ASI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 20th, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Lopez calls meeting to order at **12:06PM**

II. ROLL CALL

**Members Present**
- David Lopez
- Stacey Acosta
- Janeesha Jones
- Kevin Rojas
- Luis Cardenas
- Tikerea Tate
- Christina Sanchez
- Joana Chavez
- Pablo Garica
- Rebecca Ayala
- Samantha Quiambao
- Ananvenessa Aguirre
- Tiffany Patterson
- Martin Castillo
- Erik Pinlac
- Kenrick Ali
- Darrell Bailey
- Marguerite Hinrichs
- D. McKinney
- Hendrix Erhahon

**Absent Members**
- Michael Hedrick

**Guests**
- Vivian Teo
- Breana Brwonfield
- Camerin Buhs
- Antuan Mitchell
- Pablo Narez
- Kaylyn Barnett
- Megan Tyler
- Mar'kel Porter
- Deja Croff
- Jocelyn Kibby
- Bri Guillory
- Amber Murphy
- Jahneelee Harris
- Lashisha Crain
- Ishmar Anderson
- Jonathan Arney
- Ocean Suruggs
- Cameron Turner
- Adrian Ubiario-Ortiz
- Khalil Corbin
- Shantel Ligon
- Elisa Brice
- Jane Ado-Acquah
- Darshay Larey
- James Ball
- Hayden Williams III
- Briana McKinney
- Oddilcia Balondola
- Eric Hemery
- Kamaji Haylock
- Devan Thompson
- Jessie Candler
- Alyssa Palma
- Stephany Cardenas
III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda
Motion: (Jones) to approve the agenda.
Amendment: (Acosta) to remove special reports.
Motion: (Jones) to approve the amended agenda.
Motion carries.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of January 6th, 2016
Motion: (Quiambao) to approve the minutes of January 6th, 2016.
Motion carries.

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.

- **Emma Burke** said she is here on behalf of Students for Quality Education, and to show her support for the faculty for fair wages. By paying faculty fair wages they will have more time for students outside of the classroom which they don’t have right now because they have to supplement their pay checks with other teaching positions and jobs. She has personally seen how hard it is for faculty to make this decision to fight for their wages; they are doing it in order to support the students in their education and future skills.

- **Ryan Tayahua** said he is also a part of Students for Quality Education and is supporting the faculty and their fight for fair wages. Students have the largest voice in the CSU and by not taking a stance they are not taking a stance in their education.
• Alyssa Steverson said she wanted to speak on behalf of Aisha about the African American Resource Center and explained why it is important that they have the African American Resource Center. She spoke about different struggles including past history, current and college issues. She said her black heritage cannot be taken away from her.

• Michelle Fletcher read a letter on behalf of someone else in support of the African American Resource Center.

• Selina Smith read a letter on behalf of someone else in support for the African American Resource center. The letter touched on the writer’s struggles and how they need better resources for black students.

• Candice Skiff said she believes the African American resource center is important for African Americans. It is a shame that 1 in 5 graduate in 6 years. Looking at statistics there is an issue and having a Resource Center they will be able to talk about issues that affect their community. It is important for them to have this center because they would have the opportunity to do a lot of activities.

• Jordan Leopold said he feels the need of a Resource Center and thinks it is important for African American students so they can feel welcomed. Safe and help each other. There are too many issues of African American students struggling through college. He does not see many black people here and also feels that there aren’t enough black faculty members. As board of directors they should speak on behalf of students. This issue has been known and there’s been little effort to address it. Change starts within them.

• Ashlyn Thomas said she is going to read a letter on behalf of someone. The writer talked about his goals education wise and how he has not seen professors like him teaching his classes.

• Eric Hemeng said he is here to support the African American Resource Center. Students like him have no place to go. Recently he faced discrimination by law enforcement and he has nowhere to go too to talk about this issue. People can try to empathize but they don’t understand. They have faculty members on this campus who have been through racial discrimination. They can all come together and with a plan but they don’t have this environment.

• Cynthia Husband said she will be speaking on behalf of David Elliot. The writer talked about CBCSA and how CSUEB will benefit from the African American Resource Center.

• Danielle Armstrong said she watched a documentary where a teacher separated her students by colored eyes, brown eyes, and blue eyes. The teacher took opportunities and resources from one group and made the other group feel like they were better. In one day she gave the inferior group a test to see how they did, they did bad. She changed the roles and told the opposite groups they were superior and the test scores changed. This relates to the resource center because the center is for the community. They will feel better for themselves if they have a place to go and get that culture and love from the community. They will be able to thrive better in the classrooms.
VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM – Resolution on African American Resource Center

Motion: (Chavez) to go into Closed Session with the exception of Erik Pinlac, Sneh Sharma and Martin Castillo.

Discussion:

- VP of External Affairs Cardenas asked why she wanted to go into Closed Session.
- Senator of CEAS Chavez said she thinks the Board can speak more freely amongst themselves with less pressure.
- Executive Director Pinlac recommended that they invite the advisors also.
- Jordan Leopold asked to be a part of the discussion.

Amendment: (Cardenas) to include Jordan Leopold.

Motion carries.

Amendment II: (Jones) to include Lil Brown-Parker.

Motion carries.

Motion: (Chavez) to approve the amended motion to go into Closed Session including the Academic Advisors, and Sneh Sharma, Erik Pinlac, Lil Brown-Parker, and Jordan Leopold.

Amendment III: (Cardenas) to add Alyssa Steverson, Ashlyn Thomas, Candice Skiff, Cynthia Husband, Michelle Fletcher, and Selena Smith.

Motion fails.

Motion: (Jones) to approve the amended motion to go into Closed Session including the Advisors, Sneh Sharma, Erik Pinlac, Lil Brown-Parker, and Jordan Leopold.

Motion fails.

Motion: (Cardenas) to approve the Resolution on African American Resource Center.

Amendment: (Garnica) to remove the resolved dealing with Kaleidoscope moving into the new African American Resource Center.

Discussion:

- VP of Finance Jones said if Kaleidoscope has an office now then it doesn’t have to be amended.
- VP of External Affairs Cardenas said he would change the previous Resolved to add Kaleidoscope to the African American Resource Center.
- Director of Legislative Affairs Garnica wanted to clarify that his previous motion is because he does not want to new building for Kaleidoscope to be taken away.
- Director of Concord Campus Patterson asked for clarification on “native”.
- President Lopez said native means starting freshmen on this campus.
- Jordan Leopold asked if they have an office for Kaleidoscope.
- Advisor Castillo said they do not.
• Director of Legislative Affairs Garnica said he spoke with Allison the head of GE and they said Kaleidoscope shares an office with Ganas.
• Advisor McKinney said he doesn’t understand why they wouldn’t put Kaleidoscope in the African American Resource Center because it makes sense that it would be included there.
• Director of Legislative Affairs Garnica said it should be taken away from its new space. It has already been designed by the University and they would be changing their strategic planning which took into account the semester conversion. In the future if Kaleidoscope wanted to move then it can but right now it needs to gain stability since it is new this year.
• Advisor McKinney said it should be placed somewhere deeply rooted to not be moved again in the future. It should be placed wherever all the resources can be obtained, in one space.
• Senator of CLASS Tate said there is not a place for students.
• Director of Legislative Affairs Garnica said there is a huge room for students, he has seen it. It is on the second floor of the new building. This is not a year project it is a long term project and will take some time.
• Cameron said Kaleidoscope would be sharing a space with Ganas which is a completely different program than Kaleidoscope. When you are working in your own space and you are able to do things the way you would like to do them.
• Senator of Science Sanchez said this project will take time and the African American Resource Center has not been decided yet, so would they want to take the already decided Kaleidoscope space out and wait for the African American Resource Center.
• Director of Legislative Affairs Garnica said they don’t have any space and they are suggesting that a program moves without any place to go. They have a space now and why would they chance them moving to a space they have no idea of how big will be. They need to build up the space first to get it successful before deciding more on it.
• Jordan Leopold said a task force will be created to fulfill this. The current office for Kaleidoscope is a space for the staff and not the students.
• Advisor Castillo said to clear up some confusion Kaleidoscope does not have an office currently. They also have someone in the audience who would know more about that.
• Michelle Fletcher said she doesn’t understand how it could be said that Kaleidoscope be placed in a staff building. They need a space to thrive and why not have that be in an African American Resource Center. Why not let them have a space they can call their own.
• VP of External Affairs Cardenas said now that they know that Kaleidoscope does not have a space it would be wise not to amend the resolution. Also this will be a slow process and take time, he will be voting against this amendment to the resolution.

• Eric Hemeng said the space that was talked about where Ganas is will not be enough room and space for the African American people to confide in each other. He has been in there and it is not enough space for people to use. He is advocating on African Americans and proving a space where they can come together and talk about anything as well as receive academic assistance that is not currently offered.

• Senator of CLASS Tate said this Resolved is only recommended and it is not saying that it has to happen that way.

• Advisor McKinney said in the notes it can say that Kaleidoscope should have a big enough space and that in the future it be included in the African American Resource Center.

• Executive Director Pinlac said a resolution is not a contract and to not get bothered by the details because they are subject to change.

• Heather said she is the Kaleidoscope program coordinator. She is an academic counselor. They want to add more support to African Americans, for mentors and mentees to get together.

Amendment: (Garnica) to remove the resolve that is stricken out on the screen.
Motion fails 0-12-0.
Motion: (Sanchez) to go into Closed Session with the BOD, Advisors, Sneh Sharma, Lil Parker, and Jordan Leopold.

Discussion:
• President Lopez said they are not going into discussion and this is going to a vote.

• Jordan Leopold said they have to abide by Roberts Rules. Board members work on behalf of other students. They shouldn’t be afraid to speak on what they feel, if they feel that a student is wrong then they can say it based on their knowledge. They all pay a fee to ASI and students can speak up during these meetings.

Motion: (Acosta) to vote on calling the question.
Motion carries.
Motion: (Sanchez) go into Closed Session with the BOD, Advisors, Sneh Sharma, Lil Brown-Parker, and Jordan Leopold.
Enters Closed Session at 1:00PM.
Returns from Closed Session at 1:27PM.
During Closed Session Resolution passed 13-0-0.
B. ACTION ITEM – Resolution on Adding More Students on the CSUEB Search and Review Committees
   Motion: (Jones) to approve the resolution adding more students on the CSUEB Search and Review Committee.
   Motion carries.

C. ACTION ITEM – Resolution on the Establishment of an ASI Senate
   Motion: (Cardenas) to approve action items C, D, E and F.
   Motion carries.

D. ACTION ITEM – Resolution on the Establishment of a Chair
   Motion: (Cardenas) to approve action items C, D, E and F.
   Motion carries.

E. ACTION ITEM – Resolution on the Change of Position Name
   Motion: (Cardenas) to approve action items C, D, E and F.
   Motion carries.

F. ACTION ITEM – Resolution on the Board of Directors Term Change
   Motion: (Cardenas) to approve action items C, D, E and F.
   Motion carries.

G. ACTION ITEM – Resolution Encouraging CSUEB and Educators to Explore Affordable Learning Alternatives and Open Education Resources (Director, Leg. Affairs)
   Motion: (Garnica) to approve the Resolution Encouraging CSUEB and Educators to Explore Affordable Learning Alternatives and Open Education Resources.
   Motion carries.

H. DISCUSSION ITEM – Transition Policy
   - VP of Finance Jones said they added in the Executive Retreat.
   - President Lopez said another change they made was that the President will swear in the President elect and the President elect will swear in his new Board. He talked about who would attend the Executive retreat and what they will be doing at the retreat.
   - VP of Finance Jones talked about what they added into descriptions for the fall retreat and winter retreat. Under responsibilities they added that the BOD members must attend the retreats and if they cannot the Personnel committee will review the case and a supplementary event will need to be created.
   - Advisor Erhahan found errors in BOD titles.

"Students working for Students!"
• VP of Finance Jones helped to fix the errors on the document.
• President Lopez said the retiring Board will present their goals and accomplishments to the new BOD.

I. ACTION ITEM – Senator of Science Event
• Senator of Science Sanchez said the old Science dean is leaving and the new dean is stepping in. She wants an event to welcome the new dean and say bye to the old one. She is expecting 50 people.
   Motion: (Sanchez) to approve the Senator of Science Event and a budget that does not exceed $500.
   Motion carries.

9:00

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
   A. DISCUSSION ITEM – Board Member Resignation
• President Lopez said Senator of Business Supreet Narula resigned. They have two applicants so far. The applications will go to the Personnel committee on Monday and once decided on recommendations will go to the BOD to be voted on.

   B. DISCUSSION ITEM – Financial Aid
• President Lopez said financial aid has been an issue. They are barely now sending out aid from last quarter to the students. He wanted to hear the Boards personal issues they have with financial aid.
• Senator of CLASS Tate said she barely got her financial aid two weeks ago from last quarter. She first went and they told her about a form she had never seen or had to do since she has been on this campus for 4 years and she still did not receive her financial aid. She had to go in and request to speak to someone in higher power and shortly after that talk she received it.
• Director of Programming Quiambao said she receives her money in weird increments. She has to pay out of pocket for summer because her aid doesn’t come through.
• Director of Legislative Affairs Garnica said some of the financial aid people did not know that the aid started in October and that is a big problem. He is not sure if they should reach out to financial aid or to the students on their own.
• VP of Finance Jones said she got her aid super late and she had to talk to someone higher up after 8 weeks of not receiving her aid to get her aid. Not everyone has the means to talk to someone higher up and that is not okay. They need to do something now.
• Advisor Castillo said this is something they can bring up in a luncheon with the President coming up. He also said financial aid doesn’t do enough face to face and
relies on emails to students about their aid. Maybe the financial aid office can stay open later in the first two weeks of school and be more readily available.

- Senator of CLASS Tate said financial aid and housing should bridge together because she was charged multiple times with late fees when she had not received her financial aid yet and that was not her fault because she depends on that aid.

- Advisor McKinney said they should go to financial aid to fix their problems and system instead of taking the issue on themselves to reach out to the students. Fixing the system directly is better and will have a greater impact. Also an idea could be that financial aid use a texting system that can be faster at alerting a student when a document is missing.

- President Lopez said he will draft up a resolution based off this conversation and he asked if the Board can tell people to email him directly their issues regarding financial aid that he can take into consideration when he drafts the resolution.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM – CFA [Closed Session]

Motion: (Acosta) to table CFA until next BOD meeting due to time.

Discussion:

- VP of Finance Jones asked if there was anything important they needed to know now before it is tabled to the next BOD meeting.

- Director of Legislative Affairs Garnica said fact finding ended last week. There will be a report of what was found. Then there may be a strike at the end of February and early March. He will send out an email regarding their fact finding results and he wants the Board to read it because CFA is very pushy on what ASI's position is on this.

- President Lopez said one of the CFA members wanted to speak at their next meeting. An example of the strike is that at another campus a professor wrote into their syllabus a date for no class due to a potential strike. The strike will happen they just don't know when.

Motion carries.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

- No special reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

Cardenas: He is looking into creating a regional meeting with community colleges within the east side of bay area to discuss a potential joint resolution to address the retention rates in all minority groups within the bay area. If anyone is interested they should reach out to him and he thinks this could be a great opportunity to add more diversity to CSUEB.
**Pinlac:** Remind us to sign up to Bay Sync and be a part of the ASI group on it once it’s on there.

**Bailey:** He appreciates the support from the tailgate and game. For the Pioneer pack he wants to look at what can get students more engaged. He also wanted to address if they should keep pioneer Pete as a mascot. From the athletics point of view they are fine with that, but they don’t want to change the pioneer concept.

**Garnica:** Yesterday he went to the capital. They are expecting a big turnout March 12th for CHESS.

**Quiambao:** Commit to Fit went well and everyone loved the blender bottles. Congrats to passing something awesome today.

**Lopez:** Reminder today was a crazy meeting with a lot of emotions but at the end they passed it. Second, campaign season is up and running. Applications go out February 1st.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at **1:55PM.**

Minutes Reviewed by:

**ASI President**

Name: David Lopez

Minutes Approved on:

1-27-16

Date: 1/27/16