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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, February 27, 2026, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Loker University Student Union Room 113

- I. Called to order at 9:43 a.m. Kyrsten Tyler, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Elliot Gonzalez, Chasity Cowan, and Edgar Mejia-Alezano (Came at 11:00 a.m.)
Voting Members Absent: Aaditya Kapadia
Advisors Present: Morelia Castaneda-Patino (via Zoom), Michellena Lakey, and Rasheedah Shakoor
Advisors Absent: Ryan Heredia
Visitors: Janneane Rosales, Shamshad Elimu, Alyeska Gutierrez, Nathan Nyugen, Eryn Jones, Edwin Bodney, Koatzin Mamil Cruz, Coach Cece, Arlin Gonzales, and Brett Waterfield.
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/ Gonzales, S/ Cowan to approve the agenda for February 27, 2027.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 13, 2026) – Action Item
*M/ Gonzales, S/ Cowan to table the minutes for February 13, 2026.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports. None
- VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only
Time for members of the audience to address the Board on specific agenda items only. None.
- VII. Unfinished Business
A. Administrative Budget– Discussion Item
The Commission will review the ASI Administrative Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

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Athletics acknowledges that the scholarship provided by ASI benefits student-athletes. They state that ASI's scholarship funding helps bridge funding gaps and ensures student-athletes are well cared for. They shared data on the scholarships that men's and women's athletes receive for their respective sports. Lakey asked if the women's basketball team is fully funded and if the women's soccer team is partially funded. They haven't figured out the percentage, but in women's soccer, some teams are fully funded, while others are partially funded. They also explained that more funds are allocated to men's basketball because it is their most popular sport. Athletics explained the importance of student athletes, who reflect the students of CSUDH, and it provides them with an opportunity to attend college and gain transferable skills for their future careers. They shared documentation showing the accomplishments of student athletes. They have 240 student athletes, but the number fluctuates. Shakoor asked Athletics to meet so they can discuss ongoing efforts to reduce the funding ASI provides, as this is a significant part of ASI's budget: 20% of ASI's budget goes to Athletics. Lakey noted that ASI needs to support its bills, and the university told them they would support athletics, since declining numbers have forced ASI to use its reserves to stay afloat. Shakoor explained that we can develop a plan as a campus, since student-athletes pay for their own scholarships and ASI is funded by student fees. She reiterates that ASI wants to help, and this could translate into providing 5-10 full-ride scholarships. Tyler invited them back to ask further questions and to learn how to support athletics. Athletics' projected scholarship budget request for the 2027 academic year is a total of \$917,000, the Fall 2026 budget is \$475,000, and the Spring 2027 budget is \$475,000

APCC was established in 2021. Its mission is to increase visibility for students involved with APCC. Recently, they launched a new program to connect students with faculty, including monthly events with API men and women to discuss issues, as well as international student support to share experiences in America and foster community and friendship. The proposed budget is \$15,000, allocated across events, supplies and services, and dues and subscriptions. They collected institutional data showing the Asian student population, API students who graduate, and other metrics indicating they serve 418 students. They also introduced a bi-weekly staff therapist-led happy hour, monthly men and women-focused groups, an international social hour, and cultural events like Diwali, Lunar New Year, and Night Market. Tyler emphasized the importance of exploring different cultures, noting her participation in the previous API Night Market to better understand what CSUDH is about.

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La Casita shares their metrics for the 2024-2025 academic year; they recorded a total check-in of 6016 and 665 unique visitors. La Casita takes pride in being a safe space for students and explained that participation this year is low because Torolink did not work. To ensure they collected all their data, they used both Qualtrics and Torolink. The proposed budget is \$15,000 to cover dues and subscriptions, supplies and services, events, and student salaries. Tyler shared that he felt welcome at one of their events, even though he doesn't identify with the culture. Lakey mentioned that it's nice to see the Central American movement because some students have expressed feeling overlooked and underrepresented. They plan to add an artwork piece from Haiti to make La Casita more affirming and welcoming. Castaneda-Patino asked if the salaries are fellowships or regular salaries, since the stateside would bill ASI at the end of the year. Castaneda-Patino asked to be included in the planning process when La Casita partners with other CICs, since these collaborations can complicate backend work. La Casita agreed to involve her in the process.

IJC's ASI funding requests amount to \$15,000 to support their programming, events, supplies, services, and subscriptions. They provide statistics about CSUDH students and explain how efforts against the immigrant community are impacting the CSUDH community. They have a fellowship funded by ASI to cover employment for individuals regardless of their documented status and to support their peers. CIC would decide who needs the fellowship; both APCC and QCRC have access to it. IJC is doubtful if they will receive additional funding for these established fellowships. They present this fellowship as a joint initiative of CIC and ASI. They will update ASI once they know who CIC will allocate the fellowship to. Castaneda-Patino asked how the decision is made on which CIC receives the fellowship and if student perspectives are considered. They said decisions are made informally by assessing each center's capacity. They noted that since IJC received additional funding this year, the funds were allocated to QCRC, and this was announced via social media and flyers. There is no student input in this decision, but they are open to suggestions. Mejia-Alezano asked for transparent disclosure that ASI is supporting the fellowship and funding, as there is a misconception that CICs face budget cuts. He emphasized the need for partnership and more advertising.

QCRC presents to their visitors, for 2024-2025, they had a total of 2,045 visitors and 252 unique visitors. They attribute low enrollment to that state of the world. They also partner with local community partners for additional strategies and note how ASI continues to finance many of their events. They

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used the fellowship that the CIC put together for their student fellowship and student salaries. Their budget is \$15,000, covering their program & activities, supplies & services, and gender-affirming care. They elaborated that, for gender-affirming care services, this would entail providing students with binders, chest tape, and care referrals. Castaneda-Patino also mentioned wanting to be in the loop when they partner with other CICs, so they can guide those partnerships.

WRC is one of the older centers on campus dedicated to promoting feminism and gender equity, focusing on issues affecting women. WRC provides a safe space and offers support through coaching to help develop action plans. They emphasize community building and adjust when an event is not successful. They used ASI funds to pay their interns after work-study funds ran out. Their proposed budget is \$15,000, itemized for special events, student assistants (peer leaders or interns), supplies, and dues & subscriptions. Castaneda-Patino requested that the ASI logo be included on any ASI-funded programming to show collaboration.

BRC provided a brief history of how ASI student leaders began collaborating with them. They have partnered with other centers to create the Black Tea fellowship and have experienced the most growth among nonbinary Black students in their space. The fellowship has made the biggest impact by listening to its students and making its environment more inclusive. Their budget proposal is \$15,000, which would cover materials, conference fees, and student development. They plan to host a conference at CSUDH to showcase student opportunities and demonstrate that CSUDH is a Black-serving institution. They also explained how they support student athletes by helping them attend the Pivot Symposium. When partnering with other CICs, they will include Castaneda-Patino. Castaneda-Patino asked whether their budget includes assistance for BSU to cover conference fees, as they have helped them attend conferences previously. BRC supports that conference and is working to secure funding from stateside to ensure their students can attend. This funding should come from the student affairs department.

For all the CICs, Castaneda-Patino stated that changes to the hospitality policy could affect their supplies and services line item and might mean that office supplies cannot be purchased with ASI funds. She informed all the CICs about this change.

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- B. Review of Referendum Entities Budget Proposals – Discussion Item
The Commission will review and discuss budget proposals from ASI Referendum Entities.
This will be reviewed in the next Finance Meeting.

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item
Time for members of the audience to address the Commission. None.

X. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.