

Senate Committee Meeting Minutes February 20, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **9:43 AM**
- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Siddharth Valecha, Bronte Kuehnis, Brittney Golez, Patricia Regalado, Daisy Padilla, Angelica de Leon, Justin Mercado, Petr Chudinov, Dessiree Cuevas, Ashley Depappa, Tyler Engquist, Phuong Mai

Absent: Karen Parada, Jocelyn Baldon, Freshta Sharifi, Zaira Perez
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda by **D. Cuevas**, second by **J. Mercado**.
Motion to strike out 2019 and replace it with 2020 by **D. Cuevas**, second by **B. Golez**.
Motion to amend the agenda to strike out the number 19 and replace it with 20, by **ALL**, motion **CARRIES**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of February 6, 2019**
Motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2020 by B. Golez, second by P. Regalado.
- 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. UNFINISHED ITEMS:
No Unfinished Items.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
 - A. ACTION ITEM - **Guest Speakers Funding**
The Senate will discuss using part of the Senate budget to fund the travel and board of two guest speakers.
Move to fund \$181.26 as well as pay for the guest speakers’ gas on the way here.
Move for the Senate to fund \$300 for the guest speakers who are coming on the 24th and 25th that will pay for their hotel and gas by **P. Regalado**, second by **A. Depappa**.
P. Regalado states that Kris Disharoon was able to find a better deal than the price I brought up at the last meeting. Before tax, it will be \$159 for their stay on the 24th and after tax, it



will be \$181.26. They will be driving up here and I wanted reimburse them for gas, coming from San Leandro. They are coming the night of the 24th and the 25th is the Black History Bash. You all should come out and hear them speak. **B. Kuehnis** asks Patricia Regalado to explain the event more for those who are new to the committee. **P. Regalado** states that this month is African-American Heritage month and on the 25th, it will be the Black History Bash. There will be ethnic food and we just have the MPR because we can not have the block party because of the construction going on. The guest speakers are my brother and his girlfriend. They will discuss their part in activism and their role in the black community. It is advocacy and a celebration of Black History.

Motion to take \$300 from the Senate budget to fund the two guest speakers just discussed by **ALL**, motion **CARRIES**.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM - Event for International Students

The Senate will discuss funding an introductory event for international students.

P. Chudinov states that he would like to have an event for international students. I would like to introduce them to campus resources including scholarships and jobs and things that administration does not do too often. I would like to do it in the format of a workshop and I am planning on hosting it on March 17th or April 7th, depending on my schedule and room schedule. I will look into what kind of room I can use for the event. I am also planning on publicly introducing myself to international students. I also want to bring a guest speaker from ASI and one from the Center of International Education. I would like to allocate \$200 from the budget. \$150 will go towards buying pizza and it will be a lunch time event during U-hour. \$50 will be used for drinks that can be easily purchased from Costco and two cases of water. **J. Mercado** asks if there will be other collaborations with departments on campus like AACE or will you rely on the guest speaker? **P. Chudinov** replies that there will be a collaboration with the Center of International Education. **A. de Leon** asks what kind of resources are going to be emphasized with this population. **P. Chudinov** states that he is trying to emphasize scholarships and jobs both on and off campus. This is something that bothers international students because money is primarily the number one issue. Is there something you would like for me to look into? **A. de Leon** states that she was just wondering what kind of resources will be emphasized. I know you would like to work with a specific person, but I think collaborating with different departments, such as AACE, since they have many resources that could help you a little bit more. **S. Valecha** asks if he has reached out to them to see if they can fund the event? **P. Chudinov** states that he hasn't reached out to them because he first wanted to see if ASI could fund it. **S. Valecha** states it can happen but if he needs immediate funding he should reach out to them because they don't have to go through all of this. It is an option that you can look into. As for resources that you can possibly collaborate is the Health Center, H.O.P.E., SCAA and we can follow up later.



D. Cuevas recommends finalizing his dates so Marketing and Communications can have enough time because they do have other projects they are working on. If you want to include PAC you will have to email them and give them a heads up about your event. **B. Golez** states if he decides to have it on another date in March during University Hour she can help. **J. Mercado** states that after speaking to International students some of their concerns are finding a job can be difficult because there are many work laws in place that International students have to follow. Letting people know about the struggle that International students go through when looking for a job that way it broadens your workshop. Maybe the departments that you collaborate with can give International students advice on how to find a job. **B. Kuehnis** states if anyone wants to put in a request for funding, please make sure to follow up with me. That way I can see what steps you have taken after receiving feedback.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. Senator of Athletics (2 minutes)

B. Kuehnis states that during the Fall semester Jocelyn worked on the Fall and Winter sport kick offs. The kick offs that are held at the beginning are a way to introduce the athletes to our campus and our community. The biggest event in the Fall was the Halloween Hoops Sports Kick off event. It was hosted by the Men's and Women's basketball team who reached out to ASI, clubs and organizations to help put on this great event. As of right now, Jocelyn has two projects she is working on. The first one is the Spring Sport Kick-off which was on January 29,2020. The second one is Homecoming week and the President Morishita's Appreciation Night. Has already reached out to the Director of Programming to request funding for the Spring Sport Kick-off and funding was approved. Jocelyn is working with the Athletics department to plan out President Morishita's Appreciation Night. She is currently waiting to hear back from them regarding an update on to what item we potentially be giving away. Lastly, I have been wanting to collaborate with the Sustainability Services on campus. If you have any question feel free to follow up with her through email.

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B. Senator of Diversity (2 minutes)

B. Kuehnis states that Freshta adjusted to her position, Senator of Diversity. She joined a group that was specifically dedicated to help Undocumented Students. They started a Know Your Rights event week, they advocated for a DREAM Coordinator and Advisor. She also reached out to different clubs and organizations on campus. She took part of the Senate and the DAC meetings. For this term, she wants to be more proactive. We are finally going to be getting a Undocu-Research Coordinator which is a good step. She wants our students and our perspective students to get easy and quick information on what the school can do for DREAMers. If you have any questions feel free to follow up with her through email.



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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

S. Valecha states that February is almost over and then we have March, Spring Break, and April. I need you all to be on time. On time is 9:25 a.m. and we cannot be efficient if you all are not here on time. Patricia's event is coming up and let us help her out. Brittney's event, Financial Literacy is coming up, so let's help her out. Dessiree and I are working on the It's On Us next week, so look out for that. For Petr's program, let's look out for that as well. We should support each other more because at the end of the day, we are a collaborating unit.

B. Kuehnis says that she would like everyone to be on time for the next meeting. For the next meeting, we have Student Affairs and Enrollment coming in and it will be a really important meeting. Please be on time. I do not care if you are not in this room by 9:20, but be in the room by 9:30 a.m.

A. de Leon says that Freshta and her will be partnering on Undocu-Ally training and it is something that we will be doing around April. Freshta wants to emphasize this for faculty and staff and also invite students to come in. It will cover overall history, laws, review statistics, how undocumented students experience life on campus, provide information and resources, and what it means to be an ally. It is something that we want to put out there. We are still working on it.

B. Kuehnis states that there will be an Undocu-Ally training on March 19th. The one in March is centered towards students. If you want to collaborate on it, it would be great to attend this one to get information on how to do it.

D. Padilla states that there will be a town hall with Dean Singley. It is just for you to tell us what you like about the college of science. If you want your voice to be heard, make sure you go. It is on Thursday, February 27th from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in south science room 120. There will be pizza and beverages.

E. Sanchez-Martinez states that for Homecoming, we want a float to be done in the next two hours, so please help. I can't be there because they have a float for Homecoming royalty. I really want ASI to win. **S. Valecha** asks if they need to use his car. **E. Sanchez-Martinez** states that they will need to use his car. I want people to be in it, since I will not be on it.

D. Cuevas states that like Siddharth said earlier, we are working on It's On Us. I am finalizing the tabling partners, so I will be emailing you all and I will also send a Doodle for sign ups.

A. Depappa says that tomorrow is national RA appreciation day. I am working on something for all the RAs. If anyone brings it back to you, I do not want all the credit for it. If you have an RA or know someone who is an RA, please give them a thank you. It is a difficult job that does not get credit most of the time.

B. Golez states that she will need help getting people who will be committed to helping with contributing to the app. Look out for that application. I want to solidify it today. Yesterday, we started our first Financial Literacy workshop. It filled the room and I am grateful for that. A lot of



students are interested in learning about their financial literacy skills. Shout out to Ashley Depappa, Omer, Lynn, and Euridice for coming to help.

S. Valecha mentions that they voted on the CFAC for the RAW and the Unions. We need all hands-on deck to advertise and market it to students. We have Academic Senate and Non-academic Senate and it already takes a big population of the school. The Census is coming up. There is a resolution that funds will be allocated toward an Academic center and African-American center. **B. Kuehnis** states that this is huge and there were different groups mentioned that we to conform with those constituent groups about. This is something you all can participate in. Those centers are something that students have been wanting for a long time. I will send all the resolutions that were passed at that meeting. I will try to have one-on-ones with all of you.

D. Maxion states that when students find out their student fees increase, they will think of it negatively. Let them know why the increase happened. **B. Kuehnis** states that the fee has not increased in ten years. **S. Valecha** states that they have hit a big problem because we have invested a lot and we have not had a fee increase. **K. Disharoon** states that if you have been to other CSUs and you have seen their student union and recreation centers, you can see what every school charges for student fees. Bakersfield charges \$400 per year. This will help with the upkeep of the unions and I know there is only so much that Jennifer Luna and Kenrick Ali can do with the budget. It will be an investment put into it. People may say that they are graduating next year, but you can come back next year as an alumnus. It is not like you will not benefit anything from it.

B. Kuehnis mentions that ASI made a conscious decision to support this and to commit ASI to advocate for this. This will benefit students and help those that have been waiting for a long time.

D. Cuevas states that if there are any questions about the RAW, come to her because she is currently working on the website and it will be going live in a couple of days. **B. Golez** asks about the current student budget. **S. Valecha** states that Kris sent it to him.

K. Dhillon says that he sent the RAW and Union fee proposals to everyone's email. If there are any questions, come to him or Bronte. We can explain all the details.

S. Valecha states that the fees can be rebellious and that is why we are having Jennifer Luna and **Kenrick Ali** come in so people can ask questions directly. They are doing a lot of work. I had a great meeting with the provost and I will be meeting with the Academic Senate and Non-Academic Senate. There are items to be worked on and things that they are bringing onto campus that we are unaware of.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **10:14 AM**

Minutes Reviewed By:

VP University Affairs & Chair

Name: Siddharth Valecha

Approved on:

3-5-2020

Date:

