

Board of Directors Meeting of September 8, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:03 pm**

- II. [ROLL CALL](#)
Present: Anjelica De Leon, Kabir Dhillon, Mirna Maamou, Jose Simon Carmona, Zaira Perez, Tyler Luevano, Andrew Pajes, Arazeli Barragan, Justin Withers, Tayla Beasley, Martin Castillo, Erik Pinlac, Steve Spencer, Marguerite Hinrichs, Sarah Neilson, Andrew Yunker

Late: Mark Almeida, Jasmin Domino

Excused: Ashmita Alhuwalia

Absent: Joshua Gay, Neilah Peku, Mark Almeida,

- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve agenda, second **M. Maamou**, second by **A. Barragan**, motion **Carried**

- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the [Minutes of August 25, 2021](#)**
Motion to approve the Minutes of August 25, 202, second by **M. Maamou**, second by **T. Beasley**, motion **Carried**

- 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
3:15

- VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:



A. ACTION ITEM: [President Events for Fall Semester](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on the funding request for the President Events for Fall Semester.

Motion to approve funding request for the President events for fall semester, second by **K. Dhillon**, second by **A. De Leon**

A De Leon says I mentioned this during our last board of directors meeting, but I wanted to create a space for a sense of community on campus by handing out Starbucks vouchers, and then potentially a different set of vouchers as well, that's dependent on what we have open on campus, but I for only \$100 for one event and \$100 for the next event. Any questions on that?

E. Pinlac says that a hundred-dollar budget doesn't get as many Starbucks drinks. Just to keep that in mind, I was going suggest increase it.

A. De Leon says I was thinking that too, I was also thinking of potentially doing another set after this, just to see what the demand was because it's one of the first ones, especially for on campus.

Motion to vote on funding request for the President events for fall semester, second by **ALL**, motion **Carried**

6:14

B. ACTION ITEM: [Resolution in Support of Child Care Center at CSUEB](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on the Resolution in Support of Child Care Center at CSUEB.

Motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the childcare Center resolution, second by **M. Maamou**, second by **T. Beasley**, motion **Carried**

A. De Leon says this was a resolution that I brought to the board last time we met and it's, again in support of a childcare Center at East Bay. Like mentioned last time, our childcare Center on campus was disbanded in 2011. And as a board that recognizes, there are spaces on campus that are often underrepresented, we wanted to potentially bring this conversation back up. I also want to thank our chair, Sarah Nielsen, for bringing this up during academics as well, and I know there are some conversations happening among faculty and staff about the childcare Center, so this



is hoping to bring this conversation back up. Any questions about the childcare Center resolution?

Motion to pass the Resolution in Support of the childcare Center resolution, second by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**

8:48

C. ACTION ITEM - **Concord Wellness Package Event**

The Board of Directors will take action on the Concord Wellness Package Event.

Motion to postpone the action item to the next meeting, second by **A. Pajes**, second by **M. Maamou**, motion **CARRIED**

A. De Leon asks Andrew if he can clarify why the discussion is being postponed.

A. Pajes says we are in the process of grabbing materials and finalizing the event, I just want to be sure on the budget itself, especially working on it with Ashmita, I want her in the loop as well, I know she's not in the meeting, so I wanted to postpone for the next meeting.

A. De Leon asks is anyone opposed to postponing this action item to the next meeting? On to the next action item.

9:50

D. DISCUSSION ITEM - [Resolution in Support of the Federal for the Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill](#)

The Board of Directors will discuss the Resolution in Support of the Federal for the Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill.

A. De Leon says our director Asmita, she is not here so she wanted us to postpone this to the next meeting.

10:44

E. ACTION ITEM - [Executive Director Job Description](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on the Executive Director Job Description.

Motion to move discussion of Executive Director Job Description, second by **M. Maamou**, second by **T. Luevano**, motion **CARRIED**



E Pinlac says the only thing that I changed from the last time we saw this were these two percentages, they were listed as six and 16, I added a percentage top each one because, after the meeting, Martin mentioned that all this only added up to 98% so I figured I looked at the areas, and I said “okay, let's add 1% here and 1% here and they'll get us up to the hundred percent”, but otherwise nothing has changed, it's much the same as the one that's on linked in the agenda, except for the fact that change those percentages to get to 100%.

A. De Leon says thank you Erik. Are there any questions on this?

Motion to approve Executive Director Job Description, second by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**

13:31

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

F. INFORMATION ITEM - CSSA President Isaac Alferos

The Board of Directors will be informed on the role of the CSSA President by guest speaker, Isaac Alferos.

A. De Leon says I want to start off by saying thank you so much, Isaac, for joining us,

I know you were very, very busy, but I appreciate you speaking to our board today.

I Alferos says thank you for inviting, I'm so glad I get to speak with you all, I apologize for the bad lighting, I am Isaac Alferos, make it the unique honor and privilege of serving as the President of the Cal state student association, I'll try and keep things brief because I want to be able to answer any questions that you all may have, but a little bit about my background, I'm a student at Cal state Fullerton studying business with a concentration in finance, my real passion is in social and educational policy, I didn't figure that out until it was too late and we got two semesters left so I'm not changing it from here on out but that being said, I have worked in educational policy and educational advocacy for a number of years. My backgrounds in grassroots organizing and that's kind of the energy and the perspective that I bring into this role, as CSSA president, I get to do a lot of great things, I work with our incredible board of directors to help set a vision for our CSU system wide and how we can advocate for



students from a policy standpoint, working with the chancellor's office, working with the legislature, working with federal lawmakers to ensure that the student voice is an impactful one too. So, this is a unique privilege, as someone who's gotten to work with CSSA for the last three years to be stepping into this position and I'm excited that I get to serve you all in the work that we do. That's kind of a general thing about the work they do, as president, it's a lot of advocacy-based work. I also thought it's important to recognize the unique level of leadership that you all bring to the table too. I get to talk to the chancellor's office, very often, and they cannot underscore to them enough how incredible it is that we have leaders like yourself, who are showing up into the positions that you do. It doesn't take a hard look to recognize that the world, as we knew it, is over and that we're reinventing a lot of things. Every higher ED space from the chancellor's office to the US Department of Education is talking about how we redesign higher education, and what I find so incredible is that, through all these discussions, and you have lawmakers and policy heads were talking about how education is now having to morph and having to change because the crisis we just came through. What I find so incredible is that, through that crisis we came through, we still have incredible students who looked insurmountable odds on the face and said that I will still show up to lead for my students, and you all become a real driving force for me to show up and do the work that I do. Because if we can get through and get towards the light at the end of this tunnel and still lead and support our students, despite everything, we've gone through. As students, it's a reminder in the conversations I have with the chancellor's office to say our students are resilient and our leaders are ready and showing up. They want to be part of the conversations we have and it's my job to help put us, as students, into a place where we can strategically make a difference in policy in higher ED, not just by giving public statements and sitting in on meetings but by also being partners in the policy making process so there's a lot of work that's going on today. But as incredible as it all is, it still doesn't come to the same level of award that I get when I get to talk to you all about the work that you do, because you really do inspire how we operate. A lot of the work that we're seeing, and CSSA is inspired by the work that you all, are doing on your campuses, and so I can't underscore enough how incredible that is. I'm also incredibly thankful that you are as leaders are showing up and doing this



work is such a critical time. It is so important, right now, as we are at a place where our institutions are going to change rapidly that we are actively engaged in that conversation, and that we are being present. If you have any questions, Angelica knows, I will take any questions about CSSA, not about CSSA I am perfectly open. I'm here to answer those questions for you, and to listen to how you all have been dealing with things on your campus as well.

A. De Leon says thank you so much Isaac, any questions for Isaac?

M. Maamou says I want to take a second to say thank you so much for your time and for coming to speak to us, I appreciate it. Thank you.

A. De Leon says I have two questions, one could you give a general overview of CSSA and what that looks like and what it means for the different CSUs in our system and then also, I know that we haven't fully approved the policy agenda for CSSA, but I was wondering if you could touch on the different priorities that could potentially be brought up.

I. Alferos says those are good questions. CSSA, as an organization, pulls together our 23 different campuses to create our board of directors. Although I think it's important reminder to say that we are not a bigger student government or a bigger ASI, we are a higher ED policy organization, so how we go about doing things as a little bit different? With all our board of directors, every year, though so of them are elector executive officers, like myself, and the folks I get to work with. What we deal with in our monthly plenaries is what is happening in higher ED from a state perspective and a national perspective and how do we engage. On a side note, what is interesting is that CSSA represents one of the strongest student higher ED organizations in the country, not just in the state of California. In the last month I've had meetings with folks everywhere from Pennsylvania to Alabama, Florida, because they want to help build up a program similar to what we have. The voice that we provide is a truly impactful one, and so it allows us to ensure that the student voice is present in the work that we do when we're working with higher ED stakeholders and everything from tuition increases to teaching pedagogy, all of that is under what we deal with. As we put together our policy agenda, our board of directors will see a draft of that policy agenda that we've been working on for a couple months now, this upcoming plenary and I invite you all to join us, if you



don't mind, giving up your weekend, I invite you all to join us for our plenary. But in that, we're looking at several issues most critically, is a broad spectrum of basic needs. As I'm sure we've all heard the key words of basic needs, although, to be honest with you, we get very tired of saying basic needs, because one has their own definition for it. What we have done is tried to break that apart and say what are each one of the factors so we can better hold ourselves accountable, there's going to be a lot in our policy agenda around housing, there's going to be a lot around food insecurity, there's also going to be a lot around childcare and supporting childcare centers which is great to see that you all are at the forefront of that work too. It's very exciting, I would like to specifically know your president is incredible and bringing that conversation to CSSA, I appreciate her advocacy about bringing this work into a space where, to be honest with your board members, don't always talk about it. I think it's great that you all have leadership here on the board of directors that is strong, ready and able to show up for your students as well, but our policy agenda is big, it's going to be looking at a lot of different things everything from student safety, that's inclusive of UPD and counting of psychological services, to academic pedagogy, to access to technology, there's going to be a lot of things in our policy agenda. But I think that that ambition is also a reflection of our board that we have and you all showing up and saying this is the work that we want to do this is the work we want to see being done for our students to I hope that answered your question.

A. De Leon says thank you, and briefly, the Chair recognizes Mark Almeida at 12:18, any other questions for Isaac while we have him here? Isaac, do you want to leave your contact information if someone wants to reach out to you?

I. Alferos says yes, I'll leave it for you all, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me. I will also say that you all have some incredible representation at CSU East Bay that's doing some great work too. I will continually be working with you, Angelica, as we figure out what this year is going to look like for all our students. I'm appreciative of all of you, allowing me to take up space here and to chat with you about CSA is doing, I will also add, I guess it's a bit short promo related to CSSA. If you are available later today, I'm going to be jumping on Instagram live with our former CSSA President about the recall election, what does it mean, how do we get young people



engaged voting. If that's something you're interested in, you can follow our CSSA Instagram and they should have that information on there for you, but as always, I'm appreciative of all of you, and the work that you are doing, thank you for allowing me to speak with you.

A. De Leon says thank you Isaac, we appreciate you and all the work that you do thank you so much for joining us.

24:05

G. DISCUSSION ITEM - Commuter Day

The Board of Directors will discuss Commuter Day.

T. Luevano says I do plan on having a Commuter Day next month. As a commuter myself, I do find it extremely hard sometimes waking up couple hours before class to get ready for the day and make food and then also pack food for the rest of the day, because it's very hard to spend money every time I do commute, as well as built up fatigue from not getting enough sleep, having to drive long hours. The whole purpose of this is to give back to the East Bay students that do have extreme hard work ethics and commitment by driving to class every day, I wanted to provide them with food for the day, as well as a raffle, I will explain the raffle in just a moment, for the food, commuter students do have the opportunity to receive free lunch on the day if they attend this event. Due to COVID protocols, we environmental, health and safety only allows food up to \$250, I do plan on going past that, I will be purchasing it from Chartwells, we are currently looking into that seeing the food options to see what we can provide for the students to give a lot of options, in regards to location, I am currently speaking to the reservations and rental coordinator, Cecilia, on finding a safe and available space for this event. And, I did mention a raffle, I am excited about this, I spoke to Brenda Emerald from parking and community services. We are extremely fortunate enough to be receiving five donations of swag bags, I'm excited about that. There's going to be information on programs for commuter students in the bags, as well as pens, shirts, and other campus swag so students do have the opportunity to put their name in the raffle. We're going to pick five random student winners to pick those up at the ASI office, obviously with ID proof. This whole event is getting back to the students and



recognizing their commitment, hard work that they have been doing all semester long.

I'm excited for that and we do plan on having this event mid-October, it will be around October 13 from 11:30am to 12:30pm and I will finalize. The finances on next board meeting as well.

A. De Leon says thank you so much Tyler, any questions for Tyler about commuter day? I have a comment. I think this is amazing. I used to be living in the dorms and now I'm commuting as well, and I think it's a great event. We are such a big commuter school, and I think it's beneficial to provide them that space to show them that they're recognized for having to come to campus and I think it's awesome that you've collaborated with a lot of different groups on campus.

I think that's something that we've been really pushing and, as I said, be more collaborative as possible, and I appreciate that, I think that initiative was great, great job Tyler.

K. Dhillon says this is great Tyler and I think it's impactful. I know, in the past we've done events that have food for commuter students, and it's been appreciated, I know, this one will just be as successful as the previous ones. It's also impactful, he was talking about foods always great for students, and I think again its first policy agenda, and I think students also appreciate it.

A. De Leon asks are there any more questions for Tyler?

28:48

H. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Dia De Los Muertos Celebration**

The Board of Directors will discuss the Dia De Los Muertos Celebration.

T. Luevano says we do plan on having a Dia de Los Muertos celebration. Arazeli is right next to me, we are collaborating on this as well, I'm extremely excited. It will be on November 1 and November 2, we do hope that this celebration can go all the way to the Friday, which is November 5. We have spoken to Kenrick Ali about picking a location for this event, it's going to be on the old Union outside of room 102, it's a safe space, we're going to set up an altar. Hopefully, a couple altars to make it bigger for a lot more students. And our goal is having a safe and peaceful space for people to remember and celebrate the loved ones and family that had



passed away with folks with photos, peace offerings, anything they want to put out to remember their loved ones. And of course, we're going to be decorating and having some activities for the students to do interact with throughout the week. I don't have all the items set up for the finances, yet which I will prepare that for next meeting. We will set up with flowers and candles, it's going to be safe, we're going to blow it out before we leave so nothing happens. I was hoping to get sugar skull decorating kits if they would like to do it there or take home they can now participate and do that.

E. Pinlac says that real candles couldn't be used. I suggest finding the battery powered ones.

T. Luevano says thank you for that suggestion.

A. De Leon says any other question for Tyler?

A. Barragan says I wanted to collaborate with Tyler on this event, I feel that throughout the whole pandemic, people lost a lot of people. No one got the time to morn, and it was having to go to school and work, it's still stressful. I hope with this event, it allows students to have that space, and so, the first two days would be day of the dead. And then, for the rest of the week, you would be living it up and looking at the altar, so that we can just like look at it and, recognize it because I know if that were me, I would start looking at all the photos.

A. De Leon say I do have just a suggestion. I think this is an amazing idea. I appreciate it, and I know that with the population that we have on campus I think they would also appreciate. Something that I remember a couple years ago before the pandemic, I think a couple of cultural organizations also did a very similar celebration in collaboration with the Director of programming, that's something that you could potentially investigate. I know a couple of the cultural fraternity and sorority and organizations would be willing to do that.

Z. Perez says I was going to say, maybe try to reach out to them in case they plan on doing an event just like they did last year, I know they do it around November. Maybe that'd be a good thing, to make it bigger with collaborating.

M. Castillo says I was going to add, in addition to Zaira's idea, because I think that's a great idea, there's a LatinX collaborative, it's a collaborative of all the



LatinX identified student clubs and orgs. I don't remember who's leading it this year, but I know their advisor is a new librarian that's in the library, she focuses on Chicana and LatinX literature, I'll get you all connected to either Arazeli or Tyler or both.

A. De Leon says thank you, Martin and the Chair wishes to recognize Jasmine Domino at 12:36.

34:31

I. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Interim Executive Director Appointment [Closed session]**

The ASI Board will discuss the appointment and salary for the Interim Executive Director.

K Dhillon says motion to move to go into closed session with the Board of Directors and its advisors to discuss on the executive director, second by **M. Maamou**, second by **K. Dhillon**

A. De Leon says we moved out of closed session, and there was no action taken so we will move on.

35:46

J. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Interim Associate Director Appointment [Closed session]**

The ASI Board will discuss the appointment and salary for the Interim Associate Director.

No discussion

I. SPECIAL REPORTS:

No Special Report

35:46

II. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

M. Maamou says I just have two things that I wanted to say to the whole board, and I wish more people are here, but the first thing is don't be shy to make



motions during the meetings and events, it runs a lot smoother. Second thing is a note to share with everyone, it's a little bit about boundaries and I'm always available for the board, anytime I'm close and comfortable with everyone, however, I do ask on one favor and that would be if anyone has any questions about funding, whoever they are, even if they're your best friends or whoever they are, no one should ever text me to my personal phone number about that stuff they should always be my positional email. The only people that should have my personal phone numbers is the board, obviously, but please don't give my phone number to anyone from any organizations or clubs, and they are more than welcome to email me 500 times a day on my personal email, I just want to let that out. Thank you.

A. De Leon says always set boundaries with leaders, that's great, any other Roundtable remarks?

M. Castillo says I just wanted to thank you all for considering sitting on the recruitment committees for the for affinity student centers, I know this is going to be a one on one and Jasmine will be on another one, we have identified students for the other two as well, so as soon as those get rolling there'll be opportunities for everybody to meet the finalists the candidates when they do a presentation. Each of them is being asked to prepare a presentation and we're still about a month and a half, away from that, but I wanted to let you know that process is moving forward. And we should have those four-affinity student success Center coordinators hired before the end of this term.

A. Barragan says that Town Hall is tomorrow from 12:15 to 1:15, if you can make it, I appreciate it, it seems like there's already a lot of people coming, but I appreciate your support or in this.

Dr. Henrichs says just wanted to thank you for participating, shout out to ASI president for providing amazing entertainment at Al Fresco and congratulate our new President for getting out there and speaking to the crowd, I wasn't able to come to the previous ASI board meeting, I did want to acknowledge your greatness, and thank you for your participation in Al Fresco, it was a wonderful



way to kick off our academic year, and I look forward to all the other opportunities will be providing to our students.

E. Pinlac says thank you for all the contributions, everyone has, today was important for me to hear a lot of stuff that's going on and that's awesome. And I'm glad to see everyone in the office it's nice, although we have some echoing issues it's nice to see folks and Kabir, I'm glad you're keeping my office chair warm. Thank you all, and feel free to contact me on slack all day.

A. De Leon says thank you Eric also thank you, Marina for keeping my office warm.

A. Pajes says I teamed this week with students at the raw, and they have these four key pillars and one of them is taking time out of this taking time out of the day for yourself, and I know midterms are coming up, we're in week four technically doesn't seem like it, some of the classes, we might have only had once or three times but it is week four and midterms are probably coming up and taking a little time, personally I started meditating two weeks ago and that's been helping out, 30 minutes in the morning, having more of a clear conscience of what I'm doing throughout the day, so any tips, I think, will be a benefit moving forward, definitely take a little time, even if it's 15 minutes, just to do something to compete, a little bit more conscious of what you're doing in every task.

J. Domino says I want to share the 'you are not alone campaign', that campaign, this for Suicide Prevention Week, which is this week, September 6 development and we're very passionate about that. That topic and just in general, I want to share with you all on the night, tomorrow, we will be tabling will be sharing the stories, there were 15 students anonymously, of course, but will be sharing those during your time I believe.

A. De Leon says I got off the phone with Rebecca the executive assistant to the president's office. She invited us to the A's game on September 26 because president Sandeen is throwing the first pitch and there's 16 seats for us. I don't like baseball like that, but I'm excited to see that so since you all are here, I wanted to extend that invitation, if that is something you're interested in. Please



text me because I do need to get your email. She can send over the information for that, and that is on September 26, and I do need to know if you would like to come before Friday the 17th, make sure that you let me know before that and there's only 16 tickets so I'm keeping track of who's going or not. The next update is October 13 we will be having a meeting with President Saneed again from 1pm to 2pm, please put that into your calendars. That will also be hybrid like last time, the first 10 that have reached out to me about meeting with Presidents Sandeen in person, I'll put them on the list, and then the rest will be through zoom. The next update is for Ex. Comm. on October 6 from 12:32 to 1pm, we do have a meeting with the Chancellor, and that will be at the dining comments so just a little reminder for that as well.

J. Domino says the last remark is me and Anjelica will be meeting with Assembly member Lee on September 13.

III. **ADJOURNMENT at 1:11pm**

Minutes approved by:

President/CEO & Vice Chair:

Name: Anjelica De Leon


ANJELICA DE LEON (Sep 29, 2021 10:58 PDT)

Minutes approved on:

9-22-2021

Date:

