

Senate Committee Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:26 PM**

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kabir Dhillon, Ryan Finazzo, Daejona Walker, Hoang Dao, Freshta Sharifi, Riley Miller, Simran Pahal, Danielle Feliciano, Adam Reed, Sandra McCullom, Jocelyn Baldon

Late: Justin Mercado

Absent: Karen Prada, Isaiah Avila - DeLa Cruz

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

Motion to approve the agenda by **D. Walker**, second by **S. Pahal**, motion **PASSED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of March 14, 2019**

Motion to approve the minutes by **D. Feliciano**, second by **D. Walker**, 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- **EBx**

The Senate will adjust the funding that was allocated to the EBx event.

Motion to allocate an additional \$600 from the Senate Initiative budget to the EBx event by **F. Sharifi**, second by **D. Walker**, motion **PASSED**.

F. Sharifi states that the additional \$600 is for the videographer since they were not able to find someone internal. They hired a professional. The cost is far less than what we will be making on hundreds if not thousands of students watching the EBx videos. The videos will be posted right after the event. **D. Walkers** asks how much they have in their budget. **R. Finazzo** states there is roughly \$2,264. **K. Dhillon** estimates how much will be left over. There is also three other initiatives to get to. **D. Walkers** ask if they looked somewhere else for funding.

J. Mercado states they did not request for any more funding.

5:10

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: **Transfer Student Workshop/Mixer**

Senator of Transfer Students Danielle Feliciano will continue to discuss her event.



- C. **Feliciano** states that next Wednesday she will have everything solidified. They want to do it in front of the library courtyard. There will be other programs tabling. What food should be served at the event? **J. Mercado** states that serving nachos is simple; however, the chips are what run out first and it disappoints students. It is cheap and a good idea. **D. Feliciano** shows the Senate a rough estimate. Instead of making shirts, they came up with the idea of having a giveaway. They can buy CSUEB merchandise and raffle it off. It would be quicker and cheaper. Next week she will have more after meeting with Kris. She will have the reservations, time and more information.

8:37

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: **Greek Hill Lights**

Senator of Greek Life Riley Miller will continue to discuss an initiative to implement lighting on Greek Hill.

R. Miller states that he is waiting for the approvals. He estimates that he will need 12 lights. He would like them to be bright ones but due to the budget, it might not be possible. Greek council is willing to help and go 50/50, if the funds are available. He is not trying to step over any other initiative. The cheapest one he found and are worth it are \$60 per. It would roughly be \$720 to light up Greek Hill at night. **K. Dhillon** asks that he would be requesting half of \$720. **R. Miller** states that he would be requesting \$360 for Greek Hill lights. **K. Dhillon** states that next meeting it can be an action item. If he can prepare something more formal and have everything outlined. **R. Finazzo** asks what the installation process looks like. **R. Miller** states that it would look like the lights on a pool. The lights will be put around the signs.

10:58

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM- **Breakfast with ASI**

Senator of Science Karen Parada will discuss reintroducing an old tradition of providing a free breakfast bar for students during finals.

Motion to table discussion item A- Breakfast with ASI as the Senator of Science is not present by **K. Dhillon**, second by **J. Mercado**, motion PASSED.

11:30

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: **University Union Flags**

Simran Pahal, Senator of International Students, will discuss an initiative to implement international flags in the University Unions.

S. Pahal states that she has made an appointment. She will be sending out a follow up email. She has teamed up with a substitute online called Canvas. They provide the portraits but in lower rates if they order in bulk. At the meeting, she will show him and get his opinion. **K. Dhillon** asks if she know how much it will cost. **S. Pahal** states that it would be roughly \$300. **K. Dhillon** asks if the \$300 is coming from the Unions or if she is



requesting from the Senate. **S. Pahal** states that she wants the Unions to pay for it since ASI payed for it last time and the flags are not up. **R. Finazzo** asks if they do not have the flags. **S. Pahal** states they do have the flags but they say the flags are dirty. They were not keeping track of them or maintaining it. She asked if they could have them in order to clean them. She was given a budget of \$1,500 to replace the flags but did not agree to it because it was too much for the flags. At the meeting, she will be discussing their options. **J. Mercado** asks what their reason was for not cleaning the flags. **S. Pahal** states they said that no one was accountable for the flags. No one in the Unions can manage them. The international office should also collaborate. The problem is that not everyone participates. **J. Mercado** states that maybe we can save money by somehow work with housing. Maybe use the washing machines to clean them and it would save us money. Or take it off campus laundry mat and wash them there. **S. Pahal** states that he wants to have a dashboard with a glass covering the flags. He has a different idea. **J. Mercado** states that he is suggesting for the idea to come from our budget. **S. Pahal** states yes and that is not our idea.

16:14

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: **Holi Event**

Simran Pahal, Senator of International Students, will discuss a potential funding request for Holi Event collaboration.

S. Pahal states that our budget can go up or down according to what the committee approves. She presents Arshdeep Sidhu to the committee. **Arshdeep Sidhu** states that she is the VP of Finance in Housing for Student Government. We would like to collaborate for the Holi Event. **S. Pahal** states they are expecting at least 300 people. We checked with the organization and they didn't give us a budget because it is the middle of the semester. The whole event would be funded by ASI and Housing. Housing has a budget of \$650 and we are looking for \$1,300. **Arshdeep Sidhu** states that right now they are between April 16th and 17th which is a Tuesday or a Wednesday. It would be the week after Spring Mayhem. The time would be from 12pm to 2pm because there are a lot of students during that time. The event would be in the grass area in front of Meiklejohn. We are planning on having Indian food but it is not yet set. There will be colors that people can hold since that is how the holiday is celebrated.

S. Pahal states they are thinking of getting Indo-Chinese food because we want everyone to eat. **Arshdeep Sidhu** states that somethings in the budget they might not need funding because they can rent it from Housing or ASI. They need funding to buy the colors, utensils, t-shirts and table cloths. **S. Pahal** states that they will need to get permission for the ground. The issue with food is that ASI can only use \$100 if they food from outside and Aramark is expensive. We are thinking of using the budget of Housing to buy the food since they don't have any regulations. Then ASI can pay for the other stuff. **Arshdeep Sidhu** states that she will be meeting with her advisor to see if they can charge the food on them and have the colors and the rest of the materials needed on ASI accounts. We are also planning on giving white shirts for the first few students that come. **S. Pahal** states that the main reason for the white shirts is for the students not to worry about getting dirty. That way they can just enjoy the event. **J. Mercado** asks if they can give a brief history and



purpose about the event. **S. Pahal** states that Holi marks the defeat of evil. **J. Baldon** asks if the Aramark situation has to do with where the food is purchased or who purchases the food. **S. Pahal** states that where we purchase the food. For ASI they can only purchase food from Aramark if the budget is more than \$100. **J. Mercado** asks if they are looking into other departments who might be interested in collaborating or other religious groups who might be interested in funding or sponsoring the event. That way not so much will be taken out from ASI budget. **S. Pahal** states that she has tried to find other groups but no one responds back to her. She does not want to delay this event. **J. Mercado** asks what about off campus groups. **S. Pahal** states that she did ask groups off campus. However, the temple she reached out to wants to celebrate it at night and that would increase the amount needed. **J. Mercado** asks where she got the number of how many people would attend. **S. Pahal** states there is an organization and all the master students and bachelor students are part of it. The group itself is 500 people. If needs to she can cut down the number of students.

J. Baldon asks how much she will need to cut for her to still do the event and everyone else to do their even. **K. Dhillon** states that if ASI is purchasing the t-shirts the ASI logo will have to go on it. **S. Pahal** asks where she would get the shirts and how much would it cost. **R. Finazzo** states that she can get it from Custom Inc. but is not sure about the price. **J. Mercado** states that you are expecting 100 people but I can imagine more people would attend. There could be a really big turnout but not enough materials and resources for everyone. If you were to host it during U-Hour on a Tuesday a lot more students would attend.

S. Pahal believes that if they were to cut it down they can still manage. She will continue to ask the organizations to help. **R. Miller** states you might not need a lot. The budget might be a little more than it will actually be. Maybe find places where you can buy in bulk or where it is cheaper. **S. Pahal** states that she mentioned everything. She added certain things to the budget in case they were to need it. For example, when she orders the food she will ask them if it is possible to include all the utensils. **J. Mercado** asks if they have taken in consideration the amount a D.J. will cost. **Arshdeep Sidhu** states that they have reached out to Chief Flores and he is willing to do it for free. **K. Dhillon** states that if they were to approve Greek life lighting, EBx and possible Transfer Student workshop. **R. Finazzo** states they would be at -\$260. **J. Baldon** asks what happens next. **R. Finazzo** states that they will have to set priorities. Maybe we can all come back with a restricted budget and possibly allocate some more. **K. Dhillon** states that there might be a couple hundred dollars left over in the Board Initiative. However, the Board of Directors vote on it and it is not clear if there are other initiatives that the Board wants to see out. **R. Finazzo** states that we can also talk to Erik to see if there are other possible forms of money sitting somewhere. Obviously, there is no guarantee but we can have a discussion with Erik. At the moment we would not be able to fund everything that is currently in the works. **K. Dhillon** states that next meeting they will all be an action item in the next meeting. **J. Mercado** states if it is possible for her to cut her budget enough to where we would be left at zero. **R. Finazzo** states that they are -\$260 without even including this event. We will see what we can do and we will have more information next meeting. **J. Baldon** asks they



can only request money from Senate. **R. Finazzo** states that there is a Senate budget and a Board budget. The Board only has \$150 left in that budget. The Board of Directors has the power to allocate a certain amount to where ever but the Senate does not have that power.

36:25

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No Special Report.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

K. Dhillon states that the Board passed the proposed Stipend policy. The non-academic senators next year are roughly going to get \$330. Also, the Senators have plaques and it is expected to be brought at each meeting. After our last meeting they are your to keep. Also, would like to take a Senate photo soon.

J. Mercado gives an update about over flow parking. He has been in contact with Derek who is head of parking and transportation. If there is attention brought to it thee is a risk of losing over flow parking because it might trigger and environmental study. He is trying to not put too much attention to it because it should stay open. Trying to find a middle ground and get some stuff done.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **1:05 PM**

Minutes Reviewed by:

VP University Affairs & Chair

Name: Kabir Dhillon

Approved on:

4-11-19

Date:

