

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes on November 6, 2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:16 PM**
- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Daisy Maxion, Bronte Kuehnis, Melissa Baron, Riley Miller, Brittney Golez, Yajaira Ortega-Huerta, Omer Shakoor, Lynn Vu, Antoinette Milano, Martin Castillo, Tyler Schoh, Michael Lee, Andrew Yunker

Absent: Kabir Dhillon, Siddharth Valecha, Daisy Padilla, Erik Pinlac, Mark Almeida

Late: Patricia Regalado, Euridice Sanchez-Martinez, Marguerite Hinrichs
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda of November 6, 2019 by **M. Baron**, second by **L. Vu**, motion **CARRIED**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of October 30, 2019**
Motion to approve the minutes of October 30, 2019 by **Y. Ortega-Huerta**, second by **L. Vu**, motion **CARRIED**.
- 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 - **[ASI Office Sustainability Act](#)**
The Board of Directors will take action on adopting the ASI Office Sustainability Act.
Motion to adopt the ASI Office Sustainability Act by **O. Shakoor**, second by **M. Barron**, motion **CARRIES**.
O. Shakoor states that some key points from the resolution are making sure that all ASI Office members take the Zero Waste training. That way everyone will know how to sort trash properly. As well as learn how we can reduce our carbon footprint, such as turning off the lights, putting computers on a low power mode, and taking away the plastic cups from the waiting room. We encourage all office members to bring their own utensils,



mugs, and water bottles. As well as making sure that office members know about carpooling and shuttle services.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. INFORMATION ITEM - **Office of Financial Aid**

The Director of Financial Aid Sonia Jethani will present the Board of Directors with information on the services of the Financial Aid office.

Motion to table information item A by **Y. Ortega-Huerta**, second by **O. Shakoor**, motion **CARRIES**.

B. Kuehnis states this is because our speaker is not arrived yet.

5:19

Hi everyone my name is Sonia Jethani and I am the new Director of Financial Aid. The services we provide has to do with anything that involves getting students money for their bills. such as completing the verification requirements. The Federal Student Aid Department flags students who need verification for different reasons. At times, these reasons are unclear to Financial Aid Administrators. We bring all the information together that is required to provide to the Federal Student Aid Department in order for them to release your funds. We also have advising and you may also email us with any questions. Right now, my office is working on having better methods of communications with the students. **D. Maxion** thanks her for coming into the meeting. Recently, ASI passed a DACA Scholarship policy and we wanted to know how it will affect their financial aid. **Sonia Jethani** states that scholarships are considered need based financial aid. Need based financial aid are scholarships, grants, federal work study and subsidized loans. Grants include all except teach grants for those who are graduate students. There is also a not need based financial aid which include the unsubsidized loan, plus loan (graduate or parent plus loan), private loans and the teach grant. If they receive the DACA Scholarship what we would do is remove the amount you are rewarding them from the unsubsidized loan. The reason is because we cannot award them more than their cost of attendance. The second reason is that we can't award them more than their unmet need. **M. Castillo** asks how the cost of attendance and EFC in the Bay Area versus another places factor in. **Sonia Jethani** states that it is factored in. Every year the Chancellor's office gives us data from students of this University. It has the cost that students pay for housing, food, and transportation. It also includes research of the Bay Area housing costs. Both of these are combined to determine the cost of attendance so it is specific to the campus and location of the University. **M. Barron** states even though they receive the ASI DACA Scholarship



it is like they never received the scholarship because it will be taken from their loans. **Sonia Jethani** states correct, but I don't want that to stop you from awarding the student. The reason is because if this is a DACA student, a lot of them have unmet needs. It would help the student since they aren't eligible to receive the Pell grant. For the most part their resources come from the DREAM Loan which is very limited. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** asks if there is a designated person who can help DACA students. A lot of these students have expressed frustration when they go to Financial Aid. If there is a designated person can we get their information and times they are available. **Sonia Jethani** states that Maria Silva is the current counselor who is overlooking the DACA program. However, I want all my counselors to be able to speak to anybody at any time. There is a room in the back where we can talk to the student about their situation. The training will be applied to all the counselors so that they aren't just waiting for one counselor. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** asks if it will be an Allied training. Is it safe to say the counselors will also be part of an UndocuAlly training? **Sonia Jethani** states that she invited the UndocuAlly committee to come to our office and train all the administrators. We are all here for you. Everyone should be able to communicate to our students.

25:54

B. INFORMATION ITEM - **Young Democrats Socialist Alliance**

Michael Roe will speak to the Board of Directors on behalf of the Young Democrats Socialist Alliance.

Motion to postpone indefinitely information item B by **Y. Ortega-Huerta**, second by **A. Milano**, motion **CARRIES**.

B. Kuehnis states that we don't know if they are coming.

6:30

C. DISCUSSION ITEM - [CSUEB Finals Policy](#)

The Board of Directors will discuss the Policy on Finals Week.

B. Kuehnis states that they can't discuss but they can answer questions. This item was brought up by Karen, the Senator of Alumni Relations, and Desiree, the Senator of Online Students is also supposed to be here. **M. Lee** states that the exam policy is being discussed in the Senate committee and it will correlate with this policy from last year. I believe Karen has been appointed as the FAC representative from ASI. If not, today AFC is having a meeting at 2:00 pm. On the agenda, there is a draft of the exam policy. Last year I brought up this policy. Slowly it has been making its way through. I know if students have three exams in one day, they should be allowed to reschedule one of those exams. Students should be part of this discussion. Currently we don't have a student voice in FAC.

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D. ACTION ITEM - **Resolution in Support of S. 2612**

The Board of Directors will take action on the Resolution in Support of S. 2612.

Motion to postpone action item D until the next meeting by **Y. Ortega-Huerta**, second by **L. Vu**, motion **CARRIED**.

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Motion to go to recess for five minutes by **Y. Ortega-Huerta**, second by **O. Shakoor**, motion **CARRIES**.

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Motion to go into recess until 12:34 PM by **B. Golez**, second by **T. Schoh**, motion **CARRIES**.

11:07

B. Kuehnis brings the Board of Directors meeting back to order at **12:34 PM**

Move to take off table information new business item A by **Y. Ortega-Huerta**, second by **L. Vu**, motion **CARRIES**.

11:40

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No Special Reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

M. Lee states that an item that came up in the Academic Senate will be moved to the Senate in relations to the maximum amount of units students can take and waitlist. Exceptions will still be allowed. Instead of a 17 unit cap it will be an 18 unit cap which will allow students to register for six classes. The waitlist will be an additional 4 units. We will hear next week if we receive a grant that will help us improve the advising we receive on campus. It might affect some students but ideally it is supposed to make things better for the average student. I encourage the four student Senators to read over the document. If there is any input bring it to the Senate meeting.

L. Vu states that Toiletries drive contest started on November 1st. We have already received some donations from Housing. We are partnering up with Athletics. Every dollar from each basketball game ticket on the 21st will go directly towards the Toiletries drive. They are also helping us make a promotional video. With that, I don't want them to be promoting this drive more than we are. Please start promoting this to your friends. There is a prize at the end and I was thinking of having individual prizes. Just because I already had some students come in and drop off some donations. We are taking donations all the way up to December 14th because I want this event to be successful. The Instagram post is already up and I will be talking to Kris or Erik to print out the larger ones. I will send out an email to everyone with a digital copy of the flyer. For the Senate, I



was told to send a draft to Siddharth. As long as students are participating, they are eligible for the prize. Our drive is separate from H.O.P.E.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **12:57PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Chair of the Board

Name: Bronte Kuehnis

Minutes Approved On:

11-20-2019

Date:

