

Senate Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 7, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:33 AM
- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Siddharth Valecha, Bronte Kuehnis, Brittney Golez, Tyler Engquist, Daisy Padilla, Angelica De Leon, Karen Parada, Jocelyn Baldon, Justin Mercado, Zaira Perez, Dessiree Cuevas, Phuong Mai

Late: Ashley Depappa , Patricia Regalado

Absent: Freshta Sharifi
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda for May 7th, 2020 by **K. Parada**, second by **B. Golez**
Motion to amend the agenda by striking out resolution to expand Title IX training and replace it with resolution for the encouragement of the early completion of Title IX training by **D. Cuevas**, second by **K. Parada**.
Motion to approve the agenda, motion **APPROVED**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of April 23, 2020**
Motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2020 by **K. Parada**, second **D. Cuevas**.
- 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.**
Daisy Maxion states that she would like to thank the senators this year, the academic and non-academic. All of you put in a great amount of hard work. I am proud of the Senate and I would like to take this time to appreciate each and every one of you and everything you have done this year.
J. Mercado states that a member of the public asked when will the non-academic senators application open for the next term.



K. Dhillon states that the Vice President elect would make the final decision on when the final date is. Ideally, it is in the first two weeks of Fall.

J. Mercado asks when everyone's term will end this year.

K. Dhillon states that it will end at noon on May 31st.

6:07

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM: **Resolution to Expand Title IX Training**

The Senate will take action on the resolution in support of expanding Title IX training to housing residents at CSUEB.

Motion to adopt the resolution for encouragement of earlier completion of Title IX training by **K. Parada**, second by **D. Cuevas**.

A. Depappa states that the last time it was discussed, it was directed towards adding training. After discussion with Mark Almeida and My-Lan Huynh, they mention how it will not be feasible to do. They suggested that we focus on the encouragement of students completing it before the Fall term. When we come back, we can have giveaways such as shirts or East Bay Merchandise, to encourage students to complete the training. It is more than just a requirement, but something important that should be done. This will be something of focus for the next board over the summer. **K. Parada** gives accolades to **A. Depappa** for the part about tabling and it is a great way to reach out to residents. When I was an RA, I definitely did not think of this. **A. Depappa** states that the main idea for this item was that there is nothing Title IX training related for residents. For RAs, there is a whole session, but for residents, there is nothing. The university does a good job in trying to express that Title IX is important, but housing is not as direct.

Brittney Golez, I, Patricia Regalado, I, Daisy Padilla, I, Angelica De Leon, I, Karen Parada, I, Justin Mercado, I, Zaira Perez, I, Dessiree Cuevas, I, Ashley Depappa, I, Phuong Mai, I, resolution is APPROVED.

12:50

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

No New Business Items.



VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. Senator of Online Students

D. Cuevas states that she is very proud of how she began her term, since she is the second person to hold this position. I believe I am the first person that has served a full term. It was chaotic in the beginning because I was unsure of what to do. My position is broad, but once I was able to meet with Dr. Roger Wen, everything began to fall into place. Today, I wrote my tenth resolution this year. For my future successor for Senator of Online Students, I would not make any chances, since the position is new and there is open ground to do whatever you would like. I am proud of everyone.

14:28

B. Senator of Alumni Relations

K. Parada states that she is the first person to sit in this position. I am an alumni, but I did not have much to go off of. During the year, I took notes on things I would tell the next person to do. I created a ten step-by-step guide to what I believe the next person should do. I provided links to specific contacts for people and provided advise for what I believe they should do. I spent much time trying to find the first few steps, but if I can provide the steps to the future senator, they can add additional steps to the position. If you find time, it would be great to create a guide for the next person. My focus in this position was advocating for more affordable events for alumni. As an undergraduate, I advocated for students that did not have access to many resources and in financial situations. Continuing this advocacy into alumni relations is important. I hope that the next person pushes for zero to no cost events. For the finals policy, it is for anyone.

18:13

C. Senator of Residence Life

A. Depappa states that in the beginning, she was unsure of what to do in her position. I had to depend on RHA and the committee for motivation and direction. I worked a lot with RHA and learned about what they do. I hope next year, they receive credit because they work very hard to support the housing community and I do not think people recognize this. Instead of looking at yourself as just the link, look at yourself as the support beam for housing. You are there for when they need help. There are a lot of people that live in housing that were unfamiliar with RHA and ASI. It was nice to see people ask questions

about ASI and RHA events. I thought that the person in this position could be appointed by the RHA. An external affairs member could attend the ASI meetings. After discussion with Mark Almeida, we solidified how the position could be better led by determining what meetings should and should not be attended. I felt that it was important for me to attend all the meetings and it was difficult, since I am an RA and had meetings during the same time. Next term, this position will be more organized. I wish them the best. I did completed two resolutions this year and I am proud of myself. Thank you all for your help as well.

21:20

D. Senator of Greek Life

Z. Perez states that she is new to this position and the person before did not leave much information. I would like to thank S. Valecha, B. Kuehnis, K. Dhillon, and A. De Leon for helping me. I wish I had done more Thank you all for everything and I will miss you all.

22:57

E. Senator of Transfer Students

P. Mai gives thanks everyone for a great semester. Although we did not have a semester that went as planned, everyone continued with their positions to contribute to success of the students. I want to thank everyone that has helped me grow and contributed to our students, school and community. Though I was not able to work with everyone, I watched you do great things from afar. I have never seen a passionate, inspiring, and determined group that wants the best for the university. Thank you for being you and continue to do great things in this world and university. For the person ahead of me, I would want them to attend as many events as possible. This is where your personal growth begins to blossom, your relationships, and networks you form will help with your successful year.

24:28

F. Senator Commuter Students

J. Mercado states that this is his second year in this position. Even though this is the same position, it is much different from last year. Commuter day and other commuter events I had this year had to be cancelled. I had to be flexible and maintained communication with parking and transportation. Throughout COVID-19, I made sure to work with parking and transportation to make sure everyone receives their refund for faculty and students. For my successor, I would advise to have a good relationship with parking and transportation,



especially with the new director. I heard that Derrick Lobo will be retiring soon. There might be a new director and new changes that will be established. It is important to promote current transportation services. It would be great to take what we have currently, make better use of it and promote what we currently offer on campus, in terms of alternate transportation. Finally, I would say to work on the resolution, the affordable learning solution, that I did not get to complete, due to COVID-19. Things are ready and laid out for the next successor. I am hoping that the resolution will be one of the first resolutions to be passed next year.

26:44

- G. Senator of Athletics
- H. Senator of Diversity
- I. Senator of Science

D. Padilla gives thanks to the committee and a special thank you to K. Parada and S. Valecha for answering all the questions I had. You all are all amazing leaders and we have all had great memories. I hope that my successor has and maintains a great relationship with the College of Science. I know who my successor is and I know that she is very dedicated and will do a great job.

27:54

- J. Senator of CBE

B. Golez states that at the Board meeting, she discussed the legacy that she would like to leave behind. Today, I would like to read an exert that I wrote for my successor. I would like to thank D. Padilla for pulling me into ASI and seeing the potential in me. Thank you to K. Dhillon for always answering my questions and to the senators that were my support system. Thank you K. Parada for helping me when I felt lost. A. De Leon was the first person I wanted to get to know more of and she was very open. S. Valecha was the best boss ever. I knew A. Depappa and I knew each other before coming on board. D. Cuevas helped me accelerate my project and gave me the meeting I needed for my app. J. Mercado and P. Mai were always open and I have always appreciated the hospitality. Z. Perez has so much personality and I thank you for being you. Thank you B. Kuehnis for everything and I know you will do amazing things. P. Regalado is my Senator sister and best friend. This has been the best work and life experience. I appreciate the Senate and the Board.



31:38

K. Senator of CLASS

P. Regalado gives thanks to everyone and their hard work. I think that you all are super heroes and you do great work. I knew many of you before going into this and now seeing you all grow and change is amazing. I am proud of all of you. Something I would like my successor to carry on are the good relations that have been created this year with ASI and CLASS. I love you all. Thank you to power slate for the opportunity to be with ASI next year.

33:04

L. Senator of CEAS

M. ASI Chair

B. Kuehnis states that yesterday she talked about what she was proud of and what she would like to see from her successor. I want to thank S. Valecha for being the best co-chair. We worked well together and you helped me a lot. I am happy that I had the opportunity to work with you. To all of you, I am proud of the work you applied to this. K. Dhillon and D. Maxion helped me into this position and I am glad that S. Valcha was there to help with tasks. I hope that you all felt supported by me and getting your tasks translated to our meetings. For successor, I would hope that they can have a great work relationship with their co-chairs and the ability to support the senate. In particular, with their tasks, being there for events, projects, and relaying their passion to the meetings.

35:45

N. VP of University Affairs

S. Valecha states that he would like to go last. I understand that I am supposed to have a present for you all. I spoke about the newsletter and I ended up working on a yearbook. Once I am finished with it, I will email it all of you. I want something strictly for the Senate. Starting off with the ASI chair, B. Kuehnis, I would like to say thank you so much for being an amazing co-chair. As you said, we work well together and it was easy to work with you. There was a time where she asked if I had any discussion items for the Senate meeting and I provided her with seven discussion items. We connected and I would not change anything about her. I have known P. Regalado since my sophomore year. Starting off, I did not know what my roll was and it was a big part to fill, but K. Dhillon helped me.



Over the course of the academic year, I have seen P. Regalado grow immensely. I am proud of the goals she accomplished this entire year. I knew B. Golez from campaigning and her work ethic is amazing. Whenever she does her work, it is amazing. She was a great representation of CBE. Every time she provided feedback, it was well thought out. I know she will do well as the VP of Communications. I tried to help D. Padilla as much as I could, but she had K. Parada as her mentor. She did amazing as Senator of Science. She attended events and would also speak up. T. Engquist is a positive person and although he joined the position late, he did a great job. K. Dhillon was by his side. As his own successor, I hope that he achieves his goals and I know that he will do well. A. De Leon is an amazing individual and she is going to be my successor. I know that you will do great and will get the job done. With her tasks, she completes them on time. I know that she will be a great VP of University Affairs. A. Depappa brightens up the room when she walks in. She thought of the resolution while completing an assignment. She is hardworking and continue the same momentum next year in ASI. K. Parada is very hard-working. She wrote a ten step process for her successor and not many people do that. She is a powerful woman and runs the College of Science's Instagram page. I am glad that I have a connection with you and I hope to see you as University President. I have known D. Cuevas since campaigning and I interviewed her Senator of Online Students. She did everything else, with being the Senator of Online Students. Not only her, but the entire senate has great work ethic. She helped me with my first resolution and it was a great learning opportunity for me. She is focused and driven. Z. Perez is an amazing Senator of Greek life. It is not easy to sit in Greek council and listen when the meetings are unorganized. She has a great personality and brings smiles to peoples' faces. She has what it takes to be a great individual. I know J. Mercado from Orientation team. He does a great job as Senator of Commuter Students and each time in this position, he has outdone himself. He is hardworking and communicative. The relationship with parking and transportation helped with his success. He is leaving a legacy behind with all the resolutions and events for commuter students. P. Mai is amazing. When D. Maxion, K. Dhillon and I interviewed her for the position, her story was great and she stated that she was meant for the job. She is leaving a legacy behind with the idea of going to community colleges and informing them about East Bay. This helps with recruitment and informing people more about ASI.



Because of her ideas, people will consider coming to East Bay. She works hard and gets her job done. With F. Sharifi, after the discussion with B. Kuehnis and I, she completed all of her work. I did not see J. Baldon much. Thank you to K. Dhillon for helping me transition into this roll successfully. I would not have been able to do this without him. Thank you to D. Maxion for constantly checking on me and ensuring that I check on the Senators. Thank you for an amazing year and everyone will do great things. This is the best Senate I could possibly ask for.

52:38

O. Senator-at-Large

A. De Leon states that she is proud of the work that was put in this year. I liked my position because of the broadness and the ability to focus on something that I am passionate about, which is mental health. I was able to pass one resolution last semester and co-author two this semester. For my successor, I would advise them to find one to three focuses they would want to create a vision for, since it is a broad position. From being a first-year intern last year, I am thankful to be in ASI again this year. I like to be surrounded by passionate leaders who genuinely want to change things for students. It is encouraging and empowering to know that I was able to be a part of a team that supported the Senate and the Board. I am glad that I met so many of you and had the opportunity to see your growth. I loved ASI this year and I gloat about it all the time. I am thankful for all of you.

37:55

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

B. Kuehis states that she would like to thank F. Sharifi for all the hard work that she put in for the Undocu-Ally training, which unfortunately had to be cancelled.

K. Parada states that someone mentioned that we are here until May 31st. Are there other things that we should be working on until May 31st or we could help with? **K. Dhillon** states that



D. Maxion, A. De Leon and I will discuss to see if anything needs to be done between now and May 31st. If there is, we will make sure that we meet quorum at the Board or Senate to pass whatever needs to be passed.

K. Dhillon states that everyone did well this year. As the former VP of University Affairs, everyone exceeded what could have been done. I am extremely proud of all of you.

A. Depappa states that everyone is an amazing support system. Thank you all for your work. It has been an honor to work with this Senate and Board.

S. Valecha states that he misses Josh more today since he was a part of ASI also. If he were here today, he would be proud.

56:50

X. **ADJOURNMENT at 10:30 AM**

Minutes Reviewed By:

VP of University Affairs & Chair

Name: Anjelica De Leon

Approved On:

11-12-2020

Date:

