Legislative Affairs Meeting Minutes for December 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2011

I. Call to Order: Chair Frank Quintana calls meeting to order at 4:43 pm

*indicates member is present at the start of meeting

II. Roll Call

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III. Action Item: Approval of the Agenda

Motion: (Rao) to approve the Agenda.

Amendment 1: (O'Brien) to amend the Room Location on the Agenda to Board Room in NUU.

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 ASI and/or the California State University East Bay.

V. Action Item – Building a Base

The committee will go over the basics; introductions and the structure in which the meeting will be conducted. Chair Quintana allows for a self introductory session to state their majors, involvement in campus and their expectations from the committee. Following were the highlights of this Agenda Item:

- Laurel O'Brien: new transfer student from City College of San Francisco, Environmental Studies Student. Interested in politics, education, and environment. Was interested in getting involved with ASI and seeing how meetings are structured and how it all works.
- Stan Hebert: non-voting member of the committee. My main role is to assist the committee in any of the task where they need references for policies. Any request that you might have on other resources on campus.
- Sita Ream Rao: wants to be involved in Legislation.

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- Flor Sandoval: junior and Political Science Major with law option. Also majoring in International Relations. Supervisor of the Welcome Center.
- Jaclyn Moran: Political Science Major with law and criminal justice. Want to take part in decision making processes.
- Fan Crueldad: currently pledging for TKE and trying to start democratic club. Also a floor rep at housing. Wants to get involved on campus because some people today are being degraded, want to help them in future by being a leading example. Very interested in politics since the 2008 Presidential campaign.
- Abby Andrade: senior with a major in admin studies and minor in user service administration. A member of SQE and work for ALP on campus. Wants to get involved in the committee to see how ASI works.
- Chris Prado: senior student plays soccer with Quintana. First two years here was resident assistant on campus, been involved with ASI. Interested in seeing this community utilize all forms of political advocacy and action from the moderate efforts to the more aggressive efforts just to make sure that all momentum rally around a single issue to get goals accomplished.
- Frank Quintana: congratulations everyone for being a part of the Legislative Affairs Committee. Wants to go over how the meetings are going to be structured. It is going to be based on two things namely Robert Rules of Order as stated in the Committee Codes and in addition to that wants to present another type of organization called Horizontal Organization. This horizontal organization is based on not a vertical structure, decisions are not made by one person; everybody collaborates equally and represents their own voice. One of the ways to do this is when we are having a meeting there is going to be various responsibilities that we are going to have like resolutions, classroom presentations, projects, workshops etc. Everybody is going to be assigned a responsibility and can work in teams. This will help in creating interaction between the committee members and understand each other. This horizontal organization decreases hierarchy and it is matter of everybody collaborating each other and also decentralize decision making. This is the model that I want to add on top of the Robert Rules of Order. The motion would be to continue our committee meeting using Robert Rules of Orders.
Motion: (Moran) to continue our Committee Meetings under the Robert Rules of Orders.
Motion Carries.
Motion: (O’Brian) to establish this Horizontal Organizational Model as a structure for our Meeting.
Motion Carries.
Prado inquires is it just like establishing a culture of equity. Chair Quintana replies that our meetings are going to be run in that environment.
A committee member inquires that every committee has positions like vice-chair or secretary, does that apply to a Horizontal organization? Chair Quintana replies that the Committee has to elect a vice-chair and will go over the positions when the Committee discusses the Committee Code in details.

VI. Information Item – Legislative Affairs Committee Code
The Committee will read through the Committee Code.
- Chair Quintana states that this document basically explains the responsibilities and the duties of the Legislative Affairs Committee.
- Chair Quintana reads the document to the Committee.
- Chair Quintana states that we need to amend the statement “Meet with the University Director of Governmental Relations at least once a month” because we do not have a Governmental Relations Director on Campus.
- But this is an Information Item; this will come back as an Action Item on the next Committee Meeting’s Agenda so that we can amend it.
- A Committee member inquires, does the Lobby Corps Committee need members that are serving the legislative Affairs Committee.
- Chair Quintana replies that we will be working very closely with the Lobby Corps Committee and the Chair of Lobby Corps Committee is Flor Sandoval. Members of Lobby Corps Committee do not necessarily have to be part of the Legislative Affairs Committee.
- We will be electing our Vice Chair in our next meeting.
- The ASI Legislative Affairs Committee shall meet at least once a month during Academic year but that is ultimately up to us. We are going to have this as an Action Item in our next meeting because we have to establish our winter meeting time.
- Wants to focus on going to the students and talking directly to them but that would ultimately depend on the projects that we have.
- Lobby Corps is a separate committee and will have its own set of responsibilities. It is mostly focused on legislation, lobbying etc.

VII. Information Item: AB 970 Resolution
Chair Quintana will brief the committee on the details of AB 970 and its current status. Following were the highlights of the discussion:
- Drafted this from the Legislative itself
- This is one of the issues we will be working on.
- CSSA has written a sample resolution in support of AB 970.
- Briefly updates the Committee on CSSA as per a Committee member’s request.
- CSSA stands for California State Students Association. It is basically statewide ASI and every single CSU represent this Board and they decide on issues like passing resolutions, bills etc.

- They are requesting all CSU’s to write a resolution in support of AB 970.
- Will explain how a resolution is written and will provide examples of that in our next meeting.
- AB 970 states that there will consultations prior to tuition increase. There is six month period and consultation period should happen prior to tuition increase.
- In the six months there will be consultation with the students. This will help students be notified and be able to make up for the money that they eventually have to pay.
- **Hebert** states that in some recent cases fee increase was adapted in such a short period of their time those students may not have been given adequate notice to be aware of the fee until they received the invoice. But I do hope that it includes specific period of consultation. One thirds set aside for students with financial needs has been the practice of the more recent fee increase.
- Wanted to present this to the Committee; no not have to go over in detail today but is an example of some of the legislations that we are going to be focused on.

**VIII. Information Item – Occupy Resolution**

Chair **Quintana** will brief the committee on recent happenings of the occupy movement, both nationwide and at CSU East Bay. Following were the highlights of the discussion:

- Chair **Quintana** states that he is planning on writing a resolution.
- CSU Fullerton and CSU Humboldt have written resolutions on student demonstrations on their campuses.
- Chair of CSSA has asked the CSU’s to express their opinions regarding student demonstrations.
- Title might change to CSU Eastbay and language might also change
- CSU Fullerton has responses state wide student demonstration.
- The one in Humboldt actually had an occupy CSU Humboldt in their school.
- Discusses some ideas that we can talk about in our Resolution.
- Wanted to present this to everybody because these are what some of the school are doing and what we could be looking into.
- **Hebert** explains the Presidential Directive and this is from the University.
- President. State law gives the President authority to create Policies that aid in the operations of the University. So it has the effect of a Policy but wouldn't be same like a law that is created by the state legislature. It was in New York where they separated the freedom of expression from the intent.

- Quintana states that for the Occupy Humboldt they were in support of peaceful demonstrators.

- Hebert says that if you want to get a forum for discussion of the Presidential Directive or more information about that particular Directive, it can be done through a resolution or it can be done through other means like the Associated Students. Just to create a document that indicates a position of the student government. Chair Quintana states that in this particular example it is stating the position of ASI whether this is going to do anything beyond that.

- The latest one is CSU Fullerton's and it specifically talks about what happened to CSU Davis and Berkeley. On November 18, 2011 students in Berkeley were paper sprayed while peacefully seated and protesting against economic inequalities faced by students in California. On November 9, 2011 students were brutality struck by police. These are some of the things that we could be talking about in our Resolution as well.

- A committee member inquires on our campus there was a vote, what was the vote about? Hebert explains that the debate was focusing on the provision about the President or the University being able to enact declarations like one that came out November 9, 2011. Ask the President to consult with the Faculty in this particular case prior to the enactment of such a declaration and they wanted their language incorporated into the document. So that is a recommendation to the President to include that kind of language into the University's document describes time, place and manner for free expression. The final one that did pass is the one that recommended consultation with the Faculty.

- Chair Quintana inquires if the Academic Senate is able to amend this document. Hebert replies that this one is a little confusing because there was an error in the 2007 document. This is an administrative document that the University is required to have so that all groups outside or on campus would know how to participate in freedom of expression. If there are limitations, it gives details of when and where and all the how and who. This administrative document does not address any rights of freedom for any individual nor does it even address academic freedom within the classroom. The original document did but the 2007 document incorporated many things like posting, freedom of expression in classroom, student rights so rather than to have it all in one document, the newer one just talks about the logistics of time,
place and manner. The reason for this is that the recent court cases determine that the place cannot be limited to just one stage. So right now the campus is a free speech area with the exception of classroom and any pre-designated area like you reserve this room for a meeting, someone cannot exercise their rights of free speech in your meeting. And if you reserve an event, you cannot exercise your right of speech in the middle of the event. The guiding parts were the business of the University, the teaching hours of the University, student activities of the University and of course the Constitution.

- Chair Quintana states that all in all a resolution is presenting our position and this is exactly what Humboldt did. The language is calls upon the campus administration to suspend. This is the type of resolution that we might want to look at. Just presenting ideas as this is the first committee meeting but we can follow up with these ideas at the next meeting.

- Note: Laurel O’Brien is stepping out at 5:45 pm.

IX. Information Item - Education Conversations:
The Chair will present to the committee a potential project regarding monthly workshops on various issues that directly impact the University. Following were the main points of the discussion:

- This is going back under our duties and responsibilities it is stated that we can work alongside ASI Presents to put up different events.
- Wants to have workshops attended by students, faculty, administrators and open up the space for them to discuss the educational crisis like budgets, budget cuts etc.
- Wants to have dialog exchange between the different entities on campus.
- President Prado states that he and Chair Quintana attended an ASI Presents workshop on budget cuts. There were different perspectives from students, teachers, campus community, and politicians speaking about budget cuts. Previously we had town hall with the University President where we discussed budget and last fall quarter there was a panel discussion with a couple of Political Science professors.
- There have been efforts but with continuing tuition increases, was thinking of bringing the Mayor of Hayward here to talk about education of Hayward residents and have other assembly members.
- Andrade inquires if this is focused on high school or college. Chair Quintana replies that we belong to the CSU system and it reflects high school students coming to college.
- Was not aware of the ASI presents events, we can also help them out.
• **Crueldad** inquires about the time frames or when we are going to have. Chair **Quintana** replies that we can talk about this. President Prado states there will be two separate events – one for budget cut talks with the school clubs & orgs leaders and the other one are going to be the panel discussion with different members of the public.

• **Crueldad** states that he works for a candidate who is running for a district in Hayward; can the candidate be invited for the panel discussion? Chair **Quintana** states that in terms of sponsorship we cannot. **Hebert** recommends shying away from candidates because they would love to have the audience of university students. President **Prado** states that we can have a debate with all the candidates on campus. Chair **Quintana** suggests having faculty and administrators on the panel. **Hebert** suggests involving parents because that's one voice that we do not have eared to and they bear burden in a variety of ways. We might assume that we know exactly what they are thinking and feeling. It will be helpful to have parents express what it is that fee increase and other challenges are impacting them.

**X. Action Item – Meeting Time**
The committee will establish Winter Quarter meeting time. The committee goes over their schedules for the winter quarter. The committee has to determine how often they want to meet, we can have meetings once in a week or once in every two weeks but we have to meet at least once in month. **Hebert** states that it is better if it is present so that everyone can schedule it.

**Motion:** (Rao) to approve Fridays at 2:00 pm as the new meeting time for Winter Quarter.

**Amendment 1:** (Andrade) to Fridays at 2:00 pm as the new meeting time for Winter Quarter and have the meetings bimonthly.

**Amendment 1 Carries.**

**Main Motion Carries as Amended.**

**XI. Round table Remarks:**

• **Prado:** great job! Robert Rules of Order are difficult, we just have to practice. Wants to commend, really did a good job on establishing the committee. Really good start and looking forward to the legislative Affairs Committee being really active and taking a lot of challenges that we face on our campus.

• **Andrade:** like the way we have the horizontal model. Very excited to get into the Educational Conversation workshop.

• **Moran:** excited to learn about AB 970, the workshops sounds very cool. Looking forward to working with the committee members.
• Crueldad: had a pretty decent first meeting and discussed what needs to be discussed.
• Sandoval: very good first meeting!
• Rao: excited to move forward and dive in and hopefully will be able to make a change on campus. Inquires how we add items to the Agenda. President Prado states that we can email the Chair requesting him to add on to the Agenda or may amend the Agenda on the day of the meeting.
• Hebert: excellent committee off to a great start!
• Quintana: we are the one of the first committees to start meeting and happy to see that the committee members are excited. We are going to be doing a lot of work. The projects are going to be very active and expecting everybody to be extremely active.

XII. Adjournment:
Motion: (Quintana) to adjourn meeting at 5:56 pm
Motion Carries.

Minutes Reviewed by:
Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Name: Frank Quintana

Minutes Approved on:
01/12
Date

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