

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 14th, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:06 PM**

II. [ROLL CALL](#)

**Present:** Nolan Calara, Kushal Sheshadri, Sai Charan Attili, Erick Loreda, Carlos Martinez Aguilera, Dane Lopez, London Deguzman, Guadalupe Felix, Saira Garcia, Hailey Corum, Sharn Basi, Elijah Quineri, Charan Reddy Doolam, Martin Castillo, Ashley Depappa, My-Lan Huynh, Steve Spencer, Stephanie Ann Lustina, Christina Chin-Newman, Terry Buttchen

**Absent:** James Carroll

III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** to approve the agenda of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by **C. Martinez-Aguilera**, seconded by **S. Attili**, motion **CARRIED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of January 31st, 2024**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, by **H. Corum**, seconded by **G. Felix**, 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.

**02:15**

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM: [Second Hand Slays](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Second Hand Slays event.

**Motion** to approve Second Hand Slays by **H. Corum**, seconded **S. Garcia**, motion **CARRIED**.

**H. Corum** updated regarding the Second Hand Slays event, highlighting H.O.P.E.'s confirmation of participation with one staff member despite their concurrent clothing event. Attendees will be redirected to H.O.P.E.'s event as ours concludes. She also announced the introduction of a clothing donation bin. The flyer will be distributed imminently via email,



social media, and Google Sheets. She encouraged everyone to share it once available. In addition, Sai Charan graciously offered to DJ for a part of the event. **S. Attili** proposed playing house music during the event to attract a larger crowd. **H. Corum** expressed gratitude for the opportunity to incorporate house music into the event, and highlighted there is no budget for the event. She then invited questions from the board. **N. Calara** expressed genuine excitement for the upcoming event and suggested involving our esteemed advisors, including My-Lan, to encourage resident participation, and Steve to engage athletes and other advisors for their respective areas of influence. **H. Corum** affirmed plans to reach out to the Board Members for further promotion and dissemination of additional event details. **G. Felix** inquired about alternative methods for promoting the event beyond the distribution of flyers. **H. Corum** addressed the question by highlighting current promotional efforts, including collaboration with TAGS and distribution of flyers in the store. She welcomed additional suggestions for promoting the event beyond flyer distribution and outreach to departments. **G. Felix** suggested collaborating with Carlos to create engaging videos or eye-catching posts aimed at capturing the attention of our student body. She acknowledged the additional effort required for such initiatives but emphasized their potential impact. **H. Corum** expressed enthusiasm for creating a video targeting our age group while acknowledging a need for ideas. She encouraged anyone willing to take the lead on this initiative to step forward. **D. Lopez** proposed leveraging TikTok for advertising purposes, suggesting the inclusion of models. Additionally, he suggested creating a brief promotional video announcing the upcoming Second Hand Slays event in collaboration with Stacy. **H. Corum** expressed approval and enthusiasm for the proposed idea. **Motion** to approve Second Hand Slays by **13 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

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B. ACTION ITEM: [Pastries with the Presidents](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Pastries with the Presidents event. **Motion** to approve \$300 form the Special Food Hospitality Budget for Pastries with the Presidents by **N. Calara**, seconded **C. Martinez-Aguilera**, motion **CARRIED**.

**N. Calara** reflected on the success of the Fall 2023 event and President Sandeen’s positive feedback. He expressed a desire to maintain student engagement and comfort by orienting the upcoming event more towards students. To enhance comfort levels, he highlighted the decision to minimize faculty presence during interactions with President Sandeen. The event will take place in the UU walkway, deemed an ideal location, with an increased provision of four morning pastry platters. He also mentioned utilizing cups from the ASI storage room

for advertising purposes, with plans to involve Carlos in the promotion. He invited questions from the board.

**Motion** to approve \$300 from the Special Food Hospitality Budget for Pastries with the President by **13 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

08:58

C. ACTION ITEM: [Take Back Your Time](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Take Back Your Time event.

**Motion** to approve \$150 for Take Back Your Time by **L. Deguzman**, seconded **G. Felix**, motion **CARRIED**.

**L. Deguzman** provided an overview of the Take Back Your Time event, highlighting its purpose as an opportunity for students to engage with departments such as the SCAA and the core library through short presentations and tabling sessions. The event, scheduled from 11am to 1pm, allows ample time for interactions. He proposed a budget request of \$150 for pineapple juice and granola bars to be distributed during the event, aiming to enhance attendee experience.

**Motion** to approve \$150 for Take Back Your Time by **13 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

10:45

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [CSUEB Tuition Increase](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will discuss the CSUEB Tuition Increase.

**N. Calara** addressed the board regarding the CSU multitier tuition increase, highlighting East Bay's exclusive webpage dedicated to the matter, accessible through the agenda hyperlink. He presented two key concerns with President Sandeen about the webpage. Firstly, he suggested adjusting the tuition increase schedule to specifically reflect CSUEB's tuition rates. Secondly, he proposed creating a dedicated FAQ section tailored to East Bay students' inquiries about the tuition increase, in place of a general FAQ page linking to the CSU's webpage. He invited Board Members to contribute any questions they may have regarding the tuition increase specific to East Bay students, as he compiles a list to be addressed by President Sandeen. **G. Felix** inquired about the process of compiling questions for the tuition increase discussion. She sought clarification on whether the questions presented were based on personal inquiries or if they had been gathered from student input. **N. Calara** expressed his intention to discuss the matter with the board before presenting it



to the students. He mentioned compiling a list of questions in a document and plans to send it to President Sandeen to ensure that the website addresses East Bay-specific inquiries. **G. Felix** suggested the possibility of reaching out to students to gather their opinions and questions regarding the tuition increase. She emphasized the importance of considering fresher perspectives, as many students are just learning about the tuition increase. **N. Calara** proposed collaborating with Carlos to create advertisements and a Google form to gather specific questions from students regarding the tuition increase. He highlighted the Pastries with the President’s event as an opportunity to encourage students to ask questions in person. He welcomed suggestions from the board members at this time. **H. Corum** expressed surprise at the absence of a plan for the tuition increase and emphasized the importance of President Sandeen’s advocacy in expediting the process. She stressed the urgency of providing clarity on the timeline for implementation, noting that students require timely information regarding the amount of the increase. **N. Calara** echoed agreement and reassured the board that President Sandeen is actively addressing the determination of CSUEB’s tuition post the tuition increase. He affirmed the commitment to promptly address the matter.

15:24

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: NAGPRA Updates

The ASI Board of Directors will discuss the NAGPRA Updates.

**Motion** to postpone NAGPRA Updates to the last discussion item by **N. Calara**, seconded by **K. Sheshadri**, motion **CARRIED**.

16:39

**Dr. E. Salmon** provided comprehensive insights into the status of NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) compliance at our institution. He elucidated that despite being mandated by federal law; our university has been non-compliant for over three decades. He outlined the presence of human remains and thousands of associated cultural objects in the basement of Meiklejohn Hall, emphasizing the legal obligation to return these items to Indigenous tribes. He highlighted recent legislative developments, including Governor Newsom’s signing of AB 389, which underscores the imperative for repatriation of the items. He stated that there is a lack of federal recognition for the Ohlone tribe, necessitating collaboration with federally recognized tribes or pursuing federal recognition. He also touched upon the formation of a NAGPRA Council, delineating challenges in identifying members representing federally recognized tribes. Despite these hurdles, he affirmed our commitment to fulfilling NAGPRA requirements and addressing barriers to compliance. **H. Corum** expressed gratitude for the Dr. E. Salmon’s attendance





and requested access to the index to demonstrate the numbers from last fall, with ASI. **Dr. E. Saman** clarified that the index requested was not immediately available. He explained that the index comprises a list of numerical codes representing various objects and their original locations, primarily in Alameda County. The objects are often associated with Caltrans projects involving road construction. He emphasized that sharing the index would not yield significant meaning to the attendees as it primarily consists of technical codes and locations. **H. Corum** requested the names of the staff members that have been identified for the NAGPRA committee. **Dr. E. Salmon** mentioned that the staff members identified for the NAGPRA committee includes our new American Indian Studies professor, Dr. Michael Lerma, University Diversity Officer Kathleen Wong Lau, and Dr. Albert Gonzalez from the AGES. For indigenous members, he has approached Monica Adriano from the Muwekma Ohlone, and while she expressed interest, she still needs to complete paperwork. Additionally, Veronica Martinez from Chabot College, who is Rumsen Ohlone, has expressed interest already returned her paperwork. He is yet to identify the other two eventual council members. **N. Calara** raised the question of whether a student representative could be included on the committee. **Dr. E. Salmon** clarified that there is no specific requirement from the CSU system regarding the inclusion of students on the NAGPRA Council. **N. Calara** raised the question of whether ASI could be involved in the NAGPRA committee, even though it's not a requirement for students to be part of it. **Dr. E. Salmon** acknowledged the absence of any prohibitive language regarding student observers on the NAGPRA committee, expressing openness to exploring the possibility further. Having participated in CSU NAGPRA task force meetings, He noted that student involvement hadn't been raised previously but sees no inherent issue with it. He is committed to investigating the matter further and updating the board once more information is available, citing that no meeting date has been set for the committee yet. **N. Calara** sought clarification on the CalNAGPRA audit's accuracy, stating that President Sandeen and the administration had indicated discrepancies. He requested perspectives on whether the audit accurately reflected Cal State East Bay's situation. **Dr. E. Salmon** clarified that the CalNAGPRA audit wasn't inaccurate per se, but rather there were instances of miscommunication. Marjorie, coordinator at the museum, worked with Dr. Gonzalez on the inventory, and grouped various items together, such as shards from arrowhead or spear point making, as the same type of object. However, this grouping didn't accurately represent the diverse materials held on campus. There was a misunderstanding regarding the classification of certain objects, leading to discrepancies in the audit findings. **N. Calara** mentioned that he and Guadalupe, the Director of Legislative Affairs, along with President Sandeen, will be meeting with multiple assembly members and legislators in Sacramento. Among the topics for discussion



will be CalNAGPRA. He noted that they were informed about potential inaccuracies in the CalNAGPRA audit but will investigate further. He stated that there are no concerns about returning items for East Bay, but they are awaiting acceptance by the tribes. He sought input on any additional information or perspectives they should be aware of before meeting with legislators to discuss CalNAGPRA. **Dr. E. Salmon** highlighted the significance of the Ohlone tribe being federally recognized and the barriers they face in repatriating materials due to capacity and resources. He expressed concern about the possibility of the materials being stored inadequately if returned without proper support. He emphasized the need for tribes like the Muwekma Ohlone to have federal funding to develop the capacity to receive and care for their ancestor’s materials appropriately. He suggested that even a part-time position with the tribe could be crucial for this purpose.

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C. DISCUSSION ITEM: [March Madness \(Concord\)](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing March Madness (Concord).

**S. Basi** presented an overview of the March Madness event discussed during the retreat, highlighting last year’s successful collaboration with UPD on the Concord campus. The event featured a basketball tournament using one of the arcade games, allowing students to participate in an open tournament format. This year, the event will be held in collaboration with the new CSO’s on campus, aims to foster student engagement and awareness of campus safety. Prizes for the event, including leftover goodies from the ASI storage room at the Concord Center and items such as stickers, keychains, and ASI portable chargers, will be available without the need for additional budget allocation. She also mentioned H.O.P.E. Pantry’s contribution of snacks for the event. **G. Felix** inquired if there is a flyer for the event, expressing its absence online. **S. Basi** confirmed the absence of a flyer, stating that one has not been created yet. **N. Calara** requested that the flyer be emailed to the board once it is ready.

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D. DISCUSSION ITEM: **ASI Committee Codes**

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the ASI Committee Codes.

**K. Sheshadri** outlined two proposed changes to the committee codes during the meeting. Firstly, he suggested to remove the Internal Affairs Committee, subject to further discussion and review. Members are encouraged to review the details via the provided link and share their input. Secondly, he proposed to merge the Lobby Corps and Legislative Affairs Committee due to the similarity in responsibilities. He informed the board that the document will be emailed for their review after the meeting. He encouraged the board to provide

suggestions, as the item may be moved to the action item in the subsequent meeting based on the feedback received. **G. Felix** inquired about the rationale and considerations that led to these suggestions. **N. Calara** provided insights into the rationale behind the decision to reconsider the Internal Affairs Committee. He highlighted that the committee was previously under the VP of Communications but was removed to allow Directors to focus on their designated areas like Sustainability, Programming. Additionally, the decision aimed to create a designated space for mentees under Carlos. He emphasized that mentees are actively involved in organizing events typically managed by the Internal Affairs Committee, thereby eliminating the need for a separate Internal Affairs Committee. **C. Martinez-Aguilera** sought clarification regarding the decision-making process behind the proposed changes, specifically inquiring about the individuals involved in making such decisions. **K. Sheshadri** clarified that no final decisions have been made regarding the proposed changes. The proposal is open for discussion, and all Board Members are encouraged to review the document. He stated that if there is a consensus among the Board Members that the Internal Affairs Committee is necessary, it can still be retained. The matter remains open for discussion. **N. Calara** clarified that the proposed changes were discussed by the members of the Executive team last year, including himself, Kushal, and James. Additionally, discussions on the Committee Codes took place over the summer. He emphasized that the decision-making process is not exclusive to the Executive Board, and all members are invited to participate. Therefore, the item is presented as a discussion topic during the board meeting before any approval is sought. **G. Felix** inquired about the potential changes to the requirements for committee members following the merger of Lobby Corps and the Legislative Affairs Committee. She sought clarification on whether the requirements would remain the same or if there would be any adjustments. **K. Sheshadri** mentioned the plan to increase the number of committee members by one or two, indicating that this would be the only change. **N. Calara** stated rationale behind merging the two committees stems from observations made during last year's Legislative Affairs efforts, notably by Jilian, who identified significant overlap between the functions of both committees. He mentioned that by combining them, members will still engage in similar tasks with minor additions to their responsibilities, while maintaining the overarching purpose and advocacy efforts intact. **G. Felix** acknowledged the reasoning behind the decision, as they essentially consolidate similar functions.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. [Academic Senate Report](#)

**E. Quineri** provided updates from the Academic Senate meeting, beginning with information on the recent power outage. Faculty expressed concerns about communication during emergencies, and the administration is committed to improving communication for such situations. He mentioned that the discussion then shifted to 23-24 FAC 7 academic workday definitions for winter and summer intersessions. Due to challenges in transitioning from a quarterly to a semester system, there was a need to clarify terms like academic day, lecture day, and duty day. Additionally, resolutions related to the Israeli and Palestinian situation were discussed, with differing opinions leading to a decision to rewrite and address both perspectives. He noted that due to time constraints, event announcements were postponed, allowing the Academic Senate to focus on critical agenda items. **N. Calara** commended Elijah and Charan for their commendable efforts in maintaining productivity despite the absence of two senators. He encouraged them to continue their diligent work.

28:16

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

**G. Felix** wished the Board Happy Valentine's Day.

**H. Corum** provided an update on the food waste reduction resolution, stating that discussions with Jennifer revealed the practice of utilizing compostable bio plastic containers for leftover food from various campus food outlets, excluding the Pioneer Dining Commons. The surplus food is redirected to the food pantry, facilitating waste reduction efforts. She aims to gather similar information regarding food waste practices at the Pioneer Dining Commons for further consideration.

**E. Quineri** expressed gratitude towards several departments with whom collaboration has been fruitful, including ITS/Communications for their provision of TV studio resources, local students, student assistants from Housing and RHA, and Pioneer Dining. Notably, Pioneer Dining permitted ASI to create promotional videos, which have been completed and will be shared on Friday. He mentioned that the video has also been forwarded to the Chair for review via email.

**A. Depappa** announced that the Create-A-Creature event has been rescheduled, emphasizing the importance of participation as it is one of the most popular events. She added that an email has been sent to all position emails for their interest in backing the event, which is highly anticipated. Attendees are encouraged to sign up on the sheet provided, highlighting their names to indicate interest. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, the 20th, and Wednesday, the 21st, and attendance is encouraged on both days, if possible, despite scheduling conflicts with the XCOM meeting.



**N. Calara** informed the Board that he and Lupe will be in Sacramento on Tuesday evening and all-day Wednesday, meeting with legislators including Assembly members Timothy Grayson, Aisha Wahab, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Steve Glazer, and Nancy Skinner. Topics of discussion include CalNAGPRA, Title IX, infrastructure bond, and GI 2025. He will provide updates on these matters in the next meeting. Additionally, he shared that former ASI alumni, Tony Foster, is hosting a hiking and picnic event at Turtle Creek picnic area in Lake Chabot Regional Park on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. He will send an email with more details, and he encourages everyone to join if possible. **A. Depappa** highlighted the upcoming event as a valuable opportunity to connect with ASI alumni. It presents a chance to delve into the history of ASI and gain insights into its evolution over time. She expressed that engaging with alumni offers a unique perspective and the chance to meet fascinating individuals.

**C. Chin-Newman** raised concerns regarding the Faculty Affairs Committee’s discussion on class cancellations and the need for improved communication protocols during emergency situations. She also highlighted the discontinuation of the hotspot program and encouraged feedback on student needs in this regard. She further invited members to share any additional feedback or suggestions for enhancing communication and support for students and faculty during similar events in the future. **G. Felix** mentioned that there was a message indicating that the campus now has power. **C. Chin-Newman** highlighted that while there were general messages regarding the restoration of power, some inaccuracies were noted. Faculty members expressed the need for more specific communication, particularly from higher-level administrators like the Provost or President. Despite the general assurance of safety and basic needs being met, there were concerns about the functionality of research facilities and Wi-Fi in housing, affecting the ability of students to attend classes remotely. Clarification on these issues could have prevented disruptions in academic activities. **A. Depappa** mentioned that they received an email stating that classes would resume in person. She offered to share the email later for verification.

**D. Lopez** announced that the next Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>, will take place at the Concord campus. He encouraged attendance in person, emphasizing the importance of a strong presence for a mini event. The event aims to introduce the Concord campus to the board members, fostering better acquaintance beyond the regular interactions.

**N. Calara** provided an update on the University Safety Walk, mentioning that plans are underway for the Concord Safety Walk event. He invited board members interested in joining him and Sharn to let him know their availability.

**T. Buttchen** commended Elijah and Nolan for their exemplary representation in the Academic Senate. He emphasized the significance of their performance as future alumni and expressed pride in their conduct. He then introduced a unique opportunity presented by the Chancellor’s Office of CSU—a one-time funding opportunity called the 2024 Alumni Student Connections fund. He



highlighted the objective of fostering working relationships between alumni and students to enhance student success, defined broadly as increasing retention rates and supporting students academically and financially. He urged the Board to brainstorm quantifiable projects that demonstrate increased engagement between alumni and students. The deadline for submitting proposals to the Chancellor’s Office is March 11<sup>th</sup>, with progress reports due in November. He encouraged collaboration among board members to develop impactful initiatives that utilize the allocated funds effectively. He mentioned a project that he kicked off with fellow alumni, involving sending postcards to a group of students after their first year to assess its impact on retention rates and academic performance. He encouraged board members to contribute ideas and collaborate on projects that leverage the allocated funds to enhance student-alumni engagement and support student success. He welcomed questions from the Board. **D. Lopez** expressed appreciation and encouraged Board Members to share their ideas with Terry, who recently joined the team this semester. He offered to share Terry’s email for members to communicate any suggestions they have regarding the discussed initiatives.

**57:26**

X. **ADJOURNMENT at 1:03 PM**

**Minutes reviewed by:**  
**Chair of the Board**  
Danny Lopez

Minutes approved on:  
**02/28/2024**  
Date: