

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER at 1:14 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Daisy Maxion, Kabir Dhillon, Bronte Kuehnis, Melissa Baron, Riley Miller, Siddharth Valecha, Patricia Regalado, Daisy Padilla, Brittney Golez, Yajaira Ortega-Huerta, Omer Shakoor, Euridice Sanchez-Martinez, Lynn Vu, Martin Castillo, Mark Almeida, Tyler Schoh, Michael Lee, Andrew Yunker

Late: Antoinette Milano

Absent: Erik Pinlac, Marguerite Hinrichs

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

Motion to approve the agenda of December 4, 2019 by **S. Valecha**, second by **Y. Ortega-Huerta**, motion **CARRIED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2019**

Motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2019 by **S. Valecha**, second by **K. Dhillon**, 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.**

David Anderson states that they will be sending seven students to a conference in January and the funding needed exceeds the amount that can be requested. We are hoping to petition to receive additional funds to be able to send a couple of more students to the conference. The conference is the Highlight conference put on by IAAA for students and young professionals. They have many conferences throughout the year for professional members but this is their main one aimed at young professionals and students. Last year, there were speakers from INVIDIA and Amazon speaking to the directions their companies are heading. This is an opportunity to see how our educations will be applied in the work force and any specific directions we need to tailor our education. **Sarah Mings** states that they are here to request more funding. This is a great conference and the beginning of the semester, I



had 32 active-paying members and now we are at 91 students. We have a lot of people who are interested in this and the conference is expensive. The conference requires \$200 for transportation and \$100 for food. We are looking at \$845 per student and we already have 8 students that paid their fee and for the hotel. What we are trying to do is show this is a need that the students want, we want to increase the amount of money we want to request to \$3000 so that students are only required to pay \$200 per person.

M. Baron states that she had a meeting with them about this and I suggested you talk to the Board about it, but in the email, I was misinformed thinking that the money could come from the Board initiative budget. That was a mistake made before, but this year we can not do it again. My suggestion would be to talk to the department to see if they can further fund you. With ASI, the \$2000 would be approved and that would be the best approach to take. **David Anderson** thanks everyone for the opportunity to come and if anyone want, they would like to present what was learned during the conference. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states that they made a great point. The Executive Committee reviews the budget every year and they can account for these types of projects. In the future, you can report back with information of what was done and learned.

M. Baron states that that is not allowed and we are not supposed to fund. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** apologizes and says that she would be interested in hearing more about the conference.

M. Baron says that they can set up a time for a presentation.

7:07

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No Unfinished Items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. INFORMATION ITEM - **D.I.S.C. Report**

Jess Murphy and Liam Hawkyard will provide an update to the BOD about their programming efforts as it relates to their allocation from ASI.

B. Kuehnis states that Jess Murphy and Liam Hawkyard are not there and the item should be postponed definitely. **M. Baron** says that the item should be postponed indefinitely because it is important that we discuss the amount of money and report to them at the next Board meeting.

Motion to postpone New Business Item A to the next Board meeting by **K. Dhillon**, second by **S. Valecha**, motion **CARRIED**.

8:13



B. INFORMATION ITEM - Census 2020 Campus Engagement

The Alameda Complete Count Committee will present information on the Census 2020 and how CSUEB students can get involved.

D. Maxion states that she will be the representation of the Alameda Complete Count Committee. This is information in regards to the Census and how important it is, in a more in-depth way. In order to have the Census filled out, you would have to include everyone in your household. It comes with one questionnaire packet per household. For example, if you live with roommates, everyone in the household gets counted.

B. Kuehnis asks if that means that only one person fills it out. **D. Maxion** states that she suggests everyone fills it out because they ask specific questions to your race. We are started from March 12 to April 30 and it will be open electronically for people to use. The official date of promotion is April 1. They will send a letter from the U.S Census Bureau and with that, it will be a reminder because it is the most crucial and most funded federal operations. If you do not fill it out by that date, enumerators will come by and start checking. The reason why Census 2020 is radically different is due to the distrust the current government has on immigrant communities and communities of people of color. Also, it is the first time it will be digital and you will be able to fill it out on phones or computers. Some people have reservations about it, but it is very secure and safe. Previous to other Censuses, there were not many languages offered. In Alameda county, it takes ten minutes to take it and \$10,000 will be brought back to your community. If we get an undercount of 6%, we lose one billion dollars in the next ten years. I want to reiterate how crucial this is for us to educate our community. Another problem people had was how are we going to target the homeless. There will be Census based services at soup kitchens and shelters and enumerators will be there to count those who were not able to complete it. Hard to count communities, young children, college, and people with disabilities, we are gearing towards ADA compliancy. For us specifically at East Bay, ten years ago we were kids so we will not know what the Census is or the importance of it. As the youth, we have to realize and use our energy to educate everyone else on it.

M. Baron asks that if I have to explain this to my 11-year-old cousin, what do I say.

D. Maxion states that you would say that this is a Census and it is a nine-question questionnaire that asks what your name is, your gender and identity. If you fill this out, you get \$10,000 for your school programs and it affects your education. With confidentiality, your responses are protected by law and by the Title XIII state code. If violators are caught with scamming, they are charged up to \$250,000. The federal government will not use this against anyone, it is just for numbers and how much money will be brought back to communities. For East Bay, there is a Census task force but also university wide stake-holders that are to ensure that East Bay is on



track with spreading awareness. Ashley Depappa has been working a lot with housing. In regards to

Y. Ortega-Huerta's question, they are confused on the group quarter system and how that will work out. I just asked Alameda county in regards to that question. People are confused if they fill it out for housing or have housing fill it out individually. I know housing has been meeting about it. **M. Almeida** states that housing does it every year and every month, the Census Bureau comes out to housing and they select them people from each building. The only difference for this one is that if you do not reply back, it goes away. It is not required that the resident respond back to them. This new one will require a response. We do have an office coordinator, who is designated to work with the U.S Census Bureau representative. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states what she understood was that students living in housing would not actually fill out the Census and it will be filled out automatically by the university. How do we advocate for the students if they feel as though they do not want their information to be shared? I think this is something we should discuss because CSSA brought it up and we are not talking about it here. If I misheard what I heard at the meeting, please clarify that. **M. Almeida** states that he was out for that meeting. The point of clarification you are looking for is that is it going to be reported from the university or is each student going to be required to fill it out.

D. Maxion replies that that is the question she is also asking. **M. Almeida** asks if **D. Maxion's** question to the board is if it required that a student has to fill it out if they don't want to put their name down as living here or being part of it. I think it becomes challenging because the city of Hayward relies on that and so does Alameda county.

Y. Ortega-Huerta says that she understands, but wants to know the Board's input on it since we are here for students. **E. Sanchez-Martinez** asks what the task force will do.

S. Valecha states that the tasks force is comprised of multiple people who are apart of the Board and Senate. Since the Senate is comprised of different parts, we will be targeting all aspects of the student population to promote and have people complete it. We will offer extra credit and plan events to promote awareness. **E. Sanchez-Martinez** asks if they will be doing presentations. **D. Maxion** states that the presentations are for the Board because you should be educated on this so that if someone asks you a question about it, you will know the answer. There will be tabling events next semester. We will have hand-outs provided by the county to give to students. They are also generating a college frequently asked questions handout. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** says that from the presentation, the Census does not release the information until seven years from now.

D. Maxion states that it is seventy-five years from now. This semester was for planning and next semester is for utilizing the plans. February will be the main detailed logistics for March and April for East Bay. **B. Kuehnis** asks if the Census comes up with a plan to educate students



who may be undocumented and do not want to disclose their information. **D. Maxion** states that the Census has been showing up at the Know Your Rights workshops and they have been partnering up with well-known Immigration Non-profits in their own community to have someone trustworthy. There are no questions asking what your citizenship status is. The ways to implement this on campus would be to include Census education into the Know Your Rights series.

25:15

C. ACTION ITEM- [Elections Code](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on adopting the revised Elections Code.

Motion to postpone Action Item C to the next Board of Directors meeting by

K. Dhillon, second by **S. Valecha**.

K. Dhillon states that there are several points in the elections code that need to be addressed and thought-out. Until that is done, I do not recommend approving this document.

26:17

D. ACTION ITEM - [Operating Agreement](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on adopting the Operating Agreement between CSU and the Associated Students Inc. of CSUEB.

Motion to postpone Action Item D to the next Board of Directors meeting by **K. Dhillon**, second by **M. Baron**, motion **CARRIED**.

B. Kuehnis asks if this has been discussed yet and it should be discussed.

Y. Ortega-Huerta asks if this is the one that E. Pinlac is in charge of and will he be able to explain it more in the next meeting. **B. Kuehnis** replies that the only issue is that there will be no vote on it if we don't discuss it now. **M. Castillo** clarifies that it was an action item from the Executive Committee that was postponed to the next Executive meeting. The plan was to discuss it in the Executive meeting and take action at the Board meeting. **D. Maxion** states that since E. Pinlac was not here for the Executive Committee meeting, it was not discussed.

28:28

E. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Resolution for Peer Counseling Program and Center**

The Board of Directors will discuss the Resolution for a Peer Counseling Program and Center in Housing.

L. Vu says that she has been attending a lot of Student Health Advisory meetings at the Health Center. I have been talking to Abayomi Jones and Angelica de Leon about the situation with not having an extra counselor. We have one counselor for the entire CSUEB population, which



is not right and people should not have to wait three weeks to get a counseling appointment. People should not be turned away if their situation does not seem as important as anyone else's situation. Students have been reporting this happening. One of my ideas was to have a training program for RAs, graduate students or in general, to develop an area in housing. There is a room in Lassen that can be converted into a peer counseling space. There will be no official certification, but we will see if there is a training that the Health Center can do that way students in Housing don't have to walk all the way across campus. I am going to continue to postpone the action item until it is done, but I plan on planning and brainstorming over winter break. **M. Almeida** states that they do have a counselor, Chetina Hunter, in Sequoia currently. On the first floor of that building, there are two rooms that have been converted into offices. **L. Vu** asks what their hours are. I remember when I was talking to the main counselor at that moment, she mentioned that with the lack of counselors, we have cut the hours.

M. Almeida states that there used to be a Tuesday and Thursday hours. Chetina Hunter is one of the counselors that has been in Housing for three years. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** says that as an RA for three years, she does not feel equipped to talk to students about what is going on, specifically because I am not a trained professional. If you gave me a training as an RA, I do not feel comfortable taking that on because it would be a lot of pressure. **L. Vu** says that she spoke to Ashley Depappa, Senator for Residence Life, she talked about the training they had. I want better training on it in terms of resources. The peer counseling program is not mandatory to do it, but it will be great if they are a part of the program. We were thinking about having graduate students who may be officially licensed and they can be there for more extensive hours of the day. As a part of the resolution, I do want to have a better training for RAs because a lot of them are not aware of the crisis hotline. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** mentions that during RA training, we are given information about the crisis hotline. **B. Kuehnis** asks if this resolution is targeted towards the mental health of students or general peer counseling. **L. Vu** states that at a student at SF state mentioned they had a program like this on their campus. I will look into that one to see what works and get back to you. **M. Almeida** says that the peer-to-peer is a great opportunity. One of the things the counseling program is struggling with is salaries. When they try to offer positions, it is system wide and can not match outside agencies. It is not about the number of staffing, it is about being able to recruit somebody. **L. Vu** states that a lot of counselors that we had before that were unlicensed, but once they were licensed, they left to another agency.

Motion extended the meeting for five extra minutes by **D. Maxion**, second by **K. Dhillon**.

36:02



VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No Special Reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

E. Sanchez-Martinez states that the sweets and study event was a success. We ran out of stuff in 15 minutes, but if you were there, you would know that the line was crazy and it reached almost to Starbucks. We are having another one tonight at 9 p.m. and I need volunteers. They kept us busy and it was intense. We have one at 11 a.m., a little bit between university hour. Please come out and keep promoting it. I am excited and I can see it being bigger next semester. **B. Kuehnis** asks if volunteers are needed just for tomorrow or tonight. **E. Sanchez-Martinez** says that volunteers are also needed for tomorrow. If you want to volunteer tomorrow, we can meet here at 10:30 a.m. I just need help bringing things down.

M. Lee adds that he received more data from the CIC meeting about exams. I managed to get new numbers and I shared those with Karen Parada. It seems like there are, potentially, a lot of classes that do not have exams during finals week. But if they did, the numbers are about 1,500 students with three or more exams on the same day, 135 with four or more on the same day, 6 with five or more on the same day. About 242 sections have students in them with 1 or more students with four exams on the same day and 21 sections have students in them with 5 or more with five on the same day. 200 faculty are affected by that. If there is going to be a policy, it will impact students and faculty, so that process will be working its way through the Senate committee next semester. Part of the issue we realized is likely related to the time modules and how classes are scheduled. Also, it is because many students, for personal reasons, have work and cram their classes into Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Because of how to time modules and exam schedules come together, that is what is creating the situation. We will try to do more analysis and it is in response to the requests that are coming from you all. I do not know what the result will end up being, but I will try my best to make it student friendly. Since we do not have a policy, Karen Parada, managed to persuade CIC to send a letter to every lecturer and faculty member that the student who came to them, with multiple exams, asking for an accommodation, to be considered. The letter was sent out on Tuesday morning.

M. Almeida states that right now, Housing is in recruitment for RAs. We had another info session yesterday. It is all on the bulletin and digital boards, so be aware of that. I think it is a great opportunity and we have had RAs that were on the Board. Also, late night breakfast is this Sunday and it starts at 8:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Kitchen. Come out and have good food. We are not checking bay cards to make sure that you are a resident, so go with your friends.

Motion to extend the meeting for five minutes by **D. Maxion**, second by **M. Baron**.



K. Dhillon states that if anyone has not submitted their office hours for next semester to please do so. The deadline is Friday and mid-year reports will be going out over break. This will be feedback that you give to each other and you will be meeting with me, one-on-one, to discuss the feedback that you receive.

D. Maxion says that she will send everyone an email, but is thankful for this semester spent with all of you. Out of all the Boards I have been a part of, this is one of the best.

S. Valecha states that he is proud of the Senate. Continue to do the work and good luck on finals.

X. **ADJOURNMENT at 1:55 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Chair of the Board

Name: Bronte Kuehnis

Minutes approved on:

1-29-2020

Date:

