

**Senate Committee Meeting Minutes November 14, 2019**

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **9:37AM**
- II. ROLL CALL:  
**Present:** Siddharth Valecha, Bronte Kuehnis, Brittney Golez, Anjelica de Leon, Justin Mercado, Freshta Sharifi, Zaira Perez, Petr Chudinov, Dessiree Cuevas  
  
**Absent:** Patricia Regalado, Daisy Padilla, Karen Parada, Jocelyn Baldon, Ashley Depappa
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**  
**Motion** to approve the agenda by **F. Sharifi**, second by **D. Cuevas**, motion **CARRIES**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of October 31, 2019**  
**Motion** to approve the minutes of October 31, 2019 by **D. Cuevas**, second by **B. Golez**, 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. UNFINISHED ITEMS:  
No Unfinished Items.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
  - A. ACTION ITEM - **[Resolution in Support of AB-331](#)**  
The Senate will take action on adopting the Resolution in Support of AB-331.  
**Motion** to adopt the Resolution in Support of AB-331 by **D. Cuevas**, second by **F. Sharifi**, motion **CARRIES**.  
**K. Parada** states that this is the resolution that was talked about earlier this year. AB-331 would add the completion of a one semester course in Ethnic Studies in high school students. It would be an addition to their graduation requirements. The reason it was



brought up was because East Bay is one of the most diverse campuses in the country. As ASI, we want to bring in the idea of inclusion and support for ideas that bring and build empathy around the different cultures we have. The reason why this course was brought up is because it builds empathy and knowledge of different cultures. Students tend to do well when their identity is reflected in their courses and because of this, there are better outcomes on standardized tests. **D. Cuevas** asks if this would be a Senate resolution and not a Board resolution. **B. Kuehnis** states that changes will need to be made.

**Motion** to strike out BOD and replace it with Senate by **D. Cuevas**, second by **P. Chudinov**, motion **CARRIES**.

**Motion** to adopt the Resolution in Support of AB-331 by **All**, motion **CARRIES**.

4:26

B. DISCUSSION ITEM - [La Petite Poubelle](#)

The Senate will discuss taking \$30 from the Senate budget to purchase a table for cultural food/snacks in the ASI office waiting area.

**F. Sharifi** states she received the idea from a friend. A few weeks ago, I brought some Afghan candies to the office and I received positive responses. It would be nice to have snacks so that we can enjoy. In a document, I showed the measurements of the table and it can be adjusted to any size. **D. Cuevas** asks if it will be open to all students. **F. Sharifi** says it will be open to all. **A. de Leon** asks if other students could bring other things too. **F. Sharifi** states they are welcome to. **D. Cuevas** asks how she planned to label the food. **F. Sharifi** states she will leave out sticky notes on the table. That way people can know what the food, where it's from and what it has. **K. Disharoon** asks where the food will go. **F. Sharifi** states that the table would be put by the water and drinks. **K. Disharoon** states there is a table already there. **F. Sharifi** says that she is not sure if it will fit and if people would want to have their own stuff there also. **K. Disharoon** mentions that she will have to talk to Ms. Lil because the area is already compacted with stuff. Another possible place is underneath the bulletin board. The second thing is who is going to be responsible for cleaning it because this building does have mice. **P. Chudinov** asks where the snacks will be coming from and if she thinks that a lot of students will bring in snacks. **F. Sharifi** says that people can bring their own snacks, but mostly people in the office will bring in the snacks to share. **D. Cuevas** states it is a great idea. But students may not be willing to bring in snacks. The only one's possibly bringing them would be people who work in the office. I don't think that the table would represent the 14,000 students on this campus. Maybe this could be expanded into an event and collaborate with the Senator of International Students. We can also get the cultural clubs on campus to join in. **P. Chudinov** states that on



November 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be Global Appreciation day in the MPR and we will be collaborating with other clubs on campus. You could look into having the snack table for that event.

10:06

C. DISCUSSION ITEM - **It's On Us**

The Senate will discuss the production of an annual It's On Us Event.

**D. Cuevas** states that she brought this to the Senate. I work in the Student Affairs Office and we were talking about this with James Carroll and Martin Castillo. They showed me an event that has already been planned out which is held annually for Athletes and Greek Life. If you look at the stats, those are the main two populations that get connected to Title IX cases. I thought that it was targeted for them and it didn't seem like an It's On Us event, which is open to the public. I wanted to see what you all thought about it. **K. Disharoon** states that from his understanding, during Obama's presidency, they started the It's On Us campaign. ASI spearheaded the effort and I think the University took some of the It's On Us logo and used it, at least in HR. The Title IX stuff and sexual assault are the University's responsibility and should not just on one group to do. James and Jennifer from the RAW and Shawna from counseling took it on the responsibility. The DISC was no longer going to provide funding for the events that the athletes and Greeks would traditionally go to. This is how to the event that D. Cuevas spoke about came about. Instead of having ASI pay for all of it, I said that other departments need to share the responsibility for that. They did contribute money; James Carroll, Title IX, and Athletics contributed money so that it is not just ASI's responsibility to front the bill. At times, that is how ASI is looked at as and I did not want that to be the case again. You can do more, but I want to make sure that you do collaborations with others and that it is not just you. If you are going to do something, please let other people know about it. They do not necessarily need to dictate what is going on, but I want to make sure that they are let others know what is going on.

**A. De Leon** states that he understanding is that it is open to the public, but it is mandatory for Greeks and Athletes. Is this the only It's On Us event that is happening? **D. Cuevas** says that she is not sure. On the rsvp link, it is targeted more for the mandatory groups and it asks you to choose whether you are Greek life, Athletics, or someone else. There are limited spots available, but it does not seem open to everyone. **K. Disharoon** states that the capacity for the MPR is not very large. I think they have either half of the room or the entire room, but the entire MPR can hold only 300 seated and it is 150 for half. Even if you had a speaker in there, it would still be limited to capacity. The thought was if we were going to bring someone, then we have a targeted audience, we would at least have one-



hundred people there. It is better than having someone speak about sexual assault that no one has heard of. Euridice Sanchez-Martinez, James Carroll and I met together and James Carroll explained to us is that him and Gagan who is the Confidential Advocate, they had been communicating with their counterparts at CSU San Marcos, who have hosted this program over the years and have found it to be successful for themselves. We decided to try it and they are not too expensive to do two sessions, one in the late afternoon and one in the evening, in order to accommodate the large mass of athletes. It is mandatory for Greek life, but because there is no Greek Life Coordinator, I am not sure how mandatory it is, but it is highly encouraged. It is supposed to be interactive and not just someone speaking to you the entire time. We can look for someone for next semester as well and it can be done throughout the year.

**17:29**

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:  
No Special Reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

**P. Chudinov** states that he is still working on the crosswalk item. Unfortunately, there is not enough progress to make it an action but it should be ready for the next Senate meeting.

**B. Kuehnis** states that they will need a formal resolution to vote on it.

**18:30**

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

Minutes Reviewed By:

**VP University Affairs & Chair**

Name: Siddharth Valecha

Approved On:

**12-05-19**

Date:

