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Minutes

Finance Commission

Friday, March 27, 2026, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Guy J. Witherspoon Conference Room (LSU 231B)

- I. Called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Kyrsten Tyler, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Kyrsten Tyler, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Chasity Cowan, and Elliot Gonzales
Voting Member Absent: Aaditya Kapadia
Advisor Present: Morelia Castaneda-Patino
Advisors Absent: Adrian Witt, Ryan Heredia, Rasheedah Shakoor, and Michellena Lakey
Visitor: Janneane Rosales, Imari Tyler, Emma Burke, Mercy Calvo-Cruz, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Cowan, S/Gonzales to approve the agenda of March 27, 2025, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 27 & March 13, 2026) – Action Item
*M/Cowan, S/Gonzales to approve the minutes of February 27, 2025, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

*M/Gonzales, S/Mejia-Alezano to approve the minutes of February 27, 2025, as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
- V. Reports
ASI Vice President of Finance – Tyler reminded the committee that they only have this, and the April 10th meeting left to decide on their budget. They need to be punctual to get approved by the university.
- 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

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The Commission will review the ASI Administrative Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The Toro Tuesday Budget covers marketing and promotional materials, as well as scholarships for Toro Tuesday winners. Calvo-Cruz requested adding a dining hall scholarship and increasing their KDHR budget by \$1,000 to update equipment and soundproof the room, enhancing the services they offer. They are also asking for a larger budget for Spring Fling, currently \$25,000. It was explained that they managed with this amount due to the ASI President's fundraising efforts, but this is his last term. For co-programming, Calvo-Cruz mentioned that the \$1,700 food and refreshments budget hasn't been used, but LEAD plans to bring back Welcome Week. BOD programming funds are for Legislative Affairs and the Election Commission. Burke noted there might be some flexibility in the Election Commission funds if Qualtrics is used for Elections next year. The line item "big pulse" was updated to "Online Voting Platform," as they plan to explore campus options for voting. The PR budget now includes branding, social media campaigns, ASI BOD & student staff gear, promotional items, and ASI services. The ASI services budget was increased to cover scantrons and bluebooks due to higher demand. Tyler asked how Spring Fling might look if it couldn't be increased to \$30,000. Calvo-Cruz responded that it depends on the next ASI president, as she will become more experienced in collaborating and reaching out to community partners. Burke added that Spring Fling is always evolving and that ASI will decide what it becomes. Calvo-Cruz said the next Board should be informed at the transitional meeting, since \$30,000 provides relief but won't cover what Spring Fling once was. Tyler inquired about this year's Spring Fling cost; Calvo-Cruz estimated \$46,000. Tyler asked whether upgrading KDHR equipment was essential, and Calvo-Cruz explained that not upgrading limits KDHR's service quality and scope, affecting students' career exploration and preparation. Gonzales suggested raising the budget by more than \$1,000 because equipment costs are high. Calvo-Cruz said she will gradually build equipment over time by seeking donations from media sources. Burke mentioned that KDHR could generate revenue through equipment rentals and support for large events. Gonzales wondered if they could cut the branding or gear budget to fund equipment. Castaneda-Patino said it was reduced last year since BOD gear mainly came from the ASI president's fundraising. Burke added that BOD gear costs around \$2,000 and includes items for student staff, emphasizing their expense. Tyler asked about the source of funds for business cards, and Burke explained they fall under branding and are purchased from campus printing. Tyler suggested using reusable tap cards with contact info, as cards tend to run out quickly. Burke liked this idea and will explore chip options, given the unpredictability of card usage. Tyler emphasized that Spring Fling remains a top priority because it benefits DH and the community, promotes DH,

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and should maintain a similar experience without overly relying on fundraising. Castaneda-Patino clarified that any funds exceeding ASI revenue would be drawn from reserves. The KDHR equipment budget will increase by \$2,000, and Spring Fling by \$30,000. The co-programming budget will stay the same, assuming LEAD restores Welcome Week to cover this. Funding for Student Activities and Organizations is to remain unchanged. Castaneda-Patino noted that funds in the closed account should be separated. BOD programming will stay the same. She mentioned the fellowship calculation is based on tuition costs. Gonzales suggested bringing this item to the next meeting with more advisors and voting members present. Tyler pointed out that increasing the fellowship budget would use reserves, and Cowan added that it might shift the role from volunteer to paid position. Castaneda-Patino noted that this institution is one of the few CSUs that considers this a fellowship rather than a scholarship and advised caution about increasing it. The fellowship amount will stay the same, with volunteer expectations clearly communicated. Mejia-Alezano recommended moving BOD gear funds to the executive team, leaving future decisions to the next ASI President. Cowan proposed halving the budget, since the incoming president's approach to fundraising is uncertain. Mejia-Alezano preferred to leave gear purchases to the executive team, avoiding the need for marketing's approval. Castaneda-Patino said that BOD gear is purchased by the Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator regardless of budget categories. Mejia-Alezano pointed out that the department is in a deficit and should limit gear to the BOD, not all staff. Castaneda-Patino advised communicating with professional staff to prevent misunderstandings. Next, they will discuss travel, supplies, benefits, and liability (VEBA trust).

VIII. New Business - None

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

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

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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