

Senate Committee Meeting Minutes February 6, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **9:35 AM**
- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Siddharth Valecha, Patricia Regalado, Daisy Padilla, Anjelica de Leon, Karen Parada, Zaira Perez, Petr Chudinov, Dessiree Cuevas, Ashley Depappa
Late: Brittney Golez, Justin Mercado
Absent: Bronte Kuehnis, Jocelyn Baldon, Freshta Sharifi
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda by **K. Parada**, second by **D. Padilla**, motion **PASSES**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of January 23, 2019**
Motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019 by **A. Depappa**, second by **D. Padilla**, motion **PASSES**.
- 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. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Homecoming Week**
The Senate will discuss homecoming week and the role of the Athletics Department.
D. Cuevas states that homecoming is on the 17th, so does ASI want to participate in the parade? **K. Parada** asks if there has been any information on how to participate.
D. Cuevas states that the homecoming website has been updated with the new flyers and registration. The parade is Thursday during U-hour.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**A. DISCUSSION ITEM - 2020 Census Support**

The Senate will discuss how they can support the 2020 Census and better reach Hard-to-Count constituents.

A. Depappa states that she received an email from housing stating that every resident will have to fill out their own ballot. I will need help in making sure that everyone does fill it out. My-Lan Huynh has not responded to me, but I will try to get the RAs involved to see if I can get them to ask and provide residents with the information they need. If you all have ideas on reaching out to residents, let me know. The Resident Housing Association has their Ex. Comm meeting on Tuesday next week and I have it as an item on their agenda. We are going to look into programs we can do other in housing, but I am open to other ideas as well. I know in the Census meeting last week, we talked about doing more tabling through March and different merchandise giveaways. I don't know if anyone has any ideas that can encourage students outside of residence life like commuter students and international students. **D. Cuevas** asks where the merchandise is coming from. **A. Depappa** responds that she is not sure. **D. Cuevas** asks if it is ASI sponsored or is the 2020 Census giving it to us. **A. Depappa** states that it is sponsored by the Census because of a \$12,000 grant. We have \$12,000 in which we can put towards programming and giveaways. One thing they wanted us to do with the money is to do giveaways. **K. Parada** says that they are trying to reach residents that live on campus to fill out the ballot stating they live here and also trying to target people that live in the Bay area, but are not formally from the area to also fill out the Census. How are they getting the forms? **A. Depappa** responds that it will be online.

K. Parada states that in housing, it would be easy because the RA on duty can go from door to door to ensure residents completed the form. **A. Depappa** mentions that the harder part would be reaching the commuter students and those who do not live on campus. We want to table around to see if we can get people to fill it out. For example, I have a friend that does not come to campus at all and what is the likelihood of them going to fill it out. **P. Chudinov** states that he spoke to Thomas Tyner, the Director for International programs. He is excited that we are trying to support the 2020 Census and has agreed to help us reach out to international students. **Kris Disharoon** says that they are doing what a Census worker will already do by walking around and knocking on people's doors. **K. Parada** says what can easily be done in addition is to draft an email, send it to academic senators, and they can send it to their deans of their college. In the email, it can state that if you are a commuter student or not from the Bay area, you can fill this out for the Census. **D. Cuevas** states that the email can be sent to her and it will be sent to her constituents. **A. Depappa** states that



Daisy Maxion had made a list of different questions students may have and I can share it will you. There more people know about the Census, the better. **A. de Leon** mentions that she understands that they are trying to target students that are not in housing. I know that the University of Washington is having a Census party for residents. They are providing free food, which will bring students in and they provide information about the Census. It will bring a majority of students, but not all. **J. Mercado** states that he supports K. Parada's idea of sending an email to the academic senate. I know how difficult it is to contact commuter students. The fastest and easiest way would be to go through the academic senate. In addition, we have commuter surveys that Ashley and I are working on. It has ben pushed back a little bit, in terms of when we are doing the surveys. I an having a hard time meeting with parking and transportation. I can attach that to the email I will send out.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM - Guest Speakers

The Senate will discuss using part of the Senate budget to fund the travel and board of two guest speakers.

P. Regalado says that the Black history bash will be on February 25th and I invited guest speakers, Gabriel Regalado, my brother, and Deanna Williams, his friend. They will be speaking during Black history bash during U-hour. I wanted to ask for funding from the Senate for their stay at the hotel and to reimburse for their gas because they will be driving up here. For the hotel room, the going rate for one night is \$255 before taxes and after, it is around \$278. **K. Disharoon** states that he can provide a better rate. **P. Regalado** states that she wanted to present it now to see if there can be a reimbursement for their stay.

D. Cuevas asks what will they be presenting. **P. Regalado** states that they will discuss what their experience is in activism for Black history. One of them is a professor in Black history at CSULA and will talk about his knowledge on that and what he will be teaching. The other is a teacher at a private school. **K. Parada** asks if there are any conflicting events happening that day. **P. Regalado** says she does not believe so. They will be here from the 24th to the 25th and they will leave on the 25th. **K. Parada** mentions to P. Regalado to double check if there is an event that day because it would not be good if there is another with another event. There would be competition for attendees. Euridice Sanchez- Martinez states that the event is on the ASI event calendar and to her knowledge, there is no other event for the DISC on the 25th. Kris Disharoon mentions that he told the DISC about the events ASI is doing. They should be aware of it.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

- A. Senator of Athletics (2 minutes)
 - B. Senator of Diversity (2 minutes)
- Both of the Senators are not present.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

D. Cuevas states that during U-hour, stop by the RAW if you can for the Kobe tribute. There is going to be activities and a moment of silence as well.

K. Parada asks if someone could update the senate on how much money is left in the budget for the rest of the semester. **S. Valecha** states that he will send it.

A. Depappa says that she shared the college-based research flyer to everyone. These are questions or scenarios as student might have if they come up to you. You can look through them and keep them in the back of your minds so that if someone has a question, you can help them.

P. Chudinov states that regarding the crosswalk, this past Tuesday, he went to Hayward city hall and gave a speech in front of the city council. From my understanding, they liked the idea and Yajaira was present for the bigger part of the meeting. She told me that they were talking more about the Hayward Blvd. issue. The city is interested in fixing it up, but I am not sure about the time frame. We will work that out with the city officials.

D. Padilla says that today, the college of letters, arts, and social sciences is having a panel for the book callings. I brought it up at a meeting. Some of the representatives from CLASS are going to talk about how they found success in what they are passionate about. If you want to come out, please come to the RAW as well. It will be downstairs.

B. Golez states that one of the initiatives for this year was financial literacy and spreading the message across all students. We have a workshop series coming up and the first date will be on February 19th. The concept of keeping up finances, budgeting and saving. If you have any friends that are having trouble or are interested, I have the information for it. There is a second date in March and both the information will be on the same flyer.

S. Valecha says that last semester, there was a lot of data in regards to student's success and equity and graduation retention rates. Right after this meeting at 11, I am going with the Academic senate to meet with Maria Elena Dominguez, the internet coordinator, to set up workshops in order to help students access Handshake, LinkedIn, and etc. I need all hands-on deck for the Census. We will be using everyone, including myself and the Board. We will be tabling and sending out information. Kabir, Daisy, and I will be meeting with Suzanne and Pro- to talk about the funding they got, the California Promise Program, and the WST. We will also talk about financial aid and majority of the



students are not able to graduate on time for either or. I am proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for doing a great job.

J. Mercado states that he met with Kris about Commuter day and it will be on April 9th. I have also finalized some tentative dates for my other two commuter related events. Those will be in partnership with parking and transportation to provide alternate forms of transportation to improve the situation of parking on campus.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **9:55 AM**

Minutes Reviewed By:

VP University Affairs & Chair

Name: Siddharth Valecha

Approved on:

2-20-2020

Date:

