Senate Committee Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:40 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kabir Dhillon, Karen Parada, Isaiah Avila – De La Cruz, Freshta Sharifi, Riley Miller, Simran Pahal, Danielle Feliciano

Late:

Not Present: Ryan Finazzo, Daejona Walker, Hoang Dao, Justin Mercado, Jasmine Graham

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by I. De La Cruz, second by R. Miller, motion PASSED.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of November 29, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2018 by I. De La Cruz, second by F. Sharifi, motion PASSED.

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.

Myles Watkins states that he talked with the Provost today and that he is 100% supportive with the dead week policy. Myles Watkins states that the Provost said to keep the language in there about grade transparency. Linda from the Provost office is also creating a taskforce to identify barriers for students. Myles Watkins also states that he and Daisy will be getting somebody for the campus curriculum committee. This committee is extremely important and this person would be speaking in behalf of all the students. Daisy Maxion states that she, Myles, and Kabir went to the campus advisory committee and they discussed what proposals would raise the student’s fees or not. She states that when they were giving them the revenues and what’s been expended; they noticed that the revenue that’s collected from student fees is $71,000 but the unexpended is $56,000. This lead those to think why there’s so much money that hasn’t been spent in regards to orientation. As of now, orientation leaders only get $400 stipend so they were wondering if they can increase the salary because they put a lot of work into. Daisy Maxion states that collecting data on where the money is going to would be helpful.

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No Unfinished Items.
VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM- Resolution on Spring Semester Senate Meeting Times & Setting

K. Dhillon states the dates listed for Spring Semester are alternating weeks of the Board meetings, exception of a few. In total, there are eight meetings so non-academic senators can be paid. Panels of the time will remain the same, 12:20-1:10.

Motion to adopt the resolution by I. De La Cruz, second by F. Sharifi, motion PASSED.

I. De La Cruz states that March 14th and March 21st are back to back meetings as well as April 11th and April 18th; he asks if this is to accommodate for Spring break. K. Dhillon answers the question by saying it’s correct.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM- Senate Initiatives

1. Hey, Be Nice

I. De La Cruz states that he likes Andrew expertise around the topic of positive psychology. It seems what’s worked for Andrew in the past has been giving out free things like working with transportation to give free parking passes which didn’t cost him anything. I. De La Cruz states that if they can attach an action to Be Nice then they’re basically leading by being nice. I. De La Cruz states that one thing they need to discussion about is the commanding nature of the Be Nice word. Instead of commanding people to be nice; he asks how can we inspire them to be nice. K. Parada states that she really likes the idea of free parking. K. Parada states that she likes the idea of having a theme week. I. De La Cruz states that he doesn’t know if there’s room in the budget to pay for meals. R. Miller suggests that what if they bought meals and covered some of the costs and sold it for 1-2 dollars. K. Parada states they have the money to spend on this event. K. Dhillon agrees with Karen and states that the budget can be moved around. K. Parada suggests Warm Wednesday and K. Dhillon states that they can get blankets from ASI. They have Meals on Monday, Treats Tuesday, Warm Wednesday, and Thankful Thursday. K. Parada says that they can do a contest on Friendly Friday where students can post pictures with their friends on Instagram and tag ASI. The prize can be a complimentary movie ticket that they can watch with their friends. I. De La Cruz says he can get THRIVE involved by letting them table together.

Motion to expend the meeting to 1:45 by I. De La Cruz, second by D. Feliciano, motion PASSED.

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2. Commuter Appreciation

The Senate will continue discussing on the Commuter Appreciation initiative.

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3. **Love Yourself**

   **K. Parada** states that Homecoming is not an option for this but the good news is that the RAW is doing sexual assault week in April and they have extended the invitation for senate to participate. She likes the idea of combining it with other groups because since they’ve never done it before, it will be a good idea to see what works and not. **I. De La Cruz** thinks this is a good idea to cross promote this event and the topics fit well together as well. **D. Feliciano** suggests an idea where students can write three things they love about themselves. **E. Pinlac** asks if everyone would like to table the day of the event the day before to advertise the event. **K. Parada** says they can table the day before and do giveaways and games on it. She will be able to give everyone an update once she talks to RAW and see what they’re doing. **I. De La Cruz** states that he likes the idea of handing out posters that says to Love Yourself.

28:22

4. **EBX Event**

   **I. De La Cruz** states that he and F. Sharifi met with the University Advancement this past week and it was a very productive meeting. As going forward, University Advancement and Senate will be partnering together for this event. The plan is to have three-five speakers who will have a 15 minute each to talk. There will be auditions leading up to the event. The audition call will start next week so people can get winter break to come up with their two minute pitch so that they can go onto the next round of auditions. The auditions will be in-person and virtual for those who cannot make it. They don’t want to limit the theme because they want to welcome all ideas. The audition process will end January 31st. The layout of the event is still being discussed but it will most likely be a sit down event. **I. De La Cruz** states that he has secured one funder, which is the Dean of College of Business and Economics. They will figure out the scope of the event once they know how much the Dean wants to fund, how much the University Advancement want to fund and how much Senate will put in. **K. Parada** asks if students are allowed to audition. **I. De La Cruz** says that anyone is welcome to audition; they are trying to engage student, faculty and alumni’s to be speakers. It will be up to the committee of two people from ASI, two people from University Advancement and one alumnus to decide which speakers will go on to speak. **I. De La Cruz** states that University Advancement has made it clear that if they cannot engage alumnus during the event; they no longer want to volunteer. The committee continues to discuss the cost of the event which includes food giveaways, etc.

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C. **DISCUSSION ITEM: Resolution for University Mascot Task Force**

   The Senate discusses the resolution outlining the composition of the University Mascot Task Force. **I. De La Cruz** states that he recognizes some holes in the
plan which he believes the senate can help him fix. A question he has for Student-At-Large is that how to go about the process in figuring out which Students-At-Large was chosen. **I. De La Cruz** thinks it will be easier to figure out two representatives from Board of Directors and ASI Senate. **K. Parada** suggests that what if they ask Student Life to send a representative. **R. Miller** suggests getting Student Life from DISC because they do a lot of events. **I. De La Cruz** states that there are six faculties and 6 students so it balances it out. He also says that the Dean suggested that they hire a professional firm to design the new mascot. **I. De La Cruz** states that the University Administration has not acted on this at all and it might be because of the cost association of implementing a new mascot. **D. Maxion** suggests that a woman named Robin who she believes will be a great person for the task. The Senate discuss if they want to keep the name Pioneer or if they want to change it. **I. De La Cruz** states that they support that the word “Pioneer” stays the same but “Pete” will be called into question. **I. De La Cruz** says that there will be 7 students and 6 Administration.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No Special Reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS
**Sean Torralba** states that the mascot is an important issue to consider because he has been in conversation before with students who do feel uncomfortable with Pioneer Pete being a mascot.
**I. De La Cruz** states that no ideas are bad; no questions are bad so everyone should keep participating.
**K. Dhillon** states that he’s really proud of everyone’s effort in the Senate. Their effort has been recognized by the Board. Senate Retreat will take place on January 17-18.

1:01:15

X. ADJOURNMENT at 1:41 PM.

Minutes Reviewed by:
**VP of University Affairs/Chair**
Name: Kabir Dhillon

Minutes Approved on:
**1-31-19**
Date: