

Senate Committee Meeting October 17, 2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER: **9:48 AM**

- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Siddharth Valecha, Bronte Kuehnis, Daisy Padilla, Anjelica de Leon, Justin Mercado, Zaira Perez, Ashley Depappa, Dessiree Cuevas, Freshta Sharifi, Karen Parada, Kristopher Disharoon

Absent: Patricia Regalado, Brittney Golez, Petr Chudinov, David Villalobos, Jocelyn Baldon

- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda **K. Parada**, second by **D. Cuevas**, motion **CARRIES**.

- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of October 10, 2019**
Motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019 by **D. Cuevas**, second by **D. Padilla**, motion **CARRIES**.

- 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:
No Unfinished Items.

- VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
 - A. ACTION ITEM - [Donuts and Coffee](#)
The Senate will take action on using \$500 from the Senate budget to fund the Donuts and Coffee event.



Motion to approve the budget to fund \$500.00 for the Donuts and Coffee event by **F. Sharifi**, second by **K. Parada**, motion **CARRIES**.

D. Padilla asked if she said up to \$500.00. **F. Sharifi** states that she just said \$500.00.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM - [AC Transit vs. Shuttle Service Resolution](#)

The Senate will discuss adopting a resolution to address recent developments in transportation services for students.

J. Mercado states that he met with Parking and Transportation. They gave him the presentations that were given to the President and Vice President on whether or not they should go with AC Transit. Some of the pros for AC Transit are that students get free access to all bus lines that range from Richmond to Fremont. Our students will also be able to use the buses that go to San Francisco for free. In addition, the busses are bigger with standing room capacity meaning more students would be able to load inside the bus. According to Derrick, the busses that will be running to East Bay will be the accordion style busses. He believes that with the bigger busses the line of students will disappear. Another pro is that the bus will run every 17 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends. Since East Bay will be partnering with AC Transit they are willing to add an additional bus (Line 60) so that buses come more frequently. **K. Parada** asks what is the current lag time between the AC Transit busses now. **J. Mercado** states that he will have to get back to her with that data.

K. Parada states that if right now the wait time for the shuttles is 20 minutes and then the wait time in between the AC Transit is 20 minutes that is two different modes of transportation with a significant wait time in between. If we were to just use the AC Transit we would only go down a little bit in wait time and one mode of transportation, but we don't know the numbers yet. **J. Mercado** states that Parking and Transportation brought up that because we have two different modes of transportation that are currently polluting the environment. If we went with AC Transit it would be going to campus and there will only one transportation producing carbon. **Z. Perez** asks if the AC Transit will be stopping at all the shuttle stops or if it will only be stopping in front of the RAW. **J. Mercado** states that once AC Transit signs the contract, Derrick will work on increasing the amount of bus stops around campus. Currently we have multiple Shuttle stops and they will turn into AC



Transit bus stops that way our students can get on and off on in different campus locations. Which is better because the Shuttle only picks up in front of the RAW, all the other stops are just drop off points. **D. Cuevas** states that there is a campus loop shuttle. Will there be a similar pathway? **J. Mercado** states that with AC Transit they will make a bus stop that is closer to the University Village but it will be a little of a further walk compared to the shuttle. **Z. Perez** asked if he knew what was the decision that they took. **J. Mercado** states that Derrick said they came up with a decision on Monday but has not been able to get in contact with them. I still have no update so I don't know what their decision is. **K. Parada** states that on the cons list it states that there is no bus use for commencement necessities which can be changed depending where commencement will be held. We also won't have any racked busses to advertise for Cal State East Bay. It isn't a big deal but we should see if there are any deals we can get with AC Transit regarding advertising, if we are signing with them. **J. Mercado** states that AC Transit will not be able to help us with commencement. Parking and Transportation are looking to hiring a shuttle company just for commencement. As for advertising, the buses that we will use will be advertising Cal State East Bay. There will be sign panels that are going to be included on the busses that run to campus but on other buses as well. **K. Parada** asks if the initial Clipper Card is free to students or will the students have to pay. **J. Mercado** states that the AC Transit will be free. Students will use a similar version to the Clipper Card but if they lose it then they will have to pay \$3.00. They will be able to use the card as many times as they want. **D. Padilla** asks how the students will receive the clipper cards or will they be using their Bay Cards. **J. Mercado** states that the contract we have with the shuttle will expire on December 31, 2019. If we go with the AC Transit Parking and Transportation they will be handing out the cards towards the end of the Fall semester. That way the students will be able to start using AC Transit in in the spring. **D. Padilla** asks how will they be passing out the cards. **J. Mercado** states that Parking and Transportation tried to get the Easy Rider clipper card implemented into our Bay Card but they were not able to. All students that want to use the AC Transit will have to carry around the Easy Rider Clipper Card and their Bay Card. If we go with AC Transit, towards the end of the semester Parking and Transportation will table and hand out the card to students that will use AC Transit. **Z. Perez** asked if they will only be able to use AC Transit to designated locations. **J. Mercado** states that they will be



able to use AC Transit line and Transbay. **K. Disharoon** asked if he looked into the system that San Francisco State has with Muni and if they integrate their Clipper Card into their student ID's. **J. Mercado** states that their Clipper Card is incorporated into their student ID's. **K. Disharoon** asked how they did it. **J. Mercado** said that Muni is a different company. **K. Disharoon** states that they still use the Clipper Card. The question is how do they integrate their clipper card with their student ID. Maybe we can connect to whoever does our Bay Card to their resources.

J. Mercado states that it might be because the Easy Rider is another form of pass it is not exactly the Clipper Card. Easy Rider is exclusively for AC Transit and cannot be used to get on the BART. If you have any other question regarding the pros and cons feel free to contact me. According to the surveys that were given last year students would start using AC Transit more often instead of driving to campus. Just to clarify, if we were to renew the shuttle it would actually be a new shuttle service compare to the one we have now.

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C. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Resolution in Support of AB-331**

The Senator-at-Large and Senator of Diversity will introduce a resolution in support of proposed bill AB-331.

A.de Leon states that right now there is a bill being propose, AB-331. It is trying to make Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement for High School students. This bill would add a semester of Ethic Studies, hopefully beginning in 2024. Since, East Bay is one of the most diverse campus in the country we wanted to add our support. There is a document that CSU Los Angeles created and I've been going over with Freshta. We just wanted to let you all know that we will be working on this resolution in support of this bill.

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D. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Mental Health**

The Senate will discuss mental health concerns among younger students and the services of the Student Health and Counseling Center.

A.de Leon states that she had a meeting with SHAC regarding the concerns we all had about Mental Health and the services we have on campus. Crisis hour might seem intimidating to some students but it meant to help those students that need to see someone right away. From what I heard, some students have felt the need to use that service but the



name itself sounds intimidating and don't feel welcomed. Just because when they are in a state of crisis they want to feel safe and that their feelings are normalized and not seen as a crisis. I have been attending those meetings and have been trying to figure out another set of language. Currently there is no counselor at the dorms because we are low on staff. Hopefully, when they hire more counselors one will be placed at the dorms. When that does happen, I want to find a better way to advertise their services. That way more students can use their services if they needed to. **A. Depappa** states that the counselors can be found in Sequoia. As an RA, I didn't know much about the counselor that we use to have and it is important to advertise their services once we get one. **Z. Perez** asked how are students supposed to get into Sequoia to see the counselor. They should put the counselor in Lassen or somewhere more accessible. If the counselor is at Sequoia it makes it seem that it is only for freshmen. **A. Depappa** states that she will look into changing the counselor's location or giving access to the students.

K. Disharoon states that we couldn't hire people fast enough. It is difficult to hire them and they don't get paid very much which can be another problem. **K. Parada** states that counselors don't get paid as much, but is it because the University doesn't see it as an importance. **K. Disharoon** states that he is not sure but students fee for Health Service did increase. They should be using that money to hire more counselors. It might be changing because President Morishita will be leaving and whatever new president comes might have a new way of doing things. What we are dealing with now might not be what we deal with in the future. **K. Parada** states that SHAC has been doing a much better job over years. Maybe working with the Senator of Greek Life to expand their services to the Greek Life community. Most people in Greek Life are really involved causing them to be more stressed. It would be a great opportunity to educate them and enable them to spread the word and educate others. **A. de Leon** states that the increase fee for Health Services was \$6.00.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

- A. Senator of CBE (2 minutes)
- B. Senator of CLASS (2 minutes)



C. Senator of Science (2 minutes)

D. Padilla thanks the Senate for funding one of the days of her Coffee and Donuts event, come by and support. I want to have events with the Department that way the students see that we care for them. I am also working on getting more tables in front of the Science building. Please come to the Science Festival on October 26th, it is open to all.

D. Senator-at-Large (2 minutes)

A. de Leon states that she will be focusing on students Mental Health this year. I want to see if we can create a poll or survey that students can see their mental health and well-being. Then use those responses to find better ways to help students. I also want to collaborate with Housing regarding the counselors and getting more training for the RA's. I want to also focus on the graduation retention. I will be working with the library representative to figure out ways that ASI can promote the SCAA and other services.

E. Senator of Alumni Relations (2 minutes)

K. Parada states that her main focus is setting the position up. That way we know what the typical year of the position looks like. As well as setting up a meeting with Travis Nelson, the new Director of Alumni Engagement. I also expressed interest in sitting on the Alumni Association Board, which has never had a student before. I also want to set up a meeting with all the Deans because I believe it is important from them to know who their Alumni pool is.

F. Senator of Athletics (2 minutes)

G. Senator of Commuter Students (2 minutes)

J. Mercado states that the biggest thing he is working on right now is the Shuttle and AC Transit. Once they decide he will begin to table, especially if we go with the AC Transit. That way students know what it is and how to use it. I will also be working on the issue of non-housing student parking in housing parking lots. Hopefully when Edwina gets back, we can meet up and see if Parking and Transportation will help us. He is also working on the Commuter events and has finalized the dates with Kris. There will be 3 Commuter appreciation days and one Commuter day. He is re-focusing on Commuter appreciation and will be focused on getting student feedback.



B. Kuehnis states that they have run out of time and everyone who didn't get to state a report will do so next meeting. **D. Cuevas** asks if they are allowed to extend meeting by 10 minutes. **B. Kuehnis** states that she will need a motion.

Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes by **D. Cuevas**, second by **K. Parada**, motion **CARRIES**.

H. Senator of Diversity (2 minutes)

F. Sharifi states that because there wasn't a Senator of Diversity last year I will be building what this position will be doing. I have reached out to Daisy who held this position two years ago. She held the CS event in which clubs and organizations promoted themselves. If I do this event it will most likely be in the Spring and will collaborate with the Office of Diversity. I have reached out to them and I will be part of couple sub-committees. I will be focusing on the Undocumented and DREAMER students. I am part of the DACA group in ASI and we will be having events to help them. One of them is to bring out a lawyer to campus that way DACA students can talk to them. I will be trying to spread the word to other clubs and organizations. We are also trying to hire a DREAM Coordinator and I will be working with Rocio and Kimberly Flowers. I want to try and have a table in the ASI office similar to the coffee table. In which we can bring in snacks from our ethnicity or origin.

I. Senator of Greek Life (2 minutes)

Z. Perez states that our school lacks school spirit and people aren't really trying to join Greek Life because we aren't really out there. I have shared the idea of having Greek Olympics and people seem to like it. I will be working on having the event next semester.

J. Senator of International Students (2 minutes)

K. Senator of Residence Life (2 minutes)

A. Depappa states she is trying to establish the position as well. She hopes to create a strong connection with Housing and ASI. Believes that she will be able to have better communication with them. Housing would like to see more ASI support. As events come I will send out invites to everybody. I want to help with the Campus Safety and Crisis Training. I also would like to try and create a simple way that clubs and organizations can post up their flyers on housing. They would really like us to be more interactive and support their events.



L. Senator of Transfer Students (2 minutes)

M. Senator of Online Students (2 minutes)

D. Cuevas states that the Senator of Online Students is fairly new so I am working on establishing the position. I will try to table once or twice a month and will be collecting any questions or concerns that student have about online classes. The whole online campus in charge of Blackboard. There is an after-hours system available to students but as of now, students are volunteering their time to answer the after-hour questions. The students who volunteer their time should get paid because it is a lot of work. My other focus for ASI is finishing up the Safety walk and sending the resolution to all Cal States, UC's, and local Universities. I just finished the resolution to honor Josh. I am working with Lynn on Toiletries initiatives to try and reach out to companies to get some sort of sponsorship. I met with a student from HOPE and he brought up the idea of bringing Homeless Awareness to the syllabus to make it mandatory.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

K. Disharoon states he talked to Linda, the Assistant Director at the RAW, about maybe combining Greek Olympics with Field Day. Maybe work with Lynn on the Wellness Wednesday and doing it as a Greek Olympics match up. At the last two CSU's I was at, they had a Student Alumni Association that is made up of undergraduate students that are not yet Alumni. Sac State Alumni Associates is strong and they host different events so if you wanted to look at what they do. I will be meeting with Shelly to talk about how ASI and Residence Life can be more compatible in the Spring. I want to challenge you all to start saying "you all" instead of saying "you guys" and instead of freshmen saying first years because of gender inclusion.

K. Parada states that every position has their own ideas that they are working on, but will appreciate more direction or have an idea where they are going as a Senate.

B. Kuehnis states that is why she had the Policy Initiative Item in the first meeting. If you all want to re-introduce it, just let her know. Also, remember to check your emails and when we are having meetings.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **10:40 AM**

Minutes Reviewed By:
Chair of the Board & Co-Chair
Name: Bronte Kuehnis

Minutes Approved On:
10-31-19
Date:

