

## Board of Directors Meeting September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:01 PM**

II. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Myles Watkins, Daisy Maxion, Ryan Finazzo, Mahdi Fugfugosh, Kabir Dhillon, Daejona Walker, Karen Parada, Zachary Meade, Dessiree Cuevas, Oscar Rubio, Martin Castillo, Erik Pinlac

**Not Present:** Hoang Dao

**Late:** Melissa Baron, Isaiah Avila-De La Cruz, Mahad Fugfugosh

III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** to approve the agenda of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by **M. Fugfugosh**, second by **K. Parada**, motion **PASSED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by **D. Walker**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

**Z. Meade** moves to amend item D by striking out “acknowledges that this resolution was passed a year ago” and replacing it with the language “acknowledged that this resolution is to fulfill the emergency housing resolution passed the year prior”; he also moves to amend the minutes of this meeting by striking “12:52” adjournment time and replacing it with “1:52”.

**Motion** to amend the minutes of September 12, 2018 by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Parada**, 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.**

A member from the public wants to bring attention to ASI on the matter of the food options on campus. He has been doing his own research and is looking for ways to talk to the food service director because students are not happy with the options we have on the campus. He is asking ASI for help to come up with a solution for this problem. **M. Watkins** responds by saying that this is the last year of Aramark food contract that he can guarantee he will not be voting to bring Aramark back to this campus. The member from the public asks “How long has Aramark been with the school?” **M. Watkins** believes the contract is for five or ten years but he is not sure. **M. Castillo** states that ASI gave them the contract in 2006. The member of the public follows by asking if there is going to be another contract, and does it mean the restaurants currently here will be renewed with something else? **M. Castillo** states that they’re in the middle of doing request of proposal where the other vendors come in and bid to be the contractor on this

  
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campus. Currently, there are five different major groups that tend to work nationwide. The franchises such as “subway, panda, etc.” are all under a different contract with the major contractor, they have to be kept for at least two years after the new contract. After the new contract is rewarded, a poll can be done to all students with what they would like to see on campus. The last survey was done in 2013 and the top two choices were Taco Bell and Chick-fil-A so they brought Taco Bell. It’s been five years now, taste may have changed and there may be new restaurant options that may be brought to campus after the poll has been taken.

**10:20**

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS

A. ACTION ITEM – **Senate Constitution**

Motion to approve the Senate Constitution by **I. De La Cruz**, second by **D. Cuevas**, motion **PASSED**.

**Z. Meade** would like to know if he can revise the grammatical errors on the Senate Constitution without the Board of Directors approving the amendments. **E. Pinlac** states that any grammar mistakes can be edited without having to go through a vote.

**12:30**

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. INFORMATION ITEM – **Official response to the Resolution in Support of an Afro Room**

**A. Wilson** states that the purpose of this presentation is to give a historical perspective and where it all started and where the process has ended at. In fall 2015, there were series of preliminary meetings with members of the Black of the Bay group with several organizers who brought a list of concerns to University administration regarding needs for resources and space for African American students. From the meetings, another administrator met with the students to help refine some of the things they were asking for so the presentation could then come to ASI to make an official request. In the winter of 2016, ASI submitted a resolution form to African American resource center which required the resolution went to African American task force in which **A. Wilson** was the administration coach. In winter and spring of 2016, there were three task force meetings and in fall 2016, there was a completion of a student survey to get responses from African American students who got resources. In winter of 2017, the final proposal from the task force was given to the ASI President at that time. In spring of 2017, the ASI President then gave that to cabinet members to be reviewed by cabinet to receive a response back from cabinet to ASI. The response from cabinet to ASI came in fall of 2017. The Black of the Bay movement was organized by African American students to advocate for the space and resources on campus, dedicated specifically to African American students. There was an official presentation to request the space and then a website was created for and by students to identify resources on campus and to motivate them to make connections with each other on campus. The student surveys took place

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January through fall of 2016 and the link of on the website takes you more into the detail. In January, 2016, there was an ASI resolution which was to create the task force in which A. Wilson was tasked as co-chair along with student representatives. There were three task force meetings; it was representatives from administration, staff and faculty, and students. Four areas of the task force that were addressed were student experience here at East Bay, faculty impact, staff impact, and the space use on campus. Key leadership was invited to these meetings to address some of these concerns. One of the main questions was “how would an African American resource center benefit you?” The task force provided a proposal in winter 2017; six recommendations were presented to ASI President at that time. The recommendations included facility and staff training, recruiting and hiring practices, space request process clarification, dedicated space, dedicated support staff, and access to culturally relevant resources. The entire document indicated what were the recommendations from the task force to ASI to go back to the cabinet. The faculty staff training was recommending macroaggression and cultural sensitivity training, having intentional effort to recruit African American faculty and staff. The cabinet response came in October 2017 which was then given to the ASI President at that time in April 2017. The cabinet response addressed the four areas that were identified from the original task force proposal. Number 1 was dedicated space, support staff, and access to cultural relevant responses. It also identified that there was a position opening specifically for African American academic counselor which was a failed search at that time. In addition, things were addressed about training, recruiting or hiring practices, and made some clarifications of new request process. **M. Watkins** states that he has no idea how the multicultural hub was not offered. **A. Wilson** says that the cabinet response was to identify the space and make the space available. **K. Parada** adds that she was here during the time this was being done in the past and she does remember that they were requesting multicultural hub yet that was not what they were given. **E. Pinlac** reminds the Board that if they would like to further discuss it then it would have to discussed this matter with the cabinet. **I. De La Cruz** shares that a similar issue was seen with Latino students yet when a center was focused for Latino students, the retention rate from first years to graduation escalated to 96%, making it extremely important to do the same for African American students. The Board continues to discuss why an African American center is needed.

34:05

#### **B. DISCUSSION ITEM – 2019 Elections Budget & Timeline**

The elections committee advisors shared the budget allocation and timeline with the ASI BOD. **E. Pinlac** shares the elections budget and timeline. He says that the budget is very similar to the previous year. The only difference is there is more money being put towards events. It will be a total of \$9,000 for the election committee with \$4,000 going towards stipends and \$5,000 going to the rest of elections. The timeline will began sooner than other years. Applications will become available for the next elections the first day of Spring Semester, through BaySync. The goal is to have the new elected members by Spring Break, so that training can be provided sooner and for a longer period of time. **E.**

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**Pinlac** adds that he would like to design three weeks for the new members to spend with ASI, so that the transition will become easier rather than just having a day to transition. The goal of making the campaign from March 9<sup>th</sup>– 27<sup>th</sup> is that so each candidate gets the chance to know the students on campus.

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**C. DISCUSSION ITEM – Delta Sigma Pi Funding Request**

The President of DSP gave a presentation on the funding request for their 2018 Business Expo. **M. Lindholm**, the president of Delta Sigma Pi, and **J. Sanchez** an active member present what their exposition will be like. **M. Lindholm** states the employers that will be attending; both students and employers will be able to connect with each other. Students will be able to learn how to connect with employers, build networking skills, and how to better sell themselves which will help them in their future careers. **J. Sanchez** adds that this would be a great way to market Cal State East Bay. Delta Sigma Pi is asking for **\$762.28** in funds to support this event which will help expose jobs and internships to students. **M. Fugfugosh** states that they were already accepted for club and organization funding. **E. Pinlac** mentions that there is some concern because the food is going towards the vendors and not the students, when the funds are meant for the students. **I. De La Cruz** asks if Delta Sigma Pi would still like to be helped by ASI in their marketing, and if so how. **M. Lindholm** would like to have the event posted on the LCD screens around school, social media and if it is possible to reach out to clubs and orgs to receive a greater outcome. **R. Finazzo** states that ASI can only fund events if the funds will be given directly to the students and not outside sources. **M. Watkins** suggests that in the future; try to keep the event more students focused than employer focused and try to sell students to the employers rather than selling employers to the students. Due to this **M. Fugfugosh** will have to revise the funding even though it was already approved.

55:45

**D. DISCUSSION ITEM – Association of Latino Professionals for America Funding Request**

The ALPFA gave a presentation to BOD for a funding request. They are hosting the 2018 Fall Regional Collegiate Symposium event here at East Bay this year. There will be students from Seattle to Los Angeles attending this event. There will be multiple businesses supporting this event. Their mission statement is to empower and develop Latino leaders of character for the nation, in every sector of global economy. They started off as an emphasis in students in the business sector but they are slowly including more stem students. The Board was shown a video about students who express how useful the event has been in the past. **J. Sanchez**, the speaker, and the Vice President of ALPFA, broke down the total funds they are requesting. **M. Barons** ask to clarify specifically on what the funds for the marketing will be used for. **J. Sanchez**, clarifies that it will be on social media, with a specific focus on Instagram since it's the most used.

**Motion** to move this item to the Finance Committee by **M. Fugfugosh**, second by **K. Parada**, motion **PASSED**.

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**E. DISCUSSION ITEM – Resolution in Support of Retiring Pioneer Pete**

The BOD discussed the creation of a Resolution in support of retiring Pioneer Pete as a mascot. **I. De La Cruz**, is on the Faculty Diversity Equity Committee where a resolution was created in support of retiring Pioneer Pete as the mascot of the university and submitted to the University Academic Senate. He speaks about the deaths of Native American and others who were affected by the Spanish colonization. The California State Faculty condemned three mascots, including Pioneer Pete for the reasons that were previously stated and can also be found on the school website. It is asked for the task force to find a new mascot for the university, previously it was discussed to have an astronaut return and become the new mascot but no decision was made. **I. De La Cruz** adds that Pioneer Pete is a not a marketable mascot, and is something that needs to be taken into consideration for the new mascot. He also asks everyone to read the resolution in case they have any amendments they would like to make. **K. Dhillon** informs the Board that at the next academic senate meeting, Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm they will have a second reading of the resolution. **R. Finazzo** would like **I. De La Cruz** to clarify what he would like to see from the Board. **I. De La Cruz** would like for the Board to create its own resolution in support of the one that has been created.

**Motion** to refer this to the Executive Committee by **M. Watkins**, second by **M. Fugfugosh**, motion **PASSED**.

1:23:24

**F. DISCUSSION ITEM – Student Union Suggestion Box**

The BOD discussed the possibility of purchasing a student suggestion box that would be located in the Unions. **Z. Meade** explains to the Board that it's just an idea that would cost around \$45 for the box plus the fees for installation. He adds that there use to be a suggestion box, but would prefer a new and more accessible suggestion box. **Z. Meade** suggests having the box downstairs with an explanation of what ASI does and having sticky notes available, so that students who cannot attend Board meetings can still provide comments for the 'public comments' section. **E. Pinlac** states that a location would have to be determined, as well as noting if it will be free standing or attached to a wall- which is something that would also have to be discussed with the Unions.

**Motion** to table this item until further information is provided, by **M. Fugfugosh**, second by **Z. Meade**, motion **PASSED**.

1:29:15

**VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS**

No special reports.

**IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS**

**K. Parada** shares that she finds it important to answer the publics' questions during a meeting and to somewhat explain Robert's Rules so that they understand how the meeting takes place.



She also has an updated budget on the CS Math, and if anyone would like know about it they could find her after the meeting.

**D. Cuevas** thanks everyone who came out to the tailgate.

**E. Pinlac** shares that there are a ton of events taking place within the next two weeks. He asks if you can to support the special events team, PAC, by attending their events.

**D. Maxion** reminds the Board if they have any last minute committee recommendations to email it to her since this Friday they will be discussing it at the Personnel Committee. She has also interviewed all the First Year Interns.

**M. Baron** reminds the Board to take notice of their response to those who speak during ‘Public Comment’.

**M. Watkins** congratulates the Board for their hard work. He also has been reaching out to different organization in the past couple weeks.

**R. Finazzo** agreed with K. Parada’s comment. In addition to that, he reminds the Board of the dress policy which is either professional or school spirit.

X. ADJOURNMENT at **1:38 PM**

Minutes Reviewed by:

**Chair of the Board**

Name: Ryan Finazzo

Minutes Approved on

**10-10-18**

Date:

