflict, and they are expecting 200 people. Rodriguez noted that the WRC had over 4000 students involved last year, according to student data from DH. WRC also responded to the commission's concern that people just go to get food, and they said that food would be promoted as an afterthought.

Ordonez asked what their plan of action is if they don't get approved for this budget, and WRC expressed that this conference would happen regardless. Ponce asked about their catering exemption, and WRC responded that they hope to use outside vendors to stay within budget. WRC clarified that their refreshment budget was based on last year's Aramark order. One requirement for securing funding from ASI via this commission is a deposit for this event from the state budget; however, CICs are sponsoring this conference using their ASI funding, which raises liability issues and additional questions about marketing efforts. Patino clarified that this is not double-dipping, even though they are using ASI funds, since they haven't requested funding for this event from another ASI commission. Rodriguez from LEAD offered tablecloths if needed for the conference, and Patino noted that Burke, Marketing Coordinator, could also help with their marketing efforts to ensure the success of this conference. Ordonez recommended that WRC take advantage of IRA funds to help prepare for the next WRC conference.

*M/Mendoza, S/ Santos to approve \$250 for their WRC Women's Conference and **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Commission.

Ordonez updates the commission that they have a remaining budget of \$1800. Castaneda-Patino informs the commission that Taylor will take on the role of advisor and that, moving forward, any questions related to Clubs/Orgs should be directed to her, as well as forms.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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