

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 20th, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:05 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Myles Watkins, Daisy Maxion, Ryan Finazzo, Mahdi Fugfugosh, Melissa Baron, Kabir Dhillon, Karen Parada, Isaiah Avila-De La Cruz, Louis Ramos Casillas, Zachary Meade, Dessiree Cuevas, Mahad Fugfugosh, Martin Castillo, Erik Pinlac

Late: Hoang Dao, Oscar Rubio

Absent: Daejona Walker

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by **K.Dhillon**, second by **D. Cuevas**, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to amend the agenda by striking out Action Item D and replacing it with discussion by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of March 6th, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019 by **K. Dhillon**, second by **L. Ramos Casillas**, motion **FAILED**.

Motion to amend the minutes by striking out after the word motion in action item A and replacing it with to suspend the rule that interferes with items being taken out of proper order and take up new business item B by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to amend the main motion by including with the condition that all the typos are fixed by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to approve the minutes on the contingency that those typos are fixes by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

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.

Jessica Stanley states there are now 12 total individuals who will be going to San Diego to install solar panels on household in a tribal reservation. Annual tradition has been funded by ASI. Hopefully, today the Board can approve it for us. We do understand that the budget may have changed but if we have approximately our funding request of \$4,200 all the way up to \$3,000. Anywhere between that ranges, we are confident that we can make this trip possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

8:32

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS

A. ACTION ITEM – Reconsideration of the Minutes of February 20th, 2019


"Students working for Students!"

Motion to reconsider the Minutes of February 20, 2019 by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

Z. Meade states there was a missing motion in the minutes.

Motion to amend the minutes by including after Action Item A “motion to adopt the resolution establishing the standing rules of Associated Students Inc. of California State University, East Bay by **M. Watkins**, second by **O. Rubio**, motion **POSTPONED**” by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to approve by unanimous consent all the suggestion that were made on the document by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

11:20

B. ACTION ITEM – Solar Spring Break Funding Request

Motion to approve Solar Spring Break Funding Request for \$3,500 coming out of the Board Initiative Budget by **M. Fugfugosh**, second by **L. Ramos Casillas**.

Motion to amend the original motion by striking out \$3,500 and replacing it with \$3,350 by **Z. Meade**, second by **M. Fugfugosh**, motion **PASSED**.

E. Pinlac asks if ASI comes up with \$3,500, will the group be able to come up with the rest. **Z. Meade** also has a question; he asks if they’ve had any luck in contacting their department to get funding for this trip. **J. Stanley** says the reminder of the program fee will come from there which will give them the exact amount for this trip. **Z. Meade** says he understands this has been funded by the Board in the past but the Board initiative budget is meant for our initiatives and not for conference travel funding. **M. Baron** wants to clarify that isn’t this first come first serve type of thing or is this budget strictly reserve for board members. **R. Finazzo** says the budget is for whatever they want to invest in. **D. Maxion** says some directors already have a budget for their specific events so that should be taken into consideration.

Motion to extending the discussion to 4 per person by **Z. Meade**, second by **M. Fugfugosh**, motion **PASSED**.

M. Fugfugosh says if they do approve this, does it mean the Board initiative budget will be \$0. **Z. Meade** asks Jessica if it is possible to get more money from their department and how much have they offered you to go on this trip. **J. Stanley** says they have offered them \$700 in total and they will also be getting some funds from an East Bay club they are part of. **J. Stanley** goes on to say that they are at the maximum capacity within their department and club to ask for more money. **M. Fugfugosh** wants to take into account that \$3,500 is \$290 per student. **E. Pinlac** says the reason why they created the scholarship policy was to make it fair for everyone to access the same amount of funds so if the Board makes the decision to fund this program which is over the limit; then the Board is opening a door for any student to come to the Board and request for funding. **M. Fugfugosh** says the maximum we can fund one person for conference travel is \$500 in-state and \$1,000 out-of-state. He states the issue is that there are 12 of them for this trip so if they were able to fund 12 students per one trip then there would be no issue. The problem is that only maximum of three students can get funded for the same event. **M. Baron** says if they are going against the policy then they should not be bending the rules for one group and not for



another. **M. Fugfugosh** says there's a whole in the policy so they are not breaking the policy. **E. Pinlac** says the only thing they can do for the future is to change that threshold to a higher number. **M. Watkins** states they are asking to be paid between \$3,420 but as the Board of Directors, they don't fully have to pay for this because the group is saying that you want to pay something. **M. Watkins** says to think about some of the things they would like to do in the next couple of weeks, take that into account, and subtract it from the number you would like to give them. **Z. Meade** states if these were to be funded, it would be treated as a conference travel in a sense that they would pay in advance and be reimburse later. **M. Fugfugosh** states they would be funded just like a conference travel but they get the spreadsheet before the trip so they could get the money in advance. **Z. Meade** states this might be too much and they have other initiatives to take care of within the last remaining weeks of this semester.

Motion to amend by replacing \$3,500 with \$2,000 to reflect the conference travel funding maximum amount for four students by **Z. Meade**, second by **M. Baron**, motion **FAILED**.

M. Fugfugosh says if they are going to fund the group then they should fund it all the way because if they leave \$1,500 in the Board Initiative then they can't really do much. **K. Dhillon** says the problem with fully funding is that they can't really fully fund this because there is only less than \$4,000 left in the Board Initiative budget. **M. Baron** says they should give what they can because they would appreciate getting \$2,000 instead of nothing at all. **J. Stanley** says they would not be proceeding with the trip if they don't get the amount because it's not doable to come up with \$1,500 in the next two weeks. **M. Fugfugosh** says they are within limits and it's just a simple policy rule. **L. Ramos Casillas** states the club has been working extremely hard and has given multiple presentations so they should try to help them as much as they can with the funding. **K. Parada** says she keeps hearing what the Board wants to do with the money but it's important to remember that the funding is there for the students. **E. Pinlac** says if the Board is going to approve this, they would also need to change the policy by the end of this year because they will end up getting in trouble for not abiding their own policies. **M. Almeida** says it doesn't sound like there's a whole in the policy but it sounds like there is a policy which is supposed to be followed by the Board. If they are going outside the policy then there needs to be a policy change.

Motion to amend by striking out \$2,000 and replacing it by \$3,000 by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **FAILED**.

M. Fugfugosh asks **Z. Meade** if he has anything planned for the amount. **Z. Meade** says there is an item on this agenda to fund \$150 for a conference.

Motion to approve Solar Spring Break Funding request for \$3,350, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to suspend the rules for taking Agenda Item out of order to move up New Business Item E by **D. Cuevas**, second by **L. Ramos Casillas**, motion **PASSED**.

39:30

C. ACTION ITEM – Removal of the Senator of Alumni Relations

Motion to remove Jasmine Graham as Senator of Alumni Relations by **K. Dhillon**, second by **D. Cuevas**, motion **PASSED**. **K. Dhillon** states that it was brought in Personnel a couple of



times and the consensus they reached was that they need a letter of resignation from her. **D. Maxon, E. Pinlac** and **J. Graham** communicated and decided that it wasn't the best fit for her to be in ASI and her other commitments did not allow her to be the Senator. She also did not complete her paperwork, attend any Senate meetings, or took office. It has been a month since the email went out asking for her letter of resignation but she has not responded. **Z. Meade** asks if there is a plan to put out the application again. **K. Dhillon** says there will be no further Senate applications for the remainder of the year because they only have a month left in this semester.

55:07

D. ACTION ITEM – ASI Stipend Policy

Motion to adopt the Stipend Policy which includes the language in regards to the non-academic Senators compensation by **K. Dhillon**, second by **I. De La Cruz**, motion **PASSED**.

K. Dhillon reads the policy from the google doc. **E. Pinlac** says the calculation for the monthly is that you take the 12 months but then it's only disbursed in 10 months. **E. Pinlac** goes on to say that they have to do it for positions that aren't for full 12 months. **R. Finazzo** asks if he happens to know the number for the current cost of attendance. **E. Pinlac** says it came out to be \$320 when they did the calculations but they have to use percentages.

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E. ACTION ITEM – ASI Senate Constitution

Motion to adopt the ASI Senate Constitution by **K. Dhillon**, second by **D. Cuevas**, motion **PASSED**.

K. Dhillon states there are minor edits in regards to Senator of Athletics description. It says that they shall be part of the Student Athletic Council. It also says when this documented was originally approved and when it has been revised in the past for Historical purposes. **K. Dhillon** states he would like this document to be affective now because the previous language said that it would be affective in the next fiscal year.

59:30

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM – Appearing by Telecommunications

E. Pinlac states there should be some rules or boundaries on how they do their meetings over telecommunity but he also believes that telecommunity should be limited to certain circumstances. **E. Pinlac** says that if they create this policy, there should be some kind of permission or procedure build into this. **Z. Meade** states that maybe they file a request to appear by telecommunity. **O. Rubio** agrees with the idea and says they can request it. **I. De La Cruz** states that **E. Pinlac** brought up a good point on appearing places that they shouldn't be and one way they can help prevent this is by requiring video transmission because with that, you can see where people are. **M. Watkins** says he is talking an online class right now that requires your video screen to be on in order to get credit for the class so he can bring the syllabus from the class to see how it's done. **R. Finazzo** states that there isn't a physical policy in regards to this.



M. Baron says that if someone wants to say something during telecomm then they can unmute their screen and say “I”.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM – Agenda Policy

Z. Meade states that there are some additions they would like to make to the agenda policy and amendments which have to do with coming to compliance with newly adopted standing rules. One thing from the standing rules is that if people want to absent themselves from the meeting then they’ll have to request it so the Board now have to excuse their absent either by objection or by vote. **Z. Meade** says including in the Agenda after public comment, there would be an item that would say “Approval of Absences”. **M. Watkins** asks **Z. Meade** what are some of the things on here that he thinks the Board should look over the next week. **Z. Meade** says it’s important that all of the Agendas are consistent. **Z. Meade** says in the standing rules that they adopted, it says no member should absent themselves from Board meetings without first giving a notice to the Chair. **M. Castillo** says that they should clarify that this is only for a single time absent.

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C. ACTION ITEM – Sanctions due to Code of Conduct

R. Finazzo states that motion on the floor is to give Mahdi, Mahad and Hoang sanctions for in violation of code of conduct for using ASI resources for personal benefits which was send from the Personnel Committee. **E. Pinlac** states the three individuals named were using ASI office space to discuss matters of Elections while the door was closed. **Mahad Fugfugosh** asks why he is getting a sanction since he was never a candidate. **R. Finazzo** says that they are not giving sanctions because of the Elections but the motion on the table is the code of conduct. **H. Dao** states that they were not speaking about ASI when they were found in the office. **K. Parada** asks for more information for those who are not aware of this situation. **M. Castillo** states that the first sanction was given as a written warning to these individuals. When this allegation was discussed with the Personnel Committee, there were two different stories that came out of this which was from Mahdi and Hoang so it became difficult to make a decision. After a while, it turned out that **M. Castillo** was the only one in the room who did not have any conflict of interest. **M. Castillo** states he did not want to make the decision alone so that’s why he brought to the Board. **H. Dao** says the Personnel Committee consists of five members and three of the members are part of the same slate so there’s a conflict of interest there. **M. Fugfugosh** states the rule they have broken is using ASI space and resources and talking about it in benefit of Elections so if **Mahad Fugfugosh** isn’t a candidate and never was a candidate then how is he benefiting from this. **R. Finazzo** reads section 1.10 on section 1.1. **E. Pinlac** states that he had members come up to him and say that they felt like they couldn’t use that room. **K. Parada** states on February 14, 2019 after Love Yourself event, she was going to the office to put away supplies when she noticed that the ASI office was closed. She walked in and asked **H. Dao** and **M. Fugfugosh** if they were slate plotting and they both said yes so **K. Parada** then informed **E. Pinlac** about this. **L. Ramos Casillas** says he has heard that this is not about Elections so this



motion to sanction them isn't about what they were discussing but the fact that their doors were closed and discussed. **K. Dhillon** clarifies that this sanction is for violating the code of conduct in regards to Elections slating in the ASI office. **E. Pinlac** says when this was brought to the Elections Committee, they were not candidates so it wasn't an issue but if you boil it all the way down then it is a misuse of the Board room for a personal gain. **Mahdi Fugfugosh** says there is no solid concrete to any of this because when **K. Parada** walked in, they laughed and snarkily said yes because the door wasn't closed. **D. Maxion** states at the Personnel meeting, **M. Baron** asked **Mahdi Fugfugosh** if he talked about slating. **M. Fufughosh** at that meeting said yes. **M. Baron** then asked **H. Dao** if he talked about slates and his response was no. **D. Maxion** says it is on record that **Mahdi Fugfugosh** said yes to talking about slates. **I. De La Cruz** states that the same thing happened to him two years ago and he received a sanction. **Mahdi Fugfugosh** wants to clarify that the people who brought the sanctions are the ones who are running against him. **M. Watkins** says until they are able to approve the minutes of Personnel meeting, they won't know what they bring out. **M. Baron** says there's no point of tabling this until the next meeting. **E. Pinlac** reads the draft of the Personnel minutes.

Motion to extend the discussion to four by **Mahdi Fugfugosh**, second by **L. Ramos Casillas**, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to give the listed individuals sanctions for using the ASI office space for personal gain by **K. Parada**, second by **M. Baron**.

Motion to strike out **Mahad Fugfugosh** name from sanctions by **M. Fugfugosh**, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to table this until the minutes for Personnel meeting comes out by **Mahdi Fugfugosh**, second by **Z. Meade**, motion **PASSED**.

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D. ACTION ITEM – Funding for Travel for Director of Sustainability

Z. Meade says the conference will take place in Chico and he is going with the Office of Sustainability. **Z. Meade** says that it is okay if he pays for the conference now and get reimburse later. He will be able to present about the conference after he attends. **E. Pinlac** states that because this is for ASI Business, he will take a look at the budget and see if he can approve it without having to take it to the Board.

1:43:15

E. INFORMATION ITEM – RAW UPDATE

Jennifer Luna gives an update on some of the services they offer at RAW. **J. Luna** says she become the Director of Recreation & Wellness in 2016. She says they get over 1,000 students per day but on Sundays, they have been getting less people coming. The fee for RAW when it was on quarter system was \$67 and on the semester system, it is \$97. **J. Luna** states the utilization has increased since they have been on the semester system. There are paid memberships offered for Alumni, Staff & Faculty, Retirees, Sponsored guests and Community members. They offer different type of students to reach out to different people. **J. Luna** says that after they got rid of the participation fee, they saw an increase in student participation. They



do have a significant amount of outreach with ASI such as Spring Mayhem, RAW After Dark, Field Day, Farmers Market, etc. Since the RAW opened in 2011, they have always hosted the Overnight Orientation. They have over 80 students who work within the RAW and when asked why they want to work there, most of them say they loved the Overnight Orientation. They are also one of the largest student employment on campus by employing 8% of students on campus. Half of the Wellness staff is at the RAW and the other half are at the health center. They have a group of preadvocates Wellness that are Student Assistants and some of them receive academic student credit. One of the things they have done in the past is being able to present the health data that they collect from our campus population to ASI at the beginning of the year. She recommends doing the same for the next year's ASI Board. They also have 700 followers on Instagram and have Newsletters that go out to about 1,800 people every week. **Z. Meade** asks if there are plans to expand Sustainability in RAW. **J. Luna** says the Sustainability Committee has been very active and the RAW building was the first green building on campus. There is a group that meets bi-weekly which focuses on highlighting the green features of the building. They have a YouTube channel as well which will have Sustainability stories on there. **J. Luna** states one of the downsides of having Student Instructors is that they leave once they graduate so some of the classes they taught may be end once they leave.

53:01

F. DISCUSSION ITEM – JustCARE

Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes by **Z. Meade**, second by **L. Ramos Casillas**, motion **PASSED**.

Sonja Goetsch-Avila states that she works for the Women's Foundation for California in Oakland. She will be talking about the Senate vote that they are supporting which is SB24. SB 24 is the College Student Right to Act and if this bill passes, it would require that all public Universities Health Centers provide medication abortion on campus for students. As of right now, all CSU's and UC's Health Centers provide other reproductive health care services but none of the student health centers provide any abortion services. **S. Avila** says medication abortion is a series of two pills, when taken together; it is a safe way to terminate pregnancy. This method has been FDA approved and used in California for many years. **S. Avila** says this bill is important because it gives them access to safe and legal procedure right on campus. This bill is not new; it was known as SB 320 last year and was originated by student organizing at UC Berkeley. All of the money for this bill already exists so it will not add any costs to Universities. If this bill passes, it will provide 3 year \$200,000 grants to every Student Health Center. They can use the money to provide equipment, training in counseling, expand storage etc. There will be also additional money provided to UC's and CSU's if needed for technical support. Last year CSSA took the neutral position, while UCSA supported the bill. **S. Avila** says that on April 13, she has been notified that SB24 will be introduced at CSSA Plenary Meeting in LA. She will be at the meeting and provide information and answer any questions they may have. **S. Avila** states that they have grant funding available to provide for any events to get the word out about this bill. Once this bill passes, **S. Avila** states she will be working on JustCare campaign and will continue to support student organizing around California. Some



Universities have used some of the funding to provide free menstrual products around their campus. **S. Avila** states that there will be upcoming Senate Health Committee hearing on April 3rd in and the Senate Education Committee will be on April 24th. **S. Avila** encourages students to come out to show their support.

Motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes by **K. Dhillon**, second by **Z. Meade**, motion **PASSED**.

1:58:10

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CHESS Report by Louis Ramos

L. Ramos Casillas states that everyone had a wonderful weekend at CHESS. They also won the most-spirited competition. They met with four legislators and made contact with their offices. Overall, they had a wonderful time and enjoy the weekend there.

1:59:40

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

D. Cuevas says that she has an event tomorrow which will provide Sexual Assault presentation by a trained counselor.

K. Dhillon says the ASI Senate is fully seated and functioning. He is working on several things right now and will give updates as he works on them.

E. Pinlac says Special Events have a comedy event tonight and Aquaman will be played Wednesday 7-9 at NPR.

K. Parada would like to apologize for losing her cool at the meeting.

M. Baron states don't forget to check your emails about attending events.

R. Finazzo says he does not expect these meetings to go over 2pm because classes should be the first priority.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **2:07 PM**.

Minutes Reviewed by:

Chair of the Board

Name: Ryan Finazzo

Minutes Approved on:

4-10-19

Date:

