Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of June 12th, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER at 10:39 AM

II. ROLL CALL

Absent: Erick Loredo, Hamed Mahmoud, My-Lan Huynh

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda of June 12th, 2024, by D. Bhimanapati, seconded by L. Deguzman, motion CARRIED.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of May 15th, 2024
Motion to approve the minutes of May 15th, 2024, by N. Sharma, seconded J. Trujillo, 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.
6:25

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:
No unfinished items.
6:29

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Oath of Office 2024 – 2025
The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about the Oath of Office 2024 - 2025.
J. Ramos takes the Oath of Office as the Director of Sustainability Affairs.
M. Magaling takes the Oath of Office as the Senator at Large.
S. Gayam takes the Oath of Office as the Senator of Science.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM - Resolution Supporting Women’s Water Polo at CSUEB
The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the resolution supporting women’s water polo at CSUEB.

N. Calara emphasizes that the primary focus of the resolution is to improve administrative transparency when making significant announcements. He points out that the announcement regarding the Women's Water Polo was made during finals week, a time when students are highly focused on their academics, which was unfair to them. This issue is addressed in one of the "WHEREAS" clauses of the resolution. N. Calara acknowledges that additional comments and feedback were provided to enhance the resolution. However, the core aim remains to ensure that the resolution represents the student voice and addresses student concerns. He expresses a willingness to listen to feedback and work together with others to achieve this goal.

J. Trujillo highlights the significance of the Women's Water Polo program in attracting students to East Bay. As someone who guides prospective students around the campus, he notes that water polo, for both women and men, is a major topic of interest. Women's Water Polo is a unique and appealing aspect of East Bay that sets it apart from other schools. J. Trujillo emphasizes the importance of this program as a key feature of East Bay's athletics.

M. Castillo suggests that the first "WHEREAS" clause, which mentions a 14-15 victory, should include the specific year when this victory occurred. He notes that adding the year would provide helpful context and clarity.

N. Calara emphasizes the need for full transparency from the administration regarding the Women's Water Polo decision. While acknowledging responses received via email from Derek, the EVP, he expresses that these answers did not fully address all concerns. N. Calara highlights that both water polo players and coaches still have unanswered questions, underscoring the importance of creating a platform for dialogue. N. Calara suggests the possibility of a listening session or other interactive means to facilitate discussions between affected parties and decision-makers. Additionally, he raises concerns about the lack of clarity regarding who was ultimately responsible for the decision. Furthermore, he notes that the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and those directly impacted by the decision were allegedly not informed beforehand. This lack of communication underscores the need to uncover the decision-making process and those involved.

M. Magaling shares insights gathered from conversations with student athletes, revealing that a significant portion, possibly more than half, of new student admissions are recruited...
from sports teams. This dependency on sports recruitment plays a crucial role in boosting the college's admission numbers. **M. Magaling** expresses concern that the decision to discontinue water polo could adversely affect the college's ability to attract and admit new students.

**M. Castillo** clarifies that when advocating for "full transparency," it's crucial to specify and articulate what this entails. Simply stating "full transparency" without elaboration doesn't convey the specific details or actions being sought. **M. Castillo** suggests that providing more detail explanations and examples in the drafting process would help others understand the specific expectations and requirements for transparency.

**J. Carroll** urges all Board Members to thoroughly review the resolution in the coming days. Echoing **M. Castillo's** suggestion, **J. Carroll** emphasizes the importance of expanding on the concept of "full transparency" with specific details. He proposes that any unanswered questions should be explicitly included in the resolution to avoid appearing as mere complaints. By identifying specific issues that remain unclear or unanswered whether in emails or on the website the Board can provide tangible points for discussion and response.

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**C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Advisor Introduction**

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about our advisors for the 2024-25 school year. **N. Calara** explains that the reason for raising hands is to provide an opportunity for the advisors to give a brief overview of their roles within the university. This allows the Board of Directors to understand their expertise and explore potential collaborations for the future. **S. Spencer** introduces himself as the athletics advisor and head of student support services for student athletes. His responsibilities include scheduling, advising, and ensuring degree progression, as well as overseeing eligibility. He mentions that he also serves as the advisor for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and has been in this role for four years. He expresses eagerness to continue collaborating with the Board in the coming year, highlighting his expertise in academic advising and readiness to address any related inquiries.

**T. Buttchen** congratulates all ASI members and advisors on their election for fiscal year 2024 - 2025. He emphasizes the upcoming year's excitement and the responsibility to address financial concerns within the university community. He welcomes **J. O** to the Academic Senate and expresses eagerness to collaborate with her leadership. **T. Buttchen** introduces himself as representing the Alumni Association, which boasts a strong base of 160,000 alumni from Cal State East Bay over the past 64 years, making it one of the largest in the Cal State system. He highlights the Alumni Association's commitment to supporting career
readiness and success beyond graduation. As a Board Member and Executive Committee Member of the Alumni Association, he shares his involvement in initiatives such as the Student Success Committee, which supports projects like the H.O.P.E. pantry and Gowns for Grads. He also oversees scholarship distribution, with $16k available for scholarships awarded by the Alumni Association. T. Buttschen discusses the Alumni Connect project, encouraging all students and alumni to register for networking opportunities related to career advancement, internships, and job applications. He emphasizes the value of networking with Cal State East Bay alumni for career opportunities.

J. O introduces herself as the incoming Academic Senate Chair, likening her role to that of a Speaker of the House. She describes her responsibilities as organizing and running meetings, handling background administrative tasks, and facilitating processes impartially. She has been a professor at East Bay since 2009, heavily involved in student and faculty mentoring, and deeply engaged with the campus community. As an advisor to ASI, she offers guidance on parliamentary procedures and strategic steps, emphasizing her role as an advisor rather than a decision-maker. She encourages reaching out for advice and expresses her eagerness to collaborate with ASI.

S. Lustina introduces herself as a staff member in the Student Leadership and Involvement Center, known as the Student Life Leadership Program. She has been at East Bay for over two years and oversees all recognized student organizations on campus. She offers support related to clubs and organizations, campus involvement, and student life activities. She mentions collaboration on ASI funding and addressing concerns with student organizations. Additionally, she offers help with events, including providing volunteers from student organizations or her office. She encourages reaching out with any campus life or student life questions and expresses her willingness to assist.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM - Policy agenda
The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the ASI policy agenda for the 2024-25 school year.

N. Calara discusses the policy agenda he other Board Members, have developed. The key focus areas are enhancing Pioneer pride, campus collaborations, and transparency within East Bay.
No special reports.

37:14

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

A. Depappa congratulates the Board Members on their first board meeting and expresses hope that they are getting a sense of how the semester will proceed. She encourages the Board Member to ask questions about the meeting flow or any general concerns, reiterating the importance of understanding the process. She thanks the Board Member for scheduling one-on-one meetings with her, mentioned enjoying getting to know each person, and invited anyone in the area to visit her in person.

J. Carroll congratulates everyone and expresses anticipation for the upcoming year. He emphasizes the importance of the policy agenda, encouraging Board Members to review it with two key questions in mind: How do your ideas and goals fit into the policy agenda? Think about integrating your objectives into the broader agenda to ensure it reflects all ASI activities for the year. Who can you partner with to execute these goals? Consider collaborating with campus partners, departments, academic senate, faculty, or deans to achieve your objectives. He highlights the importance of these considerations in developing individual priorities for the year.

N. Calara praises the Board of Directors for their excellent work, particularly acknowledging those who made motions and seconds. He appreciates their willingness to engage actively, even if there was some overlap in participation, and assured them he would recognize who spoke first. He thanks the advisors for their contributions and expresses hope for continue collaboration and strengthening of relationships throughout the year.

A. Depappa mentions that there was one more new person in the room who had not been introduce yet: M. Castillo. She clarifies that M. Castillo is not an advisor but a voting member of the board. M. Castillo introduces himself as the President’s designee to the ASI Board, holding a voting position rather than serving as an advisor. He also mentions his roles as the Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Equity and Belonging. M. Castillo invites Board Members to visit his office, located on the second floor of SF where the SEAS and EOP programs are housed, and expresses his eagerness to work with everyone throughout the year.

N. Calara mentions that the agenda he sent out includes the advisors' email addresses, encouraging Board Members to reach out to them as needed.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at 11:22 AM
Minutes reviewed by:
President/Chair of the Board
Nolan Calara

Minutes approved on
6/26/2024
Date:
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