

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 5, 2018**I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:01 PM****II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Myles Watkins, Daisy Maxion, Ryan Finazzo, Mahdi Fufugosh, Kabir Dhillon, Karen Parada, Hoang Dao, Isaiah Avila-De La Cruz, Zachary Meade, Dessiree Cuevas, Mahad Fugfugosh, Oscar Rubio, Martin Castillo, Erik Pinlac

Late: Melissa Baron, Daejona Walker

Not Present:

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

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

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of November 28th, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2018 by **D. Cuevas**, 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.

No Public Comment.

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS**A. ACTION ITEM – Executive Task Force Policy**

Motion to approve the ASI Executive Task Force Policy by **Z. Meade**, second by **D. Maxion**.

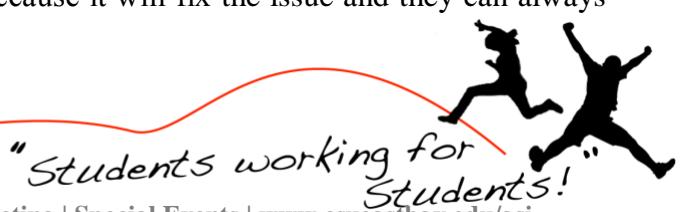
Z. Meade states that some of the discussion needs to be around if whether or not this is an absolutely necessary action the board needs to take. In his opinion, he thinks it would be a successful program in the short term because of the direction of the President and the fact that the President has brought this to the board for specific reasons but he's not sure if the whole board would agree this is a necessary action for the board to take as a whole. **M. Watkins** states the reason he brought this to the board isn't because of his own initiative that he would like to start but for the initiatives for every ASI President. **M. Watkins** says currently, they don't have a group that their sole purpose is implementing initiatives for ASI. **I. De La Cruz** states he likes the idea behind the policy and that the Executive team does need help when it comes to initiating their own programs. He does recommend that in addition to this policy, there should be stronger language around the incentives that would be made possible to the Executive task force. **K. Dhillon's** concern with this is that this may be too big to implement in the middle of the year and



if they were to implement this, the language would need to be more specific and polished before they adopt this. **M. Watkins** states that as soon as this policy is passed, he would immediately begin the interview process, add people to the task force so when next semester begins, they can start implementing initiatives that they had beginning of this semester. **K. Parada** states that she had a similar conversation with the previous board about needing more help and that's the reason why senate was created so she doesn't know if creating another group would be for the better. **M. Castillo** states that he doesn't know if they are using the FYI program this year but this was supposed to be part of getting additional help and training people into becoming next year leaders. They also did this with senate to increase additional help and it feels like they're adding and not structuring what they have. **E. Pinlac** says he's not a huge fan of rushing implementation because he feels if you rush it; the initiative will go away just as fast. **K. Dhillon** agrees with that **K. Parada** said before about adding more people into ASI when ASI is already big. He thinks they need to look within ASI and look at what's weak and look into strengthening those weak points. **M. Watkins** states senate serves the representatives for the organization and they will not be the implementation group. He feels this is a group that would direct implementation and he agrees that he needs to have some language in here which would state that the task force would get incentives. **M. Watkins** states that he already has people interested and willing to work in this task force. **K. Parada** states that she likes the idea and the end goal but she believes it's not necessary in the right area because they already have people in ASI who have the same responsibility. She thinks the idea is great but it would be even better if they applied it to something they already have within ASI instead of creating something else. **E. Pinlac** states that he would rather have a staff member do this as oppose to volunteers because they deal with sensitive issues and information sometimes.

Motion to amend the document to say that in that rolling basis clause that there is a comma and it says beginning on the date of passing this resolution by **I. De La Cruz**, second by **Z. Meade**, motion **PASSED**.

M. Watkins states that next year when it comes to training, the initiative would change but because of the election being held a month earlier, this will give the next ASI President Elect over a month to get five members to support the initiative they want to implement. After talking with students, the main three things that the board and students want are better facilities, basic needs to be more something spoken about, and resource centers. This program will be able to help implement different initiatives they want to get done and if this program goes well, they can work in getting them paid. **Z. Meade** states a possible alternative to this can be re-structuring the FYI program to include non-freshmen's. **Z. Meade** believes there are other ways getting exactly what they want out of this policy by re-structuring other areas in ASI. **M. Castillo** says the next item to agenda which is a Volunteer Program is something to keep in mind as well. He also asks the board if this is a time sensitive topic. **M. Watkins** states that this is a time sensitive topic and if they don't get a group like this next semester, then it would look a lot like this semester. **M. Castillo** states they haven't had a Director of Legislative and the committee this semester so they have been short staffed as well. He states that every single committee could be implementing whatever initiative their President wants them to do. **M. Watkins** states some of the topics this group can research on are food, housing and mental health. **M. Fugfugosh** thinks of this program as a bandage and states that it isn't a bad thing because it will fix the issue and they can always



come back to adjust it. **D. Maxion** is wondering if there is a way to make this policy as conditional or a pilot. **Z. Meade** states he doesn't believe a whole new organization needs to be created just for this and states only the Executive Committee would have access to this so other committees will still be left without the extra help.

Motion to table the Executive Task Force policy until the next board meeting by **M. Fufugosh**, second by **I. De La Cruz**, motion **PASSED**.

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B. ACTION ITEM – ASI Volunteer Program

Motion to adopt the ASI Volunteer Program policy by **M. Watkins**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

K. Parada states she loves the idea but doesn't think it should take place from their responsibilities. She believes they have resources to accomplish what they need to do. She believes this was never needed until ASI became unaccountable with their members within their organization. **E. Pinlac** states that this program is not to take their responsibilities away but it would be helpful to have volunteers at events. **M. Watkins** agrees and states that students would love to help out at these events. **O. Rubio** likes the program and is benefiting from it right now at the concord campus. **M. Watkins** lets everyone know that the volunteers would only need a waiver to sign up. **K. Dhillon** thinks having an application on Bay Sync would be a good idea so it's digitally saved. **M. Watkins** states that an application has already been created.

Motion to amend the document to strike out "any member of the ASI Board of Directors or ASI Senate shall specify and define" and replace it with "the member of the ASI Board of Directors or ASI Senate who creates an event shall specify and define" by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM – Appointment of Director of Legislative Affairs

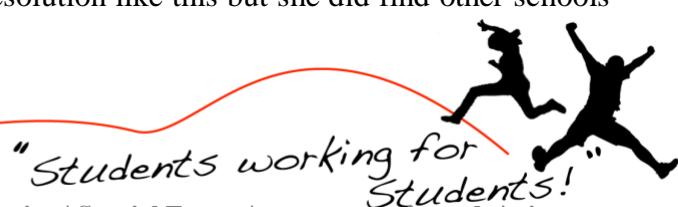
Motion to appoint **Louis Casillas Ramos** as Director of Legislative Affairs by **K. Dhillon**, second by **M. Watkins**, motion **PASSED**.

M. Watkins states that Louie is everything they need for the position. **E. Pinlac** also states Ex-Comm. is working on guidelines for him. **D. Maxion** says he has relations with the health program would be helpful and his passion for ASI has truly shown. **R. Finazzo** wants to clarify that he was recommended by the Personnel Committee. The board swears **L. Ramos** into his new position.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM – Dead Week and Finals Week Resolution

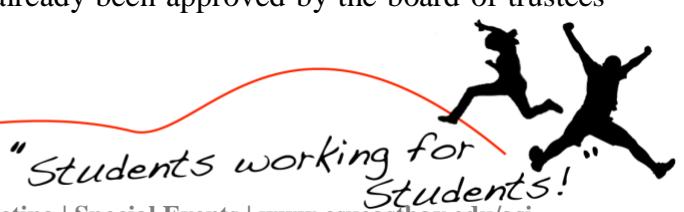
K. Parada says that last week she had a student come up to her in stress asking if professors are allowed to give midterms to students one week before finals. **K. Parada** did some research and found out that East Bay did not have anything resolution like this but she did find other schools



that have this. She states traditionally dead week is a week where there are no classes but she is not asking for that here. She looked at Iowa State and found a good layout that she would like to have here at East Bay. It says that classes should be regularly scheduled but there shouldn't be any in class quizzes or exams the week before finals on Thursday and Friday. There are also exemptions on this policy such as make-up exams, classes that start halfway, etc. **K. Parada** would like ASI to come up with a policy like this for our campus that gives an outline of what should and shouldn't happen during the dead week of finals. **M. Watkins** states he reached out to ASI President, Julian at Iowa State and he said all students love it because they don't get any homework or tests during dead week. It is a space dedicated to just studying for the classes. **M. Watkins** also states that during dead week, they should be getting their grades in so students know where they sit before they enter finals week. **K. Parada** states this resolution would not directly outline specifics but should be a resolution that shows the ASI and the student's support of wanting it done. **M. Lee** states that this does come under the academic issue; professors have the right to make rules but they should be mindful of the needs of the students. **M. Lee** suggests before moving ahead with this resolution, perhaps they should think about talking and socializing it a little more. He also says that this would fall under CIC and it would be a good area to begin this discussion. The Faculty Committee is also a good place to introduce this. **M. Lee** would like some time to look into this issue, talk to the faculty and report back to ASI about what the perspective of faculty is before making this into a resolution. **I. De La Cruz** supports the idea of gathering research so when they present it to the faculty, they can provide a stronger base. **Z. Meade** agrees with M. Lee about bringing it to proper channels. **Z. Meade** thinks this would be an interesting implement on our campus but it would require more action as a University system. **K. Parada** says dead week is a lingo to describe the week before finals so if they decide to move forward with this, they should possibly change the name to something more ease and soothing. **K. Parada** asks M. Lee where the data for this would come from. **M. Lee** states data should come from the faculty because it won't be as reliable getting it from students. **E. Pinalc** states if they tie increase graduation rates into all this; it would be better to sell it to faculty. **M. Hinrichs** states they can make a stronger case if they tie student success into it. **M. Watkins** states that they can use interns and volunteers to help them with the research over the break.

1:21:43**C. DISCUSSION ITEM – Resolution Regarding the Preservation of Agora Stage**

I. De La Cruz states the resolution doesn't say where to preserve the rock so if they support this resolution, they should identify that loophole. They can either support the movement of the rock in the Agora Stage or they can support the perseveration of that area of Agora Stage. **Z. Meade** says from reading the resolution, it seems to him that the CFA goal is to keep the space to be preserved. **R. Finazzo** wants to clarify that they were presented with the new plans for the new core building which is going to be the library building and that is the reason why this resolution has been created by the CFA. **M. Hinrichs** states that if they are going to move the rock, she would want it to be documented somewhere in the interest of the preservation of history. **R. Finazzo** clarifies that the reason the administrator said no to resource centers was because the documentation of the building had already been approved by the board of trustees



so it wasn't something they could change. **E. Pinlac** states that they can't change the inside of the building. **Z. Meade** states they can talk and share opinions on where the rock should be moved to when they come back spring semester. **K. Parada** states they should discuss what they want it to look like and where they want it in the document during break.

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D. ACTION ITEM – Resolution for the Creation of a Sustainability Garden

Motion to adopt the resolution for the creation of a sustainability garden by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Parada**, motion **PASSED**.

Motion to amend the document by including after the Office of Sustainability to add Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability by **Z. Meade**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **PASSED**.

I. De La Cruz wants to let everyone know that the Sustainability Affairs would take over the logistics over this garden so they would figure out the where, when, and how of creating this garden.

Motion to amend the document by including the word operations after Director of Facilities by **Z. Meade**, second by **I. De La Cruz**, motion **PASSED**.

Z. Meade states he didn't realize there were more interested parties within academic senate in regard to creating a sustainability garden. He is planning on working with the facilities to promote sustainability by including native species and plants.

Motion to amend the document by including after the Office of Sustainability, the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability by **Z. Meade**, second by **I. De La Cruz**, motion **PASSED**.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

No Special Reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

D. Cuevas wants to thank everyone who came to Coco and Cram and is looking forward to see everyone dress up.

D. Walker wants to apologize to everyone for not being as present this year in ASI but next semester she is going to come with full energy. She will be putting an event on March 12, 5-7 PM Slam Poetry.

E. Pinlac wants everyone to focus on their academics, do well on the finals and take care of themselves.

M. Baron is happy to see a lot of people show up to the event yesterday.

Z. Meade wants to congratulate the board for appointing Director of Legislative because it has been a significant strain of not having one this semester. He is glad that they finally have one.

R. Finazzo wants to thank all the advisors for their input in discussions. He lets everyone know that at the first board meeting of spring, everyone will have a three minute report on their goals and plans on how to fulfill them.

M. Watkins says he's really proud of everyone. Although his resolution didn't pass, he really enjoyed the discussion. He tells everyone to enjoy their break.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **1:52 PM**

Minutes Reviewed by:

Chair of the Board:

Name: Ryan Finazzo

Minutes Approved on:

1-23-19

Date:

