

Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes January 23, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:17 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Yajaira Ortega- Huerta, Miguel Rogers, Mounika Thorupunuri, Karen Iniguez, Bidemi Animashaun, Julissa Madrid, Imaad Ghazali, Madison Jeong.

Absent: Louie Casillas Ramos.

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of January 23, 2020 by **J. Madrid**, second by **I. Ghazali**, motion **CARRIES**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of November 21, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019 by **I. Ghazali** second by **M. Thorupunuri**, motion **CARRIES**.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.

No public comment.

VI. INFORMATION ITEM:

A. CENSUS – The committee will plan for Census meeting.

Y. Ortega-Huerta states that everyone should have access to the email that was sent out. In the email, there are some attachments that everyone should have review on their own time prior to this meeting. I wanted information item A on the agenda in order to discuss any questions you may have regarding the presentations. The first presentation, is the census 2020 in Alameda county crash course. It is very important that all of you are aware of this information by our next meeting. Due to having other campus partners be in our meeting next week. I want to demonstrate that we understand the census and the impact that it will have on the students. Does anyone have any questions on these slides? You are more than



welcome to state any questions in the next meeting, since the campus President and other Vice Presidents will be here. The census is an important topic that is going to be discussed this spring and we must show our roll in participating. As well as, engaging our students that this is happening. Next, Group Quarters is for college students, homeless people, and anyone who is hard to count for the Census. These people are usually the ones that don't live in only one place year-round and are hard to count. This effects our students due to some not living in the area, for example people from Southern California use the mailing address for the dorms. In the next presentation, it goes more in depth of what it means for group quarters and how they're planning to address and count group quarters. Does anyone have any questions? **M. Thorupunuri** states what our goals in the census are. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states that our role for the census is to table, J. Madrid and K. Iniguez will be scheduling tabling hours for everyone. We are expected to get the word out, and engage students. We will get more in depth in the next meeting. Our ASI President, Daisy Maxion, works for Alameda County Census and she can bring us more information. There is also job opportunity that you all can take up in Alameda County. **M. Thorupunuri** states that in our next meeting we are going to talk more in depth about it or how we can bring more awareness to our campus. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states yes, we want people to know the census is coming soon. We are going to dedicate a whole day to the census, but the month prior we are raising awareness, such as explaining the process for those that live in the dorms. Which they do not have to fill out due to the University doing that for them already. We want to know how people feel, we want to elaborate on the emotions and be part of the conversation. **K. Iniguez** states that going back to how the University fills in the information for us, I live in Southern California, will my parents count me as living with them. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states no, you would be counted as living here, since you live here for most of the year. People at the dorms do not know this information and it causes a lot of confusion.

10:12

B. CHESS – The committee will plan for CHESS lobbying weekend.

Y. Ortega-Huerta states that she attached a task to practice our elevator speech. Elevator speeches are just a short professional way to sell a pitch. I know B. Animashaun had a chance to speak to the media when she went to CHESS. I want us to do all the prep work prior to attending CHESS, in order for us to walk in prepared. As well as, creating a simulation of a thirty second to a minute elevator speech. This assignment will be due next week, but I would like to distribute these speeches in two separate meetings. Does anyone have any questions, you could also refer back to the presentation or ask me. Please sign up on the doodle form, I have I. Ghazali and K. Iniguez presenting next week and one or two people sign up for next



week. I also provided additional resources in the presentations. You could answer the questions of why financial aid is important or why we need to continue to fight for it. Has anyone taken the time to look at the governor's proposal, which states that he proposed less than a quarter for what we asked for as a CSU. This is not enough to continue what we need to do, which is what we are going to state at CHESS. For example, how can legislators ensure that financial aid will continue to be possible for everyone. **B. Animashaun** states that if we can do something else while we are at CHESS that is going to grab their attention. Two years ago, we had an underfunding of the governor and they keep continue to do this. It makes me wonder when all the CSU students are there, we have to make a movement that makes the legislators listen. I feel like we keep going to CHESS and no progress gets done. We should create ideas prior to attending this year, in order to ensure our voices are being heard. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states that a statement was put up during CSSA that states the funding being received at the moment is not enough. What your saying is true at times it doesn't stick in a person's head. What can help us more in general is understanding why you are at CHESS and be able to talk about it. I feel this is one of the ways to effectively communicate to someone that is creating bills. This is why I want to practice the elevator speech, in order for us to give you feedback and nail it the day of CHESS. I do need to fix the financial aid talking points, due to not attaching to the presentation. This can also help you out when creating your elevator speech. **K. Iniguez** states that she is going to present next week and wants to know who is going to provide feedback. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states that she will create a rubric, you can send me your copy forty-eight hours in advance and I can print it out for you. I am open to any suggestions, and also promote that sustainability matters. ASI as a whole is trying to reduce the paper trial that we have. I'm wondering if we can have it on a google document and have people just comment on it. This version will not be your final one, so please have it saved as a copy. Not only will I provide feedback but anyone else as well. Reminder to please sign up by today and for those presenting next week, your work will be due by Tuesday.

9:20

C. PROJECTS – The committee will solidify a timeline for various projects.

Y. Ortega-Huerta states that she shared the assigned projects with everyone. Civil engagement was assigned to I. Ghazali and M. Thorupunuri, Census was assigned to J. Madrid and K. Iniguez, and Mass Email Voter Registration was assigned to M. Jeong and M. Rogers. These are the projects everyone chose, we will be starting to tackle these projects next week. I want everyone to create a timeline due to some people graduating or going on breaks. The expectation is to have this done by the next two weeks. I sent a google document



explaining that you have to meet with your partner and ensure that you have a time that you both agree on to meet with me. In the first meeting, we will discuss planning, and by the second meeting we are finalizing the projects.

11:12

- D. Elvira Mendoza President of Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Inc will present on future collaboration.

Y. Ortega-Huerta states that Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Inc. is having an event called Make It Count, it will be held of January 31th, 2020 from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM. If you are available please come out, there will be legislator who will be discussing people of color running for office. Fill out the google document, in order to have people come out and support. **K. Iniguez** states if there is a dress code. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states to come dress casually. Elvira stated that she wanted to present any future events, however, she will not be present today.

Motion to move information item D indefinitely by **J. Madrid**, second by **I. Ghazali**, motion **CARRIES**.

13:21

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Yajaira Ortega the chair will report about CSSA.

Y. Ortega-Huerta states that she had a meeting with CSSA and we discussed bills, governor budget and CHESS. The breakdown of CHESS is that we will be having, workshops, meetings with CSSA members, legislators and trustees. Afterwards, we are going to focus on student support services and midterm elections. I will be presenting about civic opportunities, civic engagements, then we will have a session about lobbying 101. Lastly, we will have dinner and wrap it all up. If you are planning on attending, I will need to know by Tuesday, January 28, 2020. When sending me this information please write; your name, what committee are you part of or student at large, any dietary restrictions and email. The dates for CHESS are March 7-9, 2020.

16:00

VIII. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

B. Animashaun states that recently the Sankofa program has expanded on campus. This transfer program was a cohort for sixty black students coming to CSUEB. For the last five years, the black community has been trying hard to establish an African American Resource Center, due to graduation rates being low. We were able to expand the program to give resources to about the four



hundred black students at this campus. At the moment, we only have one advisor for all these students. I want to explore ways that the legislative affairs committee can try to support this program by ASI. I'm planning on talking to the Director Allison either this week or next week before Thursday's meeting. In order to update everyone with what is going to happen with the program. Last semester was when it officially launched, and I know we have about two hundred students signed up. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states that many people benefit from this program.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT at **12:34 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Director of Legislative Affairs & Chair

Name: Yajaira Ortega-Huerta

Minutes approved on:

2-13-2020

Date:

