

Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:17 PM**
- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Yajaira Ortega-Huerta, Louie Casillas Ramos, Miguel Rogers, Mounika Thorupunuri, Karen Iniguez, Julissa Madrid, Imaad Ghazali, Madison Jeong

Absent: Bidemi Animashaun
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of March 18th, 2019**
Motion to approve the minutes of March 18th, 2019 by **M. Thorupunuri**, second by **I. Ghazali**, motion **CARRIES**.
- V. ACTION ITEM – **Approval of the Minutes of October 31st, 2019**
Motion to approve the minutes of October 31st, 2019 by **K. Iniguez**, second by **I. Ghazali**, motion **CARRIES**.
- VI. 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.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
 - A. ACTION ITEMS – **Voting on a Vice- Chair**
The committee will vote on a vice-chair.
Y. Ortega-Huerta states she will set a timer for two minutes in which any one can speak on how they can serve the committee. **K. Iniguez** states she is a first generation, third year student with a political science major. She has always been interested in Politics and is interested in Lobby Corps because it is something she is passionate about. She has great organization skill that will help her inform the students. Getting students to participate and be active is very important. She is usually early to the meetings and is always present. She tries to go out of her way to help at the events because she wants for them to know she is committed. She will do everything in her power to make a difference. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states once everyone is done with their speech the people that volunteered to speak will go



outside so the we can discuss. **M. Thorupunuri** states accuracy, communication and team work is important skills to have in order to be Vice Chair. Commitment is also important and she would like to show her commitment. She wants to bring change and bring awareness to the issues that are happening now. It is also important to continue to learn as a Vice Chair. She would like to learn and gain new skills that will help her with her future career.

Motion to go into recess for two minutes by **I. Ghazali**, second by **K. Iniguez**, motion **CARRIES**.

7:00

I. Ghazali states that Karen's speech was solid. **M. Jeong** states that both speeches were good but liked how Mounika brought up three points on how she can help. **J. Madrid** states she liked both of their speeches. Karen might have been nervous but she liked that she is a Political Science major and she is involved. But Mounika brought up ideas on how she can improve. **M. Rogers** states that the speeches were good. Karen brings in the political aspect to it and Mounika brings in the business administration side. **J. Madrid** believes that Karen is very energetic, passionate and ready to go. **M. Jeong** states yes but she likes to give an opportunity to everyone.

Motion to vote on Vice Chair by **I. Ghazali**, second by **M. Thorupunuri**, motion **CARRIES**.

Y. Ortega-Huerta states they will be going into a vote. Anyone who participated in the speech can abstain and everyone else can vote.

All in favor of voting for Karen Iniguez: 2 votes

All in favor of voting for Mounika Thorupunuri: 3 votes

Abstaining: 3 votes

Y. Ortega-Huerta congratulates Mounika and she is the new Vice Chair for the Legislative Affairs Committee.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Yajaira Ortega, the chair will report about CSSA

Y. Ortega-Huerta states that at CSSA they learned about the Ethnic Studies requirement bill. In the Finance committee we went over the Codes for us to formulate. We looked at the reports and we will create a budget for all of CSSA. For the \$2.00 that all students pay in their tuition goes into the budget. The Finance committee is in charge of accumulating and readjusting the budget so it is appropriate for the following year. In the Board, she reported on Civic Engagement. We need to come up with a bill ide and is hoping to get that done here. Anything else that is important I will be putting in the email.



12:36

- B. Miguel Rogers and Julissa Madrid will report on any updates from the H.O.P.E center. **M. Rogers** states Emergency Housing Assistant and what he focuses on is how to apply for it. You go to the website csueastbay.edu/HOPE and it will give you access to the application. It will ask you a series of basic questions and there is a minimum of 12 credits that student must be taking. It will ask you to describe your emergency situation or crisis, provide your action plan and it will ask questions regarding your appointment. You have to file all of your financial aid and take advantage of everything that is being offered in order to be accepted. It will ask how you learned about the H.O.P.E situation Emergency Program. It is a minimum of \$1,500.00 that is applicable. You have to answer how much you will use and how you will use it. You also have to upload your monthly or quarterly budget as well as any supporting documents. **J. Madrid** states there is four beds in two apartments. As of now two of the beds are bring occupied. Housing has nothing to do with it. We only know is when someone is going to move in. It gives the student privacy and confidentiality. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** asks if they can send her the email and the presentation that way she can send it out the rest of the committee. **M. Rogers** states to keep it in confidential because students don't like others to know what they are going through. **K. Iniguez** asks how long students are able to stay. **J. Madrid** states that it is on a monthly basis. Once in the program, they try to help them get back on their feet. They wont just kick them out. **I. Ghazali** states that according to a video documentary there is an estimated 50 thousand CSU students that are homeless. There are 1 in 5 students that states they are homeless. **K. Iniguez** states that four beds are a little but it is something. **Y. Ortega-Huerta** states that there is number from previous years and surveys that students have done regarding homelessness. If this is a topic we are interested in we can look into it. We can look into how we are going to lobby it at the Capital and what are points are going to be. After I forward the email we can decide how we will move forward. We can create a google folder and put in all the items for this project.

20:29

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS:

Y. Ortega-Huerta states she deeply appreciates all of them for showing up to meetings. You have all been here 100% and it makes me care about everything else that we do. Us meeting allows us to reflect on what we need to work on.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 12:40 PM



Minutes Reviewed By:

Director of Legislative Affairs & Chair

Name: Yajaira Ortega-Huerta

Minutes Approved On:

1-21-2020

Date:

