Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 25, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:13 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Daisy Maxion, Kabir Dhillon, Melissa Baron, Siddharth Valecha, Martin Castillo

Late: Riley Miller, Bronte Kuehnis

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of September 25, 2019 by K. Dhillon, second by S. Valecha, motion PASSED.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of September 11, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2019 by S. Valecha, second by K. Dhillon, motion PASSED.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the board on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay. No Public Comment.

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No Unfinished Items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Information Item: Bylaws Timeline

The Executive Director will provide information on the Bylaws Timeline in regards to the changes.
E. Pinlac states that the Board approved the Bylaws at the last Board meeting. Right after the meeting, I had a meeting with the other Board of Directors and I need to send a copy of the Bylaws to the Legal Counsel for review. I do not know how long it will take, but I ask for a timeline of how long it will take. One of the issues we are facing with trying to get students to vote on this is that there is no current voting system. Previously, it was done on Bay Sync and as of now I have to reach out to two companies that ASI used for the elections. It will take awhile for it to be implemented here because it requires all student emails, which could be challenging. E. Pinlac proposes to do this the same time we do our main elections, which is in the spring. The down side is that the changes will not go into effect until the next calendar year. If we did it this term, the election would go into the new Bylaws. E. Pinlac says the last time he did it, it took three months of work. D. Maxion asks when the Bylaws go into voting, what does that look like. E. Pinlac replies that they would need five hundred signatures and after there are ninety days to run an election. On the ballot, we separate out the different sections, so if there is something on positional changes, we will separate them out. In 2015, it was broken out so that students had a choice on what they wanted to vote yes on. M. Castillo states that he had a conference call with Jake Hornsby, the CIO and we asked him to reinstate the old Bay Sync for this year, while they try to make the new one work. I was texting Kenrick Ali to see if we have any updates, but that might be a possibility.

E. Pinlac asks if anyone has any concerns or prefer one way over another. K. Dhillon says that if we can do it this semester, I say do it. It would be nice to have those changes be put into effect sooner, rather than later. E. Pinlac states that if we get Bay Sync back, we can do it this year, but will need help from the Board to collect five hundred signatures from students to get on the ballot. As I get updates from Kenrick Ali, then we can figure out what we can do. If we wait until next semester, I would wait until the beginning to table and get the signatures. We want to get students when they are engaged with tabling. The problem now is that we are getting close to midterms and students are not as engaged when there is tabling. K. Dhillon asks that with getting signatures, is there a specific format, such as name, net id, and signature, or is there a way to make sure it is authentic.

E. Pinlac states that it will be name, net id, and signature. Before, we had someone transcribe the list and send it to the University to verify they are all students. I usually aim for more that five hundred signatures.

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B. Discussion Item: **Sustainability Resolution**
The Executive Committee and Director of Sustainability will discuss potential advancements towards a Support of Supplying a Majority of CSUEB Electricity using Solar Energy. **O. Shakoor** states that he recently met with Jillian Buckholz at the beginning of the month. It was brought to my attention that all the signatures were received for this resolution and it was under the impression that it was passed by the Board last year. Coming to find out that it was not. I wanted everyone to take a look at the resolution and make sure that everyone agrees with everything that is currently happening. Cal State East Bay is committed to being carbon-intro by 2040, so if we do pass this bill, we can insist on getting solar panels since we have an open parking lot. It also increases sustainable energy on campus. We were recently rated by ASHY, the sustainability rating for schools, with a bronze star, which is the lowest star we can get. When you look at our energy operations, we are 2.38 out of 10. I want this resolution to increase our energy score and to maintain the sustainability score that East Bay has aimed for. **E. Pinlac** agrees that it is a great idea, particularly adding more solar panels. When I was a part of the Climate Action Planning Committee, our goal by 2040 was to be carbon neutral. We have not made moves to purchase solar as we should. **O. Shakoor** adds that elementary schools have solar panels on their campus and it questions why East Bay does not have any. I am excited to move forward with this item. I will be speaking with the President and the Sustainability Committee will be mentioning the solar panels to the President as well, and he may be more open to the idea.

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C. Information Item: **Budget Update**
The Vice President of Finance will be presenting a budget update to the Executive Committee. **M. Baron** states there is no budget update because she was not able to give out any funds. The amount we have is still at $70,000. **M. Baron** adds that today was the first day that a request was approved and there were a few from the new Bay Sync. **E. Pinlac** states that the full budget has been signed by President Morishita and will be uploaded in the next couple of days. **M. Baron** asks will the ASI budget reflect the tuition increase. **E. Pinlac** says that they would have to check with accounting finance if there are changes and there may be an increase for spring semester.

14:15
D. Discussion Item: **Resolution in Support for HR 4225**
The Executive Committee and Director of Legislative Affairs will be discussing the resolution in support of HR 4225.

E. **Maxion** says that HR 4225 is a bill that was introduced by Senator Mark DeSaulnier in support of Isabel Bueso. The good news is the policy has been reversed, but we wanted a resolution that would stay for historic reasons and for support for those who would be affected by it. **E. Pinlac** asked if they discuss the issues that Isabel was facing. **D. Maxion** asks if Y. Ortega-Huerta would like to give context of what was going on with Isabel Bueso. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states that Isabel was a student at Cal State East Bay. I had the privilege to work with her in 2017-2018. She was the Director for Concord and she worked to make our initiatives happen. She graduated last year and she got a letter from CIS stating that she needs to leave in 33 days. She was not allowed to renew her medical visa. **D. Maxion** states that the bill mentions her specifically and that Yajaira and I were thinking about implementing this as a resolution because it not only supports CSUEB students, but also supports others who were affected by it. There was a rally to bring attention to this matter by CSUEB students and faculty members. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** adds that it is critical and important to bring awareness to these issues and to support East Bay Alumni. **E. Pinlac** asks if the bill is still active. **E. Pinlac** recognizes that it is still active. **D. Maxion** says that her and Yajaira are doing research and gathering anything to add onto the resolution.

If you would like to help, schedule a meeting with Yajaira and I. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** says they would like to include everyone.

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F. Discussion Item: **Safety Resolution**
The Executive Committee will discuss the resolution that was passed at the end of last year in regards to campus safety.

**D. Cuevas** states that this started off as an idea with the Kabir. Majority of the interns lived in the dorms. We worked on it and got cast to last year’s Board. I expected something to be done within the first weeks of school and it has not been done. The 2019 Annual Security Report with the Police Department was released and numbers increased, especially with rape in the dorms, stalking, gang violence, domestic violence, and alcohol and drugs. Car break-ins have increased in the dorms and there was a stabbing by University Village a week ago. **D. Cuevas** also adds that safety walks, which is included in the Resolution would be great
to do. M. Castillo adds that safety walks have been done in the past and ASI sets a date, usually in the evening. It is a matter of asking and this is a reminder of something that we want to do. D. Cuevas says that she has been talking to Ashley, who is the Senator of Residence Life about ways to get longer bay card access to certain buildings. E. Pinlac states that they would need a signed copy to web develop, since it is not on the website. K. Dhillon says that it was sent, but has not been published and they should check in with Sneh Sharma. E. Pinlac says that they should start with safety walks and could bring this discussion up during the meeting with the President. D. Cuevas noticed that it is mentioned that there were events sponsored by ASI that had a good impact. M. Baron asks if the lights used for daylight savings can be used all year. S. Valecha asks if there is safety training. D. Cuevas says that safety training needs to be requested and there is limited space for certain trainings. S. Valecha proposes spreading awareness and having workshops could help with engagement and it can start from housing. Senator of Residence Life can promote it. D. Cuevas says that Ashley Depappa mentioned that the Resident Assistants focused on safety procedures. S. Valecha says that they can partner with the It’s on Us campaign. E. Pinlac states that some of the numbers have decreased, such as alcohol and marijuana and for the burglaries, there are no plans for that. It would be best to have the Senate Committee focus on that. M. Castillo states that in housing, the RAs do a program to prevent burglaries. E. Pinlac says that a collaboration with UPD and the parking attendants would be a good idea, since they are there all day. B. Kuehnis asks why there was a decrease in the amount of alcohol and drugs. M. Castillo says that now housing is only counting drinking if it is in public areas. D. Cuevas says that UPD is supposed to inform students during move in week of the emergency exits and they should check in with that. D. Maxion suggests to follow up on safety walks and assuming that the biggest partners in this are Senator of Residence Life, Ashley Depappa and Commuter Students. E. Pinlac adds that an action can be made so it is finalized. K. Dhillon states that it can be done later.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No Special Reports

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS
D. Maxion shouts out Bronte, Yajaira, and herself and Pam for the event yesterday.
S. Valecha shouts out Omer for the sustainability idea. There is a Senate Retreat this Friday from 3-5pm.
K. Dhillon shouts out Dessiree Cuevas for bringing back the safety resolution.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 12:48 PM

Minutes Reviewed By:
President/CEO & Chair
Name: Daisy Maxion

Minutes Approved On:
10-9-19
Date: