Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:01 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kabir Dhillon, Euridice Pamela-Sanchez, Dessiree Cuevas, Omer Shakoor, Anjelica de Leon, Zaira Perez, Jessica Iheaso, Kea Kaholoa’a, Arianna Miralles, Daniel Olguin, MyKale Clark, Mirna Maamou, Martin Castillo, Erik Pinlac, Mark Almeida, Steve Spencer, Marguerite Hinrichs, Michael Lee, Andrew Yunker.

Late: Brittney Golez, Tyler Engquist.

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda by A. de Leon, second by M. Clark, agenda APPROVED.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of March 10, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of March 10th, 2021 by D. Cuevas, second by A. Miralles, minutes APPROVED.

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. INFORMATION ITEM - Update On The Removal of Solar Panels on PE Building

Associate Vice President of Facilities Development & Operations, Winnie Kwofie, will provide an update and insight of the removal of solar panels on the PE Building.

Winnie Kwofie states that she was scheduled to attend the Board Directors meeting of February 24th, but it was not on the agenda. We created a presentation for everyone. The roof of the PE building was replaced and the funding sources was a deferred maintenance fund. The
construction budget was $3,400,000.00, but we were under that amount. That was the budget that was approved by the Chancellor’s office. The scope of the work included removing existing roofing and solar panels and replace it with new roofing. The existing solar panels were partially damaged and not salvageable. The funding we received did not include new solar panels. We did not include the solar panels in this project because PKE building is one of the four projects that is on the capital plan for replacement. Solar panels will be placed on the building when the building is replaced. The panels on the building were not sturdy and the ceiling was old. The roofing had asbestos in it. The light fixtures were bad and they were replaced. Since we had rain, the walls were in bad condition. I will show images from before the construction. The decision to replace the roof was dependent on three factors: safety, program impact, and cost impact. With the safety aspect, there were very bad leaks from every storm, ceiling tiles falling on the floor and tripping hazards. There was disruption to class programs, practice, games and other events. The gym had to be closed. The cost impact was sometimes $60,000.00 and more. It does not include custodial clean up or my team. We know that the Core building is coming up and we looking at an RFP for solar on the Hayward campus. Our plan is that those permanent plans will create opportunities to make up for the solar that will not be on the KPE building. My job is to ensure that campus is safe. If you go into the gym, you will fall in love with it. We painted the walls, changed the lights and ceiling. We removed the safety hazard in there and the inconvenience is gone. Solar panels are under consideration. E. Pamela Sanchez states that when she was lobbying with President Sandeen, some of the things that have been asked for is money for deferred maintenance. I did not know that the PE building was specifically one of the buildings that needed fixing with the funding. How can we support your sustainability efforts now? A couple of students, K. Kaholoa’a and T. Engquist, were trying to push for putting the solar panels back on. What do we do now since it is not apart of the plan? Winnie Kwofie states that they do have some upcoming plans. We are looking at a microgrid and I can explain it. We are still in the RFP that we talked about for the solar. We had to take a detour because when we were going to release the RFP, the PSPS came through. There was a period when the campus did not have electricity for four hours. President Morishita stated that the campus needed to be operated. We need a place to charge devices. If we want to bring additional power, we needed to decide how to supply renewable energy. One option is solar and the second was a battery storage unit. We brought in a company that can conduct a study to look at the critical areas. They will give us a capacity on how to add it to the RFP for the solar energy. K. Dhillon states that if the presentation will longer, the item can be tabled.

Move to table this item by E. Pamela-Sanchez, second by A. Miralles, item TABLED.
Winnie Kwofie states that she will share the presentation. We had to stop the RFP because of power-outages from PG&E. The objective of the project is to determine critical spaces needed to support campus operations during an extended power outage. We are looking for coverage not only for Hayward, but for the Concord campus as well. The three focus areas are communication, preservation and continuity. The scope was that we will investigate the existing electrical system layout and building capacities. We will review critical function spaces and building demands to establish load profiles, which determines the preservation and continuity. We will determine the size of microgrid system and how to meet the demand using photovoltaic panels and or batteries. The Mission Critical Load is something that the CO created for us when we were thinking of what constitutes as critical. It includes the Emergency Operations Center, which has water, food preservation, health resources, and food preparation. Essential services, essential procurement and accounts payable, vulnerable students, regular staff, students, and normal operations will be prioritized. We are trying to look at the Emergency Operations Center and Essential Services, Essential Procurement and Accounts Payable. We have two infrastructure loops. If we consider the buildings that are colored critical, then we will be trenching across campus to provide services. On the Concord campus, we are determining how to support the buildings. This is a map of the existing and potential photovoltaic and storage locations. There are storage locations in Meiklejohn, the A&E, and SF building. We are considering storage locations and the potential areas are colored in orange. We are looking at the library and parking lots around the campus. We are not discounting what we have, but considering how it can be done. This is for the microgrid and potential. Anytime we have to dig or cut, it is an expense. In the VBT building, by code, we have to ensure that there is enough air, the restrooms and corridors work, there is access to elevators, and level of communication. We prefer the PV over the battery storage units. Looking at cost, in some areas, the battery storage units will need to be included. They are esthetically unpleasing, but it something that needs to be thought about. We are planning to share our findings on the study with our leadership to determine which buildings will be feasible to support the three critical issues I mentioned. E. Pamela Sanchez states that the plans will need to change, but she is glad that the Board of Directors was educated on the future projects. We will figure how to go about things. Winnie Kwofie states that she can provide information and support in areas that facility can perform.

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B. DISCUSSION ITEM - Memorial Bench
The Board of Directors will discuss the construction of a Memorial Bench on the Hayward and Concord campuses.

E. Pinlac states that he reached out Daniel No and he is aware of the plans. He mentioned a couple of things that we need to abide by. He prefers something to match the esthetic of the campus and he is looking at wood. He mentioned that once we have our plans, it will be reviewed and approved. The bench is being constructed by our Construction Management students. I think it is nice to have our students contribute to the campus. More of the details are with A. Miralles. A. Miralles states that four of the Construction Management students reached out to me, which is perfect. Three to five people are needed for the construction. The plan is to have something match the esthetic of the campus. I was told that the bench must look like the pre-existing benches on campus. The design that my committee was looking at was something clean, simple and would have a memorial plaque. We can discuss the designs and the design should be consistent between campuses. Once we have an idea, we should send students the ideas for them to brainstorm. We can schedule a meeting with them to talk about modifications and cost. I believe that we will be paying for the materials to need for the bench. We will also need to think of a location. This is not time sensitive since it was already approved by facilities. The bench is likely to be on a grass area in the quad. I am not sure of where Hayward would want their bench to be. I have K. Dhillon, D. Cuevas, M. Clark, B. Golez, and E. Pamela Sanchez stat are interested. If you would like to reach out about the design, we can talk about it. E. Pamela Sanchez asks what the benches are memorializing. A. Miralles states that it memorializes the lives and liberties lost in 2020. I am not sure of how it will be worded on the plaque. Students went through the same thing, but some struggles were worse than others. E. Pinlac states that a design needs to be decided before the budget. I wonder if we should reach out to the President’s office and or the University of Communications for them to know about it and promote it. M. Clark asks how A. Miralles is going about finding names to place on the plaque. A. Miralles states that she was not thinking of placing any names on the bench. Are you referring to specific students? M. Clark states that she thought students are going to be recognized. A. Miralles states that everyone went through something, but she is open to ideas for the plaque. I want to recognize everyone. I will be in contact with the people that I mentioned. E. Pinlac, as you mentioned, you can reach out to the necessary people.

Move to untable the solar panel discussion by E. Pamela-Sanchez, second by A. Miralles.
C. ACTION ITEM - Resolution in Support of the API Community and Establishing an API Student Resource Center

The Board of Directors will take action to adopt the Resolution in Support of the API Community and Establishing an API Student Resource Center.

Move to adopt the resolution in support of the API community and establishing an API Student Resource Center by A. de Leon, second by E. Pamela Sanchez.

A. de Leon states that she mentioned this during the Executive committee and the Board. I want to first recognize how we might be frustrated by disheartening nature of the racial injustices and hate crimes that we have seen since last year. I know that we created a statement and resolution in support of our Black students. This a battle that we will continue to fight and as student leaders, it can be frustrating because it is something that we should not be doing. Because of the hate crimes against the Asian community, I along with K. Dhillon, have created a resolution in support of our API students and community and establishing an API Student Resource Center. This resolution extends our support and mentions other CSUs that have an API Student Resource Center. President Sandeen has mentioned that there will be affinity-based resource centers to be implemented in the fall. However, in terms of API students, they have only been given a space rather than a center. This resolution encourages language around creating a center and encourages our administration to do that. Overall, it extends our support and support for the center. M. Lee states that he was authorized to issue a statement by the Academic Senate in support of Asian-American and Asian immigrant communities. In that statement, we are also indicating that we are in support of the creation of an Asian Pacific Islander student success center as apart of affinity-based student success center initiative. We are one-hundred percent behind what you are attempting to do with this resolution. E. Pamela Sanchez states that herself, K. Dhillon, and A. de Leon met with faculty members to discuss this. I know that it is a new conversation because it was not originally in our policy agenda. Seeing everything that is going on and having the opportunity to include this in the plans of other affinity groups is perfect. There are students that want to see this and faculty members that are fully behind it. We have a great chance of this happening.

15 Ayes, resolution ADOPTED.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM - Resolution to Reorganize the CSUEB Fraternity and Sorority Council
The Board of Directors will discuss the Resolution to Reorganize the CSUEB Fraternity and Sorority Council.

**K. Dhillon** states that currently, the Fraternity and Sorority council is inefficient and does not serve to its full extent. The university does not provide full support and there is no Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor. It has been placed on a hiring freeze and Heather Gardley has taken on the role, which is not fair. The university has a habit of putting a position on staff member rather than hiring someone. The idea of this resolution is to reorganize the Fraternity and Sorority council to an Ad Hoc ASI committee. With that, we have the ASI Senator of Greek Life. That position was to support Greek Life and that person will run the committee and be the chair of it. In the meantime, whenever the next bylaw referendum is, students will vote whether the committee becomes permanent. The idea of this is to have efficient leadership in Fraternity and Sorority life. Right now, there is a lack of support. We have Bodhi Young and Stalina Magallanes here to share their input and thoughts. **Bodhi Young** states that he is the current Senator of Greek Life. From what I have seen with the Fraternity and Sorority council is that it is student lead. There is not a lot of pull that we have within the university. There is not enough motivation from each Fraternity and Sorority that the council is representing. I have been doing research and the number of students that are involved in Greek Life at East Bay is similar to other universities. Those universities have a successful Greek Life program or environment, whether it is interacting with students or being apart of a larger family outside of their organization. UC Berkeley has a similar number of students that apart of Greek life. They currently have three dedicated staff members to monitor and assist Greek Life. In order for our Greek Life at East Bay to be successful, we would need some staff and support outside of students trying to do their best. **Stalina Magallanes** states that she agrees with Bodhi Young. Since the pandemic began, Greek Life has been impacted. This will help our campus gain more attraction to Greek Life and encourage more people to be involved. Once you are involved in Greek Life and placed into a leadership position, you want to pursue more leadership. This will encourage more students and more diverse leadership for our school. **E. Pamela Sanchez** states that as a member of Greek Life, there is a lack of support from the university. I am worried about having this under ASI because it is a huge responsibility. I was not aware that Stalina Magallanes was the president of the council. I want to make sure that students do not feel like ASI is overstepping. K. Dhillon, don’t you hold a position within the council? **K. Dhillon** states that he does hold a position. The purpose of the resolution is not to overstep. There is a lack of support of the group. It is difficult to lead and to build a sense of community. Something needs to be done in terms of support and overall leadership for the group. **E. Pinlac** states that he was
thinking about the same aspect, in terms of ASI. Our staff is small and I am thinking about who will manage and organize it. It is something that we need to discuss. I do believe that more support is needed for this group of students. If we need to hire another staff member, it takes some reorganization. K. Dhillon states that this was brought up as an idea and to determine what can be done. M. Castillo states that he not reviewed the resolution. A resolution is in support of an idea. It does not carry official weight. If the resolution does not list what the support looks like, I would include that. It would be helpful to know what is going on. Having been here for ten years, Greek Life goes up and down depending on who is in leadership. M Hinrichs states that she is wondering about the lack of leadership support because it is concerning as a person that has oversight over Fraternities and Sororities in Greek Life on campus. We are the only campus in the CSU system to have all nine Divine Nine sororities and fraternities. I am curious to know the relationship between the Senator of Greek Life and Heather Gardley. My understanding is that the Senator of Greek Life was communicating with our office and you all were working steadfastly on revising the council, working on transitions and the constitution, so that it is more inclusive. Did this all stop? Are you not satisfied with the level of interaction? I am seeking clarity. Stalina Magallanes states that it is more of a lack of university support as Fraternity and Sorority council president. The only support I have is Heather Gardley and she is also overseeing other organizations on campus and supporting them. Another concern is funding because we collect our own dues, but we want to know how we can do more for the students in Greek Life. We can only do so much with limited funding. Bodhi Young states that Heather Gardley does have other responsibilities beyond Greek Life. We need a dedicated person or a committee in order to make Greek Life a priority. We are searching for one person to be the lead in all of this. K. Dhillon states that one dedicated person is needed. Heather Gardley has done a great job and is taking it on in addition to other things. I do not think it is fair to her. M. Castillo was in a similar position last year where the university placed other responsibilities on top of his own. It is not fair to have other tasks on top. If you look at other CSU campus that have robust Greek Life, they have dedicated advisors and we do not. Z. Perez states that she would attend the Greek Life council meeting last year. I would speak to the board of the council, but everyone felt as though there was no support from the school. We were searching for someone to take on the position. We were in the process of hiring someone and there was a great candidate. I am not sure what happened. There is no structure in the meetings and it is needed. Many people agree that the school does not support Greek Life. Stalina Magallanes states that delegates attend meeting to say what their organization is doing. As an executive board, we do not have policy regarding Greek Life to discuss. J. Iheaso asks
if the council were to become an Ad hoc committee, what would be its purpose? It seems like most of the issues are with structure within the council. How would being under ASI’s umbrella solve those issues? The main issue seems to be with finding an advisor to create the support. **K. Dhillon** states that in the resolution, he included a drafted committee code for what the purpose would be for the resolution. The purpose would be to do what Fraternity and Sorority council was supposed to do, which is address issues that pertain to Greek Life and advocate. It would connect all of the organizations together. Fraternity and Sorority council does programming events, but the programming is not as efficient as ASI. Some of the events that the council hosts are similar to ASI’s events. The Senator of Greek Life would have an expanded role and I am proposing five or six members of student-at-large to be active members of a Fraternity or Sorority organization. As for as the board goes, you will have the Director of Programming council, who will help with the programming aspect. There will be people from ASI presents and a designee would be on the committee. Currently, each organization that is a part of the Fraternity and Sorority council has to pay money to the council. The money is not being managed in the most efficient way and it is a waste of money. **E. Pamela Sanchez** states that this a lot of information to be heard at once. I would suggest reaching out to K. Dhillon, Bodhi Young, Stalina Magallanes, and A. de Leon, or people that are involved in ASI that hold leadership positions in Greek Life. This is the start of the discussion. Our students in Greek Life want support and they are reaching out to ASI. **K. Dhillon** states that he sees M. Hinrichs’ message about meeting offline. We will be meeting offline to discuss this resolution and to determine the best way to support Greek Life. Many students believe there is a lack of support from the university and many people are apart of clubs and organizations. Greek Life is working well, it just requires more support in order for it to prosper.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No special reports.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS
**A. de Leon** states that M. Maamou texted her and sent a message in the chat. She had to leave, but her Covid-19 event for today might be cancelled. She did have over one-hundred and twenty registrations, which is amazing. She will keep everyone updated.
E. Pinlac states that the Board is not done, but the meeting is over. There will be a session after this to give feedback to our consultant about our strategic planning. If you are available, I would greatly appreciate you being there.

E. Pamela Sanchez states that she hopes everyone enjoys their spring break and gets well rested. I have a one-on-one with President Sandeen this Friday and I will be discussing issues in regards to shared governance. I know we see the disconnect between ASI and administration. I want to fix this issue before we transition. Make sure to participate during the strategic plan meeting. It will set out a plan for the next five years for ASI.

A. Miralles states that she will be having a Covid-19 event tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. It will be with an ICU nurse and she will talk about her experience during the pandemic.

M. Lee states I will be sending a memo to K. Dhillon and E. Pamela Sanchez stating that the provost is leaving. There will be an acting provost for about a year, however, the President wants us to start the search before the end of the semester. This will be a little unusual to ASI due to trying to find someone who will be available for next year. I am not sure how you will be able to do this transition due to having your own system but there will be a student representative in the search committee. Ideally, we would like someone to available for May 2, you might have someone available for the first half of the semester and later someone else takes over. We would like a student representative to be in this committee from the start. There will be around eight or nine people in this committee.

Mark Almeida states I want to celebrate the mural that will be located at El Dorado Hall. El Dorado hall is our community center for our first phase student housing, one can see it from the street. The art department as well as our diversity office have found a grant that pays student to paint the mural. It is to reflect the motto through adversity to the stars. It will have a tree that is painted gold and brown that represents the different academic symbols, scholar disciplines, symbols of identity, including but not limited to country state flag symbols of gender and sexual fluidity. The tree will be reaching to the sky, which is filled with stars that represent the ability to overcome and reach your goals. We are trying to bring murals into the halls to better represent and bring life into the residents. It is an exciting opportunity working with the two professors that are leading the project, as well as the two students who will be painting this mural. It will be completed by fall semester if everything goes to plan. They have also been collecting feedback from our resident assistants and community.

K. Dhillon states we will be having a board meeting once we come back from spring break. If you have any items for the agenda, you can send those over to me by 5:00 PM tomorrow. I hope everyone has a safe spring break.
X. ADJOURNMENT at 1:02 PM
Minutes approved by:
Chair of the Board
Name: Kabir Dhillon

Minutes approved on:
4-7-2021
Date:
Associated Students, Incorporated

Psychic Barb Meyer
Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Location: Link

Forgive Mom and Dad Day
Wednesday, March 17, All Day
Location: Instagram

Little Mermen Disney Themed Concert
Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 pm
Location: Link to come

Rodrick Russell- Sword Swallowing Inspiration
Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 pm
Location: Link

Comedian Jourdain Fisher
Thursday, April 8, 7:00 pm
Location: Link to come

Spoken Word Poet Asia

Upcoming Events

The Extreme Magic of Eric Wilzig
Thursday, March 18, 7:00 pm
Location: Link

National Puppy Day
Tuesday, March 23, All Day
Location: Instagram

Comedian Teresea Lee
Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 pm
Location: Link

Trent James- Virtual Magic Show
Thursday, March 25, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Location: Link

Stress Awareness Day
Performor Sailesh (Self Hypnosis & Meditation)
Friday, April 16, 7:00 pm
Location: Link to come

Infinite Dance Virtual Concert
Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 pm
Location: Link to come

Library Workers Appreciation Day
Wednesday, April 21, All Day
Location: Instagram
Earth Day Event
Thursday, April 22, All Day
Location: Link to come
Pretzel Day
Monday, April 26, All Day
Location: Instagram

Morse Code Day
Tuesday, April 27, All Day
Location: Instagram

Drive-In Movie
Wednesday, April 28, TBD
Location: TBD

Mayhem Virtual
Thursday, April 28, 8:00 pm
Location: Link to come

Spoken Word Poet Joan Leslie
Friday, April 30, 7:00 pm
Location: Link