Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for February 17th, 2012

I. Call to Order: President Prado calls meeting to order at 12:18pm.

II. Roll Call

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III. Action Item - Approval of the Agenda
Motion: (Prado) to approve the Agenda.
Motion Carries.

IV. 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.

V. Action Item – Board Vacancies: Director, Legislative Affairs
Appointment of the Director of Legislative Affairs
President Prado states that the Board is allowing the Executive Committee to move forward with the procedure that fits as far as appointing the Director of Legislative Affairs. I think it is within our authority to do that without the Board, but keep in mind to respect the entire Board. They sought their alliance with this issue. At this point, I will open this up to any discussion about the Board Vacancies preferred methods. We discussed this at another meeting where all members were present and the context of this discussion will be based on what was said at the previous meeting. President Prado asks the committee if they have any ideas of preferred methods or proposals.

VP Caldwell states that at the last meeting there was talk about filling the University Union role with a candidate that we already interviewed in the process for the UU. I’ve already spoken with the runner-up, and she is interested in taking on that role.

ED Saffold states that at the last meeting the Board had proposed moving the current University Union chair into that role of appointing her. I brought up the concern that it is important for that committee to have a chair, and we really need to make sure that we keep that committee chaired because it is a requirement for the bond initiative that’s with the building. That was before Caldwell announced that we would try to back fill from the people that were al-

"Students working for Students!"
ready interviewed for that position. There should not be a lag in having or not having a chair in that space.

VP Caldwell states that that the Board felt that Courtney Symonds has the skills to be the Legislative Affairs chair and we would like to appoint Parris Moore as the director of the University Union.

President Prado asks the committee if they have any strong arguments in favor of taking Frank’s recommendation or ideas on how Courtney and Sita will work together. Hopefully the committee doesn’t dissolve because I know that happened last year. The committee might dissolve if they don’t have the same chair.

ED Saffold states that one of the things that we were debating on at the last meeting was if for some reason we did change the chair, would we leave that chair as parliamentary or would we allow the person that Frank designated, as a person that he suggested to take it over as a current advice chair then move the parliamentary chair into that. We have kept consistency on how this group would be governed; therefore I don’t know how we would feel about that.

VP Laluan states that in his opinion, the proposal of moving Parris Moore into the Union and coordinating to the Legislative Chair would probably be the best option. I brought up the concern at the last meeting about why there hasn’t been meetings scheduled to elect officials or why there hasn’t been an agenda produced. The core components of advocacy and lobbying has been neglected these past two quarters and I don’t think it would be wise to put any impediments in front of a director who already has been able to bring a commitment from an assembly member. She has clearly proven herself.

President Prado states that for the first few meetings she can accustom herself to the committee and build relationships with the committee members in order for the committee to stay intact.

VP Caldwell states that he spoke with Parris Moore on Monday night and she stated that she would be willing to take on the role. Courtney Symonds is also willing to take on the role. We talked about was to try to eliminate all the time that it takes to go through the process. We have interviewed them and we know what they are all about. I was able to share with Parris Moore my thoughts of why she didn’t get picked the first time, and she understood. Her thought process was that we wanted someone to jump into the role and run whatever, was going on instead of coming up with brand new ideas. I understood where she was coming from and I talked to her about it. She is still willing to do it.

President Prado states that it is up to someone to make a motion; I know that Courtney hasn’t officially resigned yet, but I don’t know if her approval would automatically resign her.

ED Saffold states that in his opinion she would resign. She would have to resign in order to accept the proposal. It can be a conditional acceptance in which she resigns her position and appoint Parris Moore. You would motion to move Courtney Symonds into the position of
Legislative Affairs chair on the condition that she resigns, and appoint Parris Moore to that resigned position after the resigned position is accepted by the Board.

Motion: (Laluan) to appoint the Director of the University Union, Courtney Symonds, to the position of the Director of Legislative Affairs on the condition that she resign from her current position, and appoint Parris Moore to fill vacated position of the Director of the University Union in which she was the runner-up.

Hebert states that he is very supportive of the motion, but does not think the title of “runner-up” should be included in that motion.

Motion: (Laluan) to make a friendly amendment to take “runner-up” out of the motion. VP Caldwell clarifies if this will take effect at the next Board meeting. ED Saffold states that it should be in effect right away since Caldwell was given the decision making power by the Board from the last meeting. President Prado states that Parris Moore will be appointed for the position as the Director of the University Union.

Motion Carries as amended.

VI. Roundtable Remarks

Laluan: looking forward to CSSA this weekend. My committee business is still looking at the scholarship policies and trying to make it simpler. I’m looking at maybe inserting a part about including the letters of recommendations to really help the committee figure out who to award and who not to award. I’m pretty much set on eliminating the grant language entirely so that when you are awarded an amount, you wouldn’t have to go back to the External Affairs Committee or report to whomever. The money would just be rewarded. ED Saffold asks if they have looked into changing the amounts to make them smaller so that more can be given out. VP Laluan states that they are going to get rid of a lot of the research awards and really pare things down. We’re trying to make the scholarships more equitable and we’re going to try to find things that cater to all majors. ED Saffold states before you put out a new scholarship policy make sure that it’s approved. I would like to look at it. I let the last one go through without seeing it and after it was enacted, we made some major mistakes. Things like four quarters as opposed to three quarters. We’ve never funded the summer quarter; we’ve only funded fall, winter and spring. We definitely ran into a lot of problems because we didn’t do our due diligence on looking at the policy before it went out last time.

Hebert: I want to repeat the announcement of Derek Aitken as the new University Director of Community and Government Relations. I will make sure that he has an opportunity to come by a Board meeting to meet everybody personally and as soon as possible; the members of Legislative Affairs. He is a former Associate Director and Committee Director of Government Relations at SF State. He knows our current President and he also knows the Bay Area elected scene. I was looking at a note that my CSUEB service is down for the People Soft upgrade and will be back in a new improved and modified form on Monday, February 20th. There is other People Soft administrative systems that are going through their
transition that will also be available as of new Monday and all students are receiving messages about that.

Saffold: I just want to bring to the Board’s attention; I sent you an email that goes over what Concord is looking to do. They are trying to create a lounge area primarily open to student clubs, but other students would be able to swipe in and get a little break. They are looking for some support from ASI to help them with computers, refrigerators, microwaves, and things like that. They’re willing to split the cost for setting that space up and somehow they misperceived that that’s what we’re about to do with the third office space ASI has in the Union; that’s not what we’re doing. We have card locks at Concord so that the Concord would not have to be issued keys. Any Board member who went to the Concord campus would have a space that they could swipe through, go in, and do work so we can do Skype, Face Time, and our committee meetings for the Concord campus committee. It was never so students from the campus to swipe in; it is for the Board to have access to it. There’s some merit in student clubs wanting a space to do some specific things. Please take a look at that and give me your thoughts. If the Board thinks that it’s a good idea; I’m willing to help that piece move forward. We have some controversy within ASI coming out. Just a heads up; the Too Short concert has a debate in my mind as whether or not his recent controversial comments reflect poorly on ASI. It doesn’t reflect poorly on ASI at all. I personally believe that we do let the event happen, but we really should create a dialog around it after the fact to talk about what we are doing in the future as far as what we represent, and what is our real mission, vision, and goals and values. We have Kierra Sheard coming. We’re having a little controversy with that because we contracted two to three songs as a headliner, but because we got her the check late; she booked a later flight that cost more money. She’s now saying that their only going to do one song and our contract says two and we’ve already agreed to give them the check up front. So I have that being reviewed by our lawyer to see what we can or cannot do. The lawsuit for the child development center is well in and with a new team that has filed for an extension. We are going to try to keep it out of the court and since we owe the money we can try to just give them the money and not have to worry about some of the other penalties that they are trying to give us. I received something about CFCS. Either CFCS is suing a parent that used to be in our center or a parent is suing CFCS because they were on the campus, but I’m hoping it has nothing to do with ASI and that we are not also named for some service. I don’t know yet, but I’ll get back to you guys at the next meeting.

Caldwell: I look forward to CSSA this weekend in Chico. This is the first time I have to miss Gospel Fest. I go to that event every year since I’ve been here. I really find it hard to believe that she is going to make a flight to preform one song. In regards to the room at Concord; I’m really interested to see the layout that they are talking about. Meeting with the President; I just wanted to see if we could do that sometime soon or before the quarter ends. For Board training, I’ve been talking with you, Randy, and you stand on the pieces and we can iron out
the last details. I have been working with Sneh to make sure we have a room space available and re-look at our budget to make sure that we’re not going over for food. 

Prado: On Monday I was invited to CFA’s Executive Committee Labor Council meeting. We discussed their logistics taking place on March 5th. They’re taking a bus and they have a time scheduled. We are going to try to mirror the same time schedule as them. We’re working with them to try to get as many students out to the event. They have their own bus and probably next week logistics will work to try and to get one to three buses. They also have a sign-up sheet, and they want some students to be on their bus. If there are more people; students will be able to go on our bus as well in addition to our efforts. Do we still want to take some university administrators with us? ED Saffold states I do think we should seriously consider this being a unified activity. I don’t have any problem with university officials coming with us on our buses. I was saying I didn’t want to pay for the CSA busses. We can extend the invitation and say that we invited students and supportive faculty administrators. President Prado states on Wednesday night we had a speaker from Center of Sport and social justice which is funded by the Kinesiology department. I was a really good event and well-organized. The same professors that organized that event were also at the Labor of Council meeting. They really did fill up the university theater. There were university officials there as well. They were also passing out flyers promoting the March 5th event. That was a great event for talking about the intersection of sports and social justice as well as a good dialogue they have on campus. ED Saffold states that the March 5th documentation has been shared with staff and I would like consideration or permission to close non-essential ASI services so that more staff would be able to join us if they choose to. ED Saffold states that for our Board and Elections Committee applications we need to make sure that we drop in the piece that states what the pay rates are going to be for both domestic and nationals. They will be pre-taxed on their stuff and for nationals it will be up to different percent’s so that there is no question when the get to the elections applications.

VII. Adjournment
Motion: () to adjourn meeting at 12:54pm.
Motion Carries.

Minutes Reviewed by:

Executive Committee Chair
Name: Christopher Prado

Minutes Approved on:

03-08-12
Date