

**Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2020**

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:05 PM**
- II. ROLL CALL:  
**Present:** Yajaira Ortega, Karen Iniguez, Bidemi Animashaun, Madison Jeong, Asim Watts, Julissa Madrid, Miguel Rogers
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**  
**Motion** to approve the agenda by **J. Madrid**, second by **K. Iniguez**, motion **CARRIES**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes March 20, 2020**  
**Motion** to approve the minutes of March 20, 2020 by **A. Watts**, second **K. Iniguez**, 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. UPDATES – **The chair will update the committee on future meetings.**  
**Y. Ortega** states this is a space to provide updates on what she has learned on the past couple of weeks. It is also a place where all members can update each other. She appreciates everyone for joining even though it has been hectic. They will continue to have meetings through zoom until they know that it is safe to commute and go back to their normal lives.

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- B. CENSUS – **The chair will update the committee on census.**  
**Y. Ortega** states this is to update everyone on how they have been doing. The Census is available now. It is a reminder for everyone to tell their family members and communicate how important it is to fill out the Census. She recommends messaging five friends and five family members so they can keep themselves



accountable. They can ask them to communicate it to other people. It is easier than making a post on social media because it can easily be ignored. Whereas if they text them letting them know they care for them and state two facts that they know about the Census. Just so they realize how important it is. They can add the link to do it online because a lot of people have access to online.

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## VII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Bidemi will update the committee on the resource centers.

**B. Animashaun** states she want to update everyone on what was happening with the Resource Centers right before quarantine. She wanted to get everyone more informed and involved. Next year when school resumes it might be hectic. It all started with the Campus Fee Committee meeting. They were looking at increasing student fees on campus because they need more funding for the RAW and the Unions. The RAW and the Unions operate under one funding source which is the \$55.00 that student pay per quarter but now it is \$95.00 per semester. It has not changed since the Unions and the RAW have been established but the needs to maintain them has increased so they will need more funding. In that meeting Daisy, our current ASI President, proposed if they want to get students to approve an increase in student fees than maybe a stipulation should be put in. It requires that some of that funding be allocated to renovating the Unions and making space for an African American Resource Center and an Undocumented Resource Center. The proposed increase was \$75.00 in addition to what students already pay. It would come out to \$155.00 for the first option increase. The maximum they would have students pay is \$175.00 in total to fund both buildings. People who represent the Undocumented student populations felt left out of the conversation and they are not in favor in raising student fees. Their position is that they as students should not have to pay for something that the school should already be providing. However, this is the first time they have a policy that stipulates and mandates the allocation of funding for the centers. After talking to MEChA and SQE, they decided to try and develop a campaign around getting students to vote in favor of the increase. They would have town halls with Dr. Espinoza, who is the VP of Student Affairs, but quarantine happened. However, when students go back in the fall there is still a fight to be had. They were not able to put the campaign or get the votes before quarantine. More likely than not Dr. Espinoza and the cabinet will have another



reason to not establish these resource centers. For folks who are coming back next semester it is important to have this information in mind. The Legislative Affairs committee was instrumental the first time around in bringing the proposal to the Board of Directors. She just wanted to update everyone and give them the information before they hear from elsewhere. Student fee increase is the last thing that anyone wants but at this point they want to see where the compromise lies. The fee increase is going to happen regardless whether or not the stipulation is put in place. This will be on the next round of people. It would be nice to have people who are in ASI there to back up the information. **Y. Ortega** asks if there is a way to connect folks who are interested in continuing the work, they do in ASI? **B. Animashaun** states that there is a group chat that members of MECha, SQE and the Black Student population are part of for this issue and she can add folks. Right now, they are working on getting resources to people during quarantine. **Y. Ortega** states if there is a way for people to get connected now to the people that are doing the work then they would be able to lead this when they get back to school. If you are interested in creating change and you will be here next year, please reach out to Bidemi. Be added to the group chat, it might be bit irrelevant right now because of COVID but it will continue to be relevant. You will be able to create those relationships and foundations for later.

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VIII. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

**A. Watts** states he had questions that were given to him by members of the public. Bidemi answered one of the questions. They had concerns of what was going to happen with the resource centers. Someone had asked if there was still going to be counseling available, but Yajaira let me know that it would be through zoom.

**Y. Ortega** states that they still have the Health Center. Keep those resources for yourself and for anyone else. They are doing counseling session through the phone. You can still make an appointment to go into the Health Center. Just call in before you go in to see what the situation is.

**K. Iniguez** asks if it is possible to send a mass email to students letting them know what is still open on campus. If we do not know I am sure that there are many other students that don't know as well. Obviously, a lot of people need help, but they do not know what is available on campus.

**Y. Ortega** states if you know about any other resource or have any other concerns let us know. That way we can keep reminding people through email. ASI has been doing a lot of



work through social media. They have been a bit hesitant to send out mass emails because everyone is getting a lot of emails. The message also gets lost through translation but will look into it.

**J. Madrid** states that Kenrick sends out an email about BaySync and it has all the announcements.

**Y. Ortega** states that we can access our textbook through the library's website. It is called Red Shelf. If you go to CSUEB there is two catalogues one is Red Shelf. It is completely free.

**K. Iniguez** states that there is an online resource center at the library where you can talk to a librarian and it is available 24 hours.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at **12:25PM**

Minutes Reviewed By:

**Director of Legislative Affairs & Chair**

Name: Yajaira Ortega-Huerta

Minutes Approved On:

Date:

