Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:03 PM**

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Nolan Calara, Kushal Sheshadri, Sai Charan Attili, Erick Loredo, Carlos Martinez Aguilera, Danny Lopez, London Deguzman, Guadalupe Felix, Saira Garcia, Hailey Corum, Sharn Basi, Tanya Gupta, Teresa Perez-Reyes, Elijah Quineri, Charan Reddy Doolam, Martin Castillo, Loren Smith, Steve Spencer, Stephanie Ann Lustina, Christina Chin-Newman

Absent: James Carroll

III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to amend the agenda to add updates with President Sandeen under Special Reports by **N. Calara**, seconded by **K. Sheshadri**, motion **CARRIED**.
Motion to postpone Academic Senate Reports to the next Board of Directors Meeting by **E. Quineri**, seconded by **H. Corum**, motion **CARRIED.**
Motion to postpone all Discussion Items and discuss Special Reports once President Sandeen arrives by **N. Calara,** seconded by **E. Loredo**, motion **CARRIED**.
Motion to approve the agenda of October 18th, 2023, by **N. Calara,** seconded by **E. Loredo,** motion **CARRIED.**

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of October 4th, 2023**

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 4th, 2023, by **H. Corum**, seconded by **C. Attili,** motion **CARRIED**.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**

A. Hansen introduces herself as a Health Education Assistant with student well-being services at Cal State East Bay. She discusses updates on the student workforce on campus as it has just received its rights to have a Union Election. The decision was made by the California Labor Board on September 27. Students who work for the University have a chance to fill out a survey that would state what their priorities are for the Student Union Workers. This would help them in the organization and collection of the voices of the students.
H. Corum asks where they can find the survey.

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A. Hansen clarifies that the survey is online and there is a QR code she can provide once communicated with her. There is also a general link that she can forward to a board member after the meeting.
N. Calara states that she can give it to the ASI Chair**, D. Lopez.**
C. Martinez-Aguilera asks what are some ways ASI can contribute to making sure students are aware?
A. Hansen states that ASI has a lot of social capital which would help them gather responses and engagement from students. Social media platforms such as Instagram were given as an example. It is up to the Board of Directors on how they will be able to gather student engagement and participation.
R. Anderson asks where the Board of Directors Meeting being held.
N. Calara states that usual meetings are on the third floor of the Old Union and are usually posted on the ASI website. The Board Chair also tries to promote and be transparent about the meetings. Students can also ask the front desk for information about the meetings.
R. Anderson asks what they can do to improve on this, as well as where ASI's stand on the 30% cut of courses.
K. Sheshadri states that this is something they have not discussed yet collectively as a Board of Directors.
D. Lopez states that the decision was made publicly the day before the board meeting happened, thus it was not included in the agenda. However, it will be included in the next Board of Directors Meeting.
H. Corum clarifies that all Board of Directors Meeting information can be found in the ASI website. She directs on how students can navigate through the ASI website.
E. Quineri states with the 30% cut of courses, the courses offered that are prioritized are important classes for graduating students.
D. Chen states that in the previous semester, a traffic light broke down due to an accident and was not fixed or addressed in a timely manner for the safety of the students. In the same way, WIFI on campus has been down the past few weeks and could have been addressed faster since WIFI is essential for students on campus. Lastly, he stated that freshmen dorms are a lot cleaner, nicer, and newer relative to other dorms. He states that it seems as if the freshmen dorms entice students to dorm over the semester but once they get to their following years, they get a lot more older dorms.
L. Smith states that the timeliness of the pedestrians and the traffic lights are out of ASI's control because this responsibility falls under Alameda County. The WIFI issue on campus may be due to the geographics of the campus being on a hill. When WIFI issues occur, tickets should be issued immediately so that the IT department is notified of the concerns and specifics of the issue. Lastly, she talked about how housing dorms were built at different times; therefore, amenities were built

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differently between housing dorms. Older students are put into buildings that are built differently than the current ones considering that they would be more responsible and be able to handle those amenities.
D. Chen asks for clarification on what a ticket is.
L. Smith states that they were pertaining to maintenance tickets. The link to the app for the tickets was sent through the chat to pass it over to everyone.
S. Basi stated that in the past, the library provided hotspots for students to use.
D. Lopez stated that the library doesn't do it anymore.
H. Corum asks if there are any alternatives to the link, since if there is no WIFI they could not access the link.
L. Smith states this is out of their department and the instructions they received was to pass down information to students. She suggested finding spots on campus with better WIFI to submit a ticket since the only option to submit a ticket is online. They will be informing the housing department of the issues that were brought up.
M. Castillo states that the Residence Hall Association is also an opportunity for students to bring up their housing issues or concerns. RA's can report these issues and concerns on housing.
D. Chen states that housing doesn't give enough support, such as the traffic light incident that took a while to fix it.
N. Calara reiterates that the Residence Hall Association is another option for them to raise concerns and issues to get attended to.
M. Castillo states that in the next Board of Directors Meeting, we could invite the Provost and the Housing Director to give updates on the classes that are being cut in the Spring, as well as any housing updates.

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VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM: **Philippine Human Rights Act Resolution**

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Philippine Human Rights Act Resolution.

Motion to approve Philippine Human Rights Act Resolution by **N. Calara**, seconded by **K. Sheshadri,** motion **CARRIED**.

D. Lopez states they have provided all the documents related to the Philippine Human Rights Act Resolution.

Motion to approve Philippine Human Rights Act Resolution by **15 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM: **Volleyball Event with UPD**

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the Volleyball Event with UPD.
L. Deguzman discusses the Volleyball Event with UPD wherein students are able to engage with the Board of Directions.
N. Calara states that if we get these departments involved more with ASI in the future that would be great.
C. Martinez-Aguilera asks if they are planning on doing giveaways or incentives for them to show up to the events.
L. Deguzman states that they intended to have some giveaways, but due to time constraints, it doesn't seem possible. But they are open to suggestions.
D. Lopez states to talk to him regarding giveaway or gift basket.
H. Corum asks if the clean-up time is from 1 PM to 2 PM.
L. Deguzman confirms that 12 PM to 1 PM is the event and 1 PM to 2PM is the clean-up time.
G. Felix clarifies on what the possible dates are for the event.
L. Deguzman states it will possibly be on November 9 or November 13.
N. Calara states that as Director of Programming, there are non-food budget and food budget allocated for this position. Giveaways can fall under the non-food budget. However, buying the incentives may take a month to get the materials.
C. Martinez-Aguilera states that there are some materials in the office which he can use as incentives or giveaways for the event.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM: **ASI x APISSC Boba**

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the ASI x APISSC Boba.
L. Deguzman discusses the ASI x APISSC Boba on November 7 from 12 PM to 2 PM, held at the API center. This gives an opportunity for students to learn more about the Center and this event serves as an outreach program.
D. Lopez asks if ASI and APISSC will be selling the boba to students.
L. Deguzman states that boba will be free.
G. Felix suggests they should make stickers for the event.
L. Deguzman states they don't have enough time, but this is a great idea for future events.

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N. Calara states 30 boba wouldn't be enough; if it is possible, reach out to Gong Cha to collaborate with ASI to increase the number of boba drinks.
E. Quineri asks if it is possible to have a boba bar instead of having it pre-packaged.
T. Perez-Reyes states that she was also stating the same, as it would make the cost cheaper and serve more students since we're buying in bulk.
L. Deguzman states these are good suggestions and recommendations for the event.

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C. DISCUSSION ITEM: P For Pizza
The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the P For Pizza.
S. Garcia discusses P for Pizza is on November 7, from 12 PM to 2:30 PM. Set up will start from 11:30 AM to 12 PM and clean up time will be 2:30 PM to 3PM. The location will be outside the clinic due to biohazard reasons of having onsite STI testing. Free pizza will be given out during the event while students can go around the tables.
G. Felix states that two events are happening on November 7, thus, the Board of Directors must split up to equally support both events.
N. Calara proposes to work together on either finding non-conflicting dates between two events or have a big collaboration event.
D. Lopez states it is possible for these events to collaborate with each other as events both involve food and the other event is a come-and-go event, while also being considerate of the other department's opinions and availability on the details of the event.
G. Felix states that they should work out the times since they both have laid out the itinerary and details of the event.

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D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: **ASI Tabling Gift Baskets**
The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the ASI Tabling Gift Baskets.
D. Lopez discusses the ASI Tabling Gift Baskets in which competitions, raffle, and informational activities promote student engagement while tabling for ASI.
N. Calara states that the Wednesdays when they do not have a Board of Directors Meeting, they can table for ASI to present more opportunities for students to meet ASI Board Members.
G. Felix asks for more information on what ASI can provide as a giveaway or prize for this event.
N. Calara states that game tickets are expensive. Alternatives such as personalized gift baskets are in discussion among some of the Board Members.

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S. Garcia states that the game tickets were brought up because it would entice students to engage and participate, however, due to their expensive prizes it might affect the student's FAFSA.

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E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: **Student Workers Union Campaign**
The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the Student Workers Union Campaign. **Motion** to postpone Informational Item E: Student Workers Union Campaign indefinitely, by **N. Calara**, seconded by **T. Perez-Reyes**, motion CARRIED.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. **CSSA October 7th**
G. Felix discussed the CSSA event that happened on October 7th.
N. Calara elaborated on the schools involved in the CSSA committees.
H. Corum asks for updates about AB 540.
G. Felix states that they do not have enough information on it, but they can ask CSSA on updates regarding that.
N. Calara states that there will be a meeting in which updates on each campus will be discussed in CSSA. Another meeting will be held in three weeks in person at Cal Maritime.

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B. **Presidential Reports**
C. Sandeen states this is her first-time meeting with the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. She asks the Board of Directors to introduce themselves.
The Board of Directors introduces themselves to President Sandeen.
C. Sandeen discusses the tuition increase, which starts in Fall 2024. A FAQ document is currently in progress which will be linked to a video that President Sandeen and **N. Calara** will be working on. Homecoming and Preview Weekend was a success and engagements from alumni and prospective students increased. She then proceeded to discuss updates on the branding and mascot of CSU East Bay. Pioneer had a mixture of positive and negative connotations to the nickname among the students. To some students, it is being a leader of change, and to others, it is associated with colonization. Although CSU East Bay is still going to use the nickname Pioneer, they are still working tightly with the tribal group in regard to releasing the nickname's story and background. On the other hand, they are

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working together with Enrique Simone, the tribal liaison, and an ethnobotanist, on deciding our mascot. They plan on creating a fun symbol that connects CSU East Bay and Pioneer.
N. Calara asks if the students can give submissions on illustrating the mascot.
C. Sandeen states that there are professional companies that could help in that process, but she states that they can also do that. She continues to discuss updates on the fall semester, and the new applied science building. They are currently in the process of coming up with a name for the new applied science building together with the donor.
G. Felix states their point of view on the 30% coursework cut that a previous student has brought up.
C. Sandeen clarifies that the courses discontinued will not be decided on random reduction or adjustment. They will be prioritizing courses that students need based on data. This depends on the supply and demand of the courses offered.
G. Felix asks what percentage of the cut is.
C. Sandeen states that she doesn't know the percentage of the cut since courses that are discontinued depend on the department.
H. Corum asks when they will know the number.
C. Sandeen states when the schedule goes live, they will be able to give a few.
H. Corum asks how often they are updated on the climate action plan.
C. Sandeen states they are updated annually. A new Sustainability Coordinator has been appointed. Many things were interrupted during COVID, but we are committed to continuing the climate action plan.
N. Calara asks about the progress in obtaining the Seal of Excellency.
M. Castillo states that it is a three-person heading, and they have applied for it. If they do not achieve it, they will receive feedback on what they need to change. They are also expanding the group to include more voices to lead them to a better application.
G. Felix asks how many times we have been denied.
M. Castillo states that we have only been denied once.
C. Sandeen states that it is important to keep in contact with the advisors to help students find alternatives when classes and schedules conflict. Another possible way is to opt for an academically valid course substitution. For that to happen, a faculty member should approve that application.
G. Felix states that most of the classes are going online. There are some students who learn better in in-person classes. Is there a reason for courses being taught online?
C. Sandeen states that the last time she looked, it was a 50% online or hybrid, and 50% in-person ratio per department. This decision depends on the department. A suggestion would be that students can come to the core and book a room to attend the online class for

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accountability. She asks Professor Chin-Newman how they ensure students have access to them as an instructor in online courses.
C. Chin-Newman states that offering students a time for them to come to the professors like office hours, signing up for appointments on BayAdvisor, and emailing professors are some ways to ensure connection between faculty and students in online courses. Department chairs may also receive good and constructive feedback on the modality of these courses once students raise their concerns about this issue.
C. Sandeen states that creating a study group cohort, talking to the department chair, and reaching out to your professor are some of the ways in which you could enhance online class experience.
C. Chin-Newman states that you can come to your professor's office hours for almost anything, such as asking for recommendation letters.
C. Sandeen states that a conversation starter with a student's professor would be how they got interested in the field that they are in, and this will get the professor talking.
H. Corum asks for clarity on whether it is the department chair making decisions on the modality of the courses offered. What are the factors that influence the decision?
C. Sandeen states it is largely dependent on the student's demand.
L. Deguzman asks once the courses are discontinued, would professors be laid off.
C. Sandeen states that regular tenure-track professors will be around, however, lecturers who are hired on a course-by-course basis will not get rehired if the course is discontinued.
N. Calara states that the Pastries with the President event will be voted on by the board members at the next Board of Directors Meeting. They will be tabling with President Sandeen on November 16.
C. Sandeen states that she and selected students of the Board Members will be attending the Graduation Initiative 2025 symposium sponsored by the Chancellor's Office.
E. Quineri states that it can be watched through livestream.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

C. Martinez-Aguilera states they are visiting GS classes and sign-up sheets will be posted soon, as well as tabling sign-up sheets. A proposal from SQE was also presented to ASI through the Instagram account regarding a coalition group that they're call the students against tuition hikes.
G. Felix states that the Board of Directors is more than welcome to suggest prospect honorary doctorate receiver.
E. Loredo states that they will create a new GS presentation for the next presentations they have.

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K. Sheshadri reminds the Board of Directors to schedule their interviews for candidates for the committees.
N. Calara states he will be attending the GI 2025 in San Diego from Monday to Tuesday. He will be responsive over email and will try to respond to them as soon as possible.
C. Martinez-Aguilera states that they are in the process of interviewing people for the Mentorship Program and will have the recommended candidates by the next Board of Directors Meeting.
D. Lopez states that there were items that did not make it to the Board of Directors Agenda Meeting because they were sent to them through text or beyond the deadline to submit the items. All discussion items will automatically be an action item on the next Board of Directors Meeting.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **1:31 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:
Chair of the Board
Danny Lopez
Daniel Kristofferson D. Lopez (Nov 1, 2023 20:50 PDT)
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