I. Call to order: Chair Quintana calls meeting to order at 2:12pm.

*indicates member is present at the start of meeting

II. Roll Call
Members Present: Frank Quintana, Laurel O'Brien, Abigail Andrade, Jaclyn Moran, Sita Ream-Rao, Monserrat Hernandez, Flor Sandoval
Absent Members: Lyla Pehrson, Christopher Prado
Guests: Randy Saffold, Ian Crueldad, Helena Straughter

III. Consent Calendar
A. Approval of the Agenda
Motion: (O'Brien) to approve the agenda.
Motion Carries.

B. Approval of Minutes of December 2nd, 2011
Motion: (Moran) to approve the minutes of December 2nd, 2011.
Motion Carries

IV. Public Comment: None
Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the Board on any issues affecting the ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.

V. Special Presentation: Helena Straughter, State Democratic Elected Delegate
Straughter will introduce to the committee the Local Candidate Debate Event.

Straughter states that the purpose of the debate is to give community and student awareness on Democracy Does Matter. Having a candidate debate will allow the students and community to have information on who is running.

- Helena Straughter stated that she has a preparation sheet that includes the tasks that need to be done in order for the event to be planned.
- The preparation sheet includes locking in a time and date, a location on campus to hold the event, topics for questioning candidates, the number moderators needed, registration tables, and having media outreach.
It is very important for the candidate debate to be controlled, well-planned, and well-organized.

ED Saffold suggests that the committee work with Helena Staughton to make sure there is a balance. Administration needs to see that ASI is putting on an event with the community, as opposed to ASI hosting a community group.

Helena Staughton states that the primary objective is to have an event for students that will capture their interest so that they will become more involved and engaged.

ED Saffold suggests that committee work with Lobby Corps for visiting candidates.

Helena Staughton states that security is one of the main priorities. There are zero finances, therefore, there may need to be fundraising or funds somewhere available. ED Saffold suggests that minor fundraising may need to happen in order to get security.

ED Saffold states that there should be insurance for the event.

ED Saffold suggests that the committee set up a task group or work group in charge of planning and to keep in constant contact with Helena Staughton to work on the event.

Old Business

VI. Information Item- AB 970 Resolution

The committee will make progress on writing a resolution in support of AB 970. We will select two committee members to take the lead on drafting the resolution.

- AB 970 is focused on notifying students six to nine months in advance prior to any tuition increase.
- California State Student Association (CSSA) has written a resolution in support of AB 970.
- Chair Quintana states that he wants to work on it as a committee and present it to ASI Board for approval. He needs two to three committee members to take lead.
- Andrade, Moran, and Ream-Rao to work on drafting the resolution.

New Business

VII. Action Item- Legislative Affairs Vice Chair Appointment

A Vice Chair will be elected by the Legislative Affairs Committee

- Ream-Rao nominated for vice chair.
- Sandoval suggests that Chair Quintana give a description of the duties of the vice chair to committee members.
- Chair Quintana sees the vice chair as someone who will work closely with the chair. The vice chair will always be there to take notes and minutes. They will be the person to contact everyone else in the committee and send reminders for upcoming meetings.

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- Chair Quintana states that he will explain to the vice chair the direction he wants the committee to be run as, and also touching on the relationships with other committee members.

- ED Saffold suggest that vice chair will be in charge if chair is absent and assist with the duties of the chair

**Motion:** (Moran) to nominate Ream-Rao for Vice Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

**Andrade seconds the motion.**

**Motion carries.**

VIII. **Information Item** – The “Buck Starts Here” Campaign

Chair will inform the committee of the CSSA campaign. Chair will ask two committee members to gather availabilities from committee members to begin working on campaign.

- San Diego State initiated this event.
- Campaign consists of a box of dollar bills. Dollar bills have Jerry Brown’s face on it. The dollar bills will be collected from all twenty-three CSU Universities.
- Goal is to have students document their stories of how tuition has increased and the issues they have faced.
- Campaign will come to CSU East Bay in two weeks.
- Two committee members will be selected to work on this event. Committee members will get in touch with ASI Marketing to begin printing the dollar bills and to begin collecting the stories.
- Committee members will need to get everyone’s availability as to when they can table.
- O’Brien and Rueda-Hernandez volunteer to work on campaign.
- Selected committee members will be contacted for various projects to begin working on campaign.

IX. **Information Item** – March 5th rally to the State Legislature

The committee will discuss ways in which we can begin advertising and committing students to attend this event.

- March 5th is the state wide day of action where Community Colleges, CSU’s, UC’s, and K-12 will be marching to the state capitol in defense of public education to raise tuition, reduction of classes and faculty and issues related to that.
- CSU East Bay is participating this year.
- There will be busses to transport students to Sacramento, but it depends on how the event will be advertised.

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X. **Round Table Remarks**
- **O'Brien** asks what the first steps should be for working on the “Buck Starts Here” Campaign. Chair **Quintana** tells the selected committee members that he will send information about the events.
- **O'Brien** likes that debate will be hosted here.
- **Rueda-Hernandez** is excited to be a part of the committee, and excited to learn more about how the committee works. She mentions another program she was involved called the Peer Mentor Services, and would like support from ASI or other services on campus.
- **Andrade** believes committee will do great job on the debate, but asks about the date in which it will happen. Chair **Quintana** will have to look at the ASI calendar, but says event will happen on a Saturday.
- **Crueldad** states that the meeting was very productive. He states that he is happy to be a part of a committee that will take on the issues that we are facing today.
- **Sandoval** is very happy to be working with the Legislative Affairs Committee and to hear all the ideas. Also, states that she is excited for the upcoming debate.
- Committee agrees to meet bi-monthly, but can meet bi-weekly when needed.
- Chair **Quintana** will meet with each group working on certain projects. Next meeting will take place on February 3rd.
- Chair **Quintana** we need to get a lot of students and faculty involved with the upcoming debate. It would be great to get other schools involved as well. We need to start planning for the debate.

XI. **Adjournment:**
Motion: (Quintana) to adjourn meeting at 3:35pm.
Motion Carries.

Minutes Reviewed by:
Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Name: Courtney Symonds
Date 03-02-12

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