

## ASI Board of Directors Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:03 PM**

II. ROLL CALL

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

**Not Present:** Daejona Walker

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

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

**Motion** to approve the agenda of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by **K. Dhillon**, second by **Z. Meade**, motion **PASSED**.

**Motion** to strike out agenda items E, F, G, and H by **M. Watkins**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of September 26<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of September 26<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 by **M. Watkins**, 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 a group called “Young Americans for Freedom”. Some background information on them is that they’re a conservative group who target liberal and diverse campuses around the nation. As of now, they have an active group in Berkeley who brings in conservative speakers. Last year on our campus, they attacked the Michael John building by leaving threatening notes on doors. The member from the public wants ASI to recognize that there are groups like these on campus. **M. Castillo** wants to clarify that they are not officially recognized as of now but if they meet all the requirements, they will be a recognized club or organization. If they are posting threatening things or violating the posting policy, they can be informed to the school conduct with proper documentation.

**8:57**

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS

No unfinished items.

  
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## VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

### A. INFORMATION ITEM – Core Building

**Debbie Chaw**, VP of Administration of Finance for the University gives a presentation on the new Core building coming in 2020. She got an email from **Z. Meade** about whether or not the students can be involved in the planning on the Core building. The response was that they had already started planning the building in spring of 2017. At that time, they had a committee and the ASI President at that time was on the committee. **D. Chaw** starts to demonstrate the plans for the building on the power point. She points out that there were workshops and surveys to get input from students on what services the building should offer. The main focus of the building is around sustainability. There will be a space for invasion and collaboration on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The new core building will have space for mediation or a prayer room. There will also be a tech service, a café and more flexible space. The purpose of this building is to enhance student's success. There will be a quiet place and a place for people to who want to talk or work on projects. On the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, there will be two sets of restroom facilities, one of them will be a gender neutral restroom. The Board of Trustees approved the project and budget which really helped them get started on the building. The project is being funded by state bonds but the University has to put in \$10 million dollars towards the project. Right now, there is \$5 million dedicated to the project. There will be no budget cuts or lay-offs from this project. ASI suggests if **D. Chaw** can find space for an African American resource center in the new Core building.

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### B. INFORMATION ITEM – Implementation of Imperfect Produce

**Z. Meade** gives an update on the imperfect Produce project. Imperfect Produce is a produce distributor, centralized in San Francisco. It focuses on the idea that so much food waste is caused by the ugliness of fruit and vegetables. They are targeting this idea by attempting to counter the effect on the sale of produce by offering the service of taking on all that considered ugly produce and distributing it through their services. Some facts they give on their website is that they have 30 million pounds of food saved and 12 million saved on groceries. The good thing about this program is that every student who will be able to access it can customize the box for themselves. The funding request was \$1,980 per department. It should be able to serve approximately 400 boxes for a piolet program on campus. The issue right now is who would have access because of the limited amount of funds. **E. Pinlac** states that the budget has already been approved but because since there is a small amount of budget, this will be used as a piolet program to understand if this will be beneficial or not. The program will start next semester. **D. Cuevas** states the produce will go to waste easier for people who are resident on campus and don't have a stove. **E. Pinlac** responds by saying that students will have the option to customize their box so they can order items according to what they prefer or works best for them.

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**C. ACTION ITEM – Appointment of Special Interest /Non – Academic Senators**

**Motion** to appoint Jarod Bartlet as Senator of Athletics by **M. Watkins**. **D. Maxion** states that they interviewed a lot of people for the position and they really liked Jarod for his ideas. He has various goals for the campus and a grasp of what the student population wants, specifically athletics. **D. Maxion** enjoyed the interview and points out that he was well prepared and always followed up which is really important as a senate to do. All in favor of appointing Jarod as Senator of Athletics, motion **PASSED**. **M. Watkins** motions to appoint Freshta Sharifi as Senator at Large. All those in favor of appointing Freshta Sharifi as Senator at Large, motion **PASSED**. **K. Dhillon** moves to appoint Justin Mercado as Senator of Commuter Students. **D. Maxion** states that he's well aware of what needs to be approved and he wants to find a way to have ASI collaborate with Bart transit system and have discount for students. All those in favor of appointing Justin as Senator of Commuter, motion **PASSED**. **K. Dhillon** moves to appoint Riley Miller as Senator of Greek Life. **K. Dhillon** states that Riley had a lot of good ideas in his interview on how to build a better relationship between ASI, students and Greek life. All those in favor of appointing Riley Miller, motion **PASSED**.

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**D. DISCUSSION ITEM – Resolution for the Implementation of a Grade Transparency Policy using Blackboard**

**K. Parada** states that most professors don't utilize blackboard as much when it comes to posting grades. A lot of students don't know what their grades are until the very end. **K. Parada** came up with a resolution for a grade transparency policy which would enforce a policy that would require faculty to use blackboard even if it's just to put midterm grades up. **M. Watkins** states that it might be stronger if they say that they specifically want their grades on blackboard by a certain amount of time. **Z. Meade** asks them if this has already been addressed in the senate. **K. Parada** states that this has always been an issue and the fact that we're rolling into semester and starting fresh, it's a good idea to bring this up. Suggestions can be made until next board meeting.

1:23:08

**E. ACTION ITEM – East Bay Debates Budget**

Tabled to the next board meeting.

**F. ACTION ITEM – CIVIC Month Budget**

Tabled to the next board meeting.

**G. ACTION ITEM – Alumni Awards Gala Table**

Tabled to the next board meeting.

**H. ACTION ITEM – Hope Fashion Show Collaboration**

Tabled to the next board meeting.

  
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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

No Special Reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

**K. Dhillon** wants to let everyone know that yesterday at the academic senate meeting, the academic senate anonymously approved the resolution to retire Pioneer Pete as the mascot.

**M. Watkins** states that there will be surveys from students and faculty to get data on who should be the next mascot.

**E. Pinlac** announces some of the events happening around the campus this month like Incredibles 2, farmers market, campus escape room, and tabling for the Halloween movie.

**D. Cuevas** also makes an announcement about the soccer game for men and women. Tomorrow, she will also meet with the RA from housing to collaborate with them for Halloween Bash. The day of Halloween, there will be a Halloween festival.

**Z. Meade** states we are eight weeks into the semester and no one has been able to work on getting students to join campus wide committees. ASI should look into it and get started on it. He also wants to know if the chief of staff position can be implemented before 2020 so they can use the position to make the board efficient sooner.

**K. Parada** wants to know if it is possible for the doodles to be sent through an email because it is more formal and professional.

**M. Watkins** wants everyone to keep up the good work. He will be working on Instagram for the CSUEB page and will give a shout out to the Athletics department.

**R. Finazzo** wants to encourage everyone to word your question in a more collaborative way because we want to improve our relationship with the University and not distance it.

X. ADJOURNMENT at **1:41 PM**

Minutes Reviewed by:

**Chair of the Board**

Name: Ryan Finazzo

Minutes Approved on

**11-14-18**

Date:

  
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